



Commodore's Corner

As you probably know by now - the City of Edinburgh Council and Wimpey Homes have submitted their planning applications - one for the flats along the western harbour edge and one for the renewal of the marina buildings. We have applied to amend our existing planning permission for a new clubhouse from the proposal we had in 1994 - which never achieved a sensible funding package.

There has been a certain amount of opposition to the applications generated in Queensferry largely over the size of the flats and over the access road. I personally find it quite depressing that after 2 years of opportunity to work with the marina owners to get to a mutually agreed design as the club and various other bodies have done. The community council has chosen to simply object and is now campaigning to halt or greatly scale down the development with all the implications for the marina. The phrase "Own Goal" is obvious.

The club's position in this part of the planning is quite simple. The City of Edinburgh Council has one shot at exchanging land for a renovated marina. If they don't complete the job and reverse the slide to dereliction in the marina infrastructure then the development has failed. So we will continue to support a development that both conforms to all planning guidelines and properly refurbishes the marina but argue against one that reduces the funds to a point where the marina finds itself needing yet another injection of cash in a few years.

I have a copy of some of the plans for the marina and would as usual be happy to discuss any aspects of the development with any of you.

If all goes according to plan work should start early in 1999 on rebuilding the place. Now go read Hughie's bit about fund raising

Pete Sykes.

Fund Raising for the new Clubhouse.

Due to the rules of the Lottery fund, the club members are required to raise a large sum of money to be eligible to receive this award. This task is much too important to be the responsibility of a few people to carry out.

Although our Commodore is instigating ideas to raise this money, we need your ideas and efforts to help with this. This club does not belong to the committee and we are not responsible for everything that happens in this club, although at times some members do not seem to agree with this comment. This club belongs to all the members and it is your responsibility as members to aid the club as best as you can. After all, we are a major club in the East of Scotland and our clubhouse should reflect this.

We all have other jobs and our time is precious. If you can take on some of the things that have to be done in every club, we would all have a little more time to ourselves. We are trying to hold fund raising meetings at regular intervals at the end of each month and you are all requested to come along and stick your oar in as much as possible, your input may be invaluable.

The next one is on Friday August 28th 8PM

Hugh Tait, Vice Commodore.

CARL DYSON REGATTA

September 26/27th

Lots of Boats Lots of Prizes

Lots of Classes Lots of Beer

Briefing 11:45 on Sat 26th. Last entries by 11:30

More detail from Hugh Tait 0131 449 2600

Ladies Race

The Ladies race for dinghies was to have been sailed on Aug 3rd. However high winds, a mean looking sea and noticeable shuffling of feet and wistful glances to the bar meant it was quite sensibly postponed. Only Suzie and Tamsin were prepared to go out and while this may have been excellent entertainment for the rest, in deference to Jock's repair bill they were persuaded to stay on shore.

The race is re-scheduled to replace the Monday B series race 8 on August 31st so all ladies without dinghies are encouraged to borrow one and all those with dinghies should be out there anyway. There is talk that there should be a gentlemen's race the same day using the same course but a later start time The following additional rules are suggested

- 1) Any gentleman impeding the progress of a lady shall be found not to be a gentleman and disqualified.
- 2) Any gentleman dressed as a lady will be found not to be a gentleman etc etc.
- 3) The race fee for gentlemen is the purchase of drinks after the race for the ladies.
- 4) The gentlemen's race will not count towards any prize, series or any other award.

Events	
22/23 Aug	FCC Regatta (ABC Challenge)
Wed 26 Aug	Night series starts
29/30th Aug	Edinburgh Regatta (ABC Challenge)
Mon Aug 31	Dinghy Ladies Race
Fri 4th Sept	Janettes Italian Evening.
Sat 5th Sept	Cruise to Cramond
Sun 6th Sept	Dinghy Coakley Trophy Mini series
Mon 7th Sept	Monday Night Party
Sat 12th Sept	Dinghy Cruise to Inchcolm
Sun 13th Sept	Sternchases
Sun 20th Sept	Queen Margaret Trophy (FIG)
26/27th Sept	Carl Dyson Regatta

Shipping

The following is a report from the Pilot service of an incident on July 3rd.

At approx. 1950 LT whilst passing under the Road Bridge , I observed in the region of the Rail Bridge (N Span) several yachts to the east side heading south towards InchGarvie I blew twice 2 short blasts on the whistle to alert the vessels of my presence and that I was altering to port towards the rail bridge

As the view under the Rail Bridge became clearer I saw the yachts were more densely clustered than first thought, perhaps 20 all appeared to be racing and determined not to give way I blew 5 short blasts and reduced my speed again. There were still 5 or 6 yachts absolutely determined to finish their race and not give way

I had no room for manoeuvre and eventually 4 yachts turned about at a distance off of about 150m, then turned through 360 and passed close astern possibly 25m off. I noted no identification numbers

This does none of us any good and if anyone is feeling a bit guilty after reading this then resolving to give commercial shipping a large margin of safety when crossing the channel is now the best course of action. As a general rule of thumb if you are worried about crossing safely then the pilot is very worried and you should therefore make an obvious course correction to get out of trouble. In fact observing and acting early can often gain you places over those who have to sit and wait for ships to go past.

Pete Sykes

Jim Youngs Cruising Log Award

Reports of enterprising cruises needed

*Trophy, Bottle of whisky and everlasting fame
in The Beamer*

100 Club

	£50	£30	£20
May 1998	Arthur Dickson	Jane Egan	Geoff Bowerman
June 1998	Stuart Robertson	Ian MacLean	Paul Murphy
July	Maggie King	R Devine	M Anderson

Janette's

Italian Evening

Friday 4th Sept

7:30 for 8pm

Italian Food

Italian Wine

Italian Music

Tickets £12

Inc. donation to clubhouse fund



Aberdour Challenge

We have been challenged by Aberdour Boat Club to a private team race at The Forth Cruising Club's 50th Anniversary Reggatta (August 22nd) and then again at The Edinburgh Reggatta at Granton (August 29th)

The prize is for the best two results for each club in the first race of these regattas. Tie to be broken by the third best result

Club Honour and a six pack of Irn Bru at stake!



DINGHY CRUISE TO INCHCOLM

Saturday 12 September 1998 Depart 11:00 AM

Rescue Cover provided

Bring your own drink & barbecue food Barbecue Facilities and Hot Chocolate Provided

Cost: £2.50 to cover barbecue and Inchcolm fees

For information and/or to let us know you're coming along to join in the fun see Ingrid or Dot on Monday or Wednesday evenings or phone Ingrid on 0131-226 3592

Dinghy Sailor's Monday Night Series Party

7:30 Monday Sept. 7th. Buffet by *Janette* Alternative prizes by *Margaret*.