



Edinburgh Yacht Club, South Queensferry

October 1998

Commodore's Corner

Over three hundred letters of objection from an active campaign against the developments at Port Edgar were received by the City of Edinburgh Council. Two in favour. Its time to make our voice heard

If we want the investment that dredges the harbour, adds protection from the waves, replaces the WWI buildings, modernises the pontoons and brings the marina up to standard we have to make our point with the planning department. There are 3 planning applications submitted. The club's is a change to our existing permission to the 1995 design. The City of Edinburgh Council have one which rebuilds the marina and Wimpey homes have submitted an application to build the flats that provide the investment. The objections are primarily over the flats and the associated traffic but all three are perceived to be linked and we have to demonstrate support from the sailing community for the applications relevant to us.

We need letters written to the planning department in support of the marina applications. Despite the losing date having passed, letters will still be taken into account. Please write and help reduce the interminable wait for better facilities at Port Edgar.

The details are:
Write to:

Director of Planning
City of Edinburgh Council
1 Cockburn Street
Edinburgh.

Applications are

- EYC ref. A02365-98
- Marina ref.C/0043-98
- Wimpey ref. A01612-98

If you want to discuss any of the issues involved in the application please call me 01506 881236

Pete Sykes.

Prize Giving
Dinner Dance
1998



To be held again at Heriot Watt University in the Edinburgh Conference Centre on Saturday November 28th. Once again we have the Ceilidh band "Da Hooley" to play for us, and a superb buffet will be provided including Sirloin of Beef, Roast Duck and Poached Salmon with a selection of safe Vegetarian options available too. Tickets at £22 and booking forms available from Maggie King from the Bosun's Locker. Whilst we will do our utmost to arrange the seating and table plans to your requirements, the standard table size is for 12 on round tables but a few long tables of up to 20 will be accommodated.

Please arrive at 7:00 in your very best bib and tuc to start at 7:30 Latecomers admitted but may not be at the buffet.

A star prize raffle will be held during the evening last years was a great success, we hope our members and their companies will be supporting the raffle with generous donations of prizes.

To save yourselves some time and hassle on the night there are pre-order forms for wine spirits and champagne, which, if prepaid will be served to your table as you arrive. These are available at the Bosun's Locker, or from Maggie. The Conference Centre is again offering en-suite bedroom and service breakfast at a cost of £25.00 per head. Contact the Centre to arrange. (Ph 0131 449 5111)



Everyone welcome to this annual event we look forward to seeing you all there (Even though some will be here to recognise without the Muddy Jacket and windswept hair.)

Maggie King

honours

There are three trophies to be decided by the members from your nominations. These are:

the Ogston Trophy: Given to the club in memory of John Ogston and presented to a club member who has made an outstanding contribution to the activities of the club.

the George Adams Trophy: Presented for acts of seamanship, or sailing prowess. Racing success at open events or a particularly enterprising cruise are candidates for this award.

the Wooden Anchor. Our most sought after trophy. Awarded for the act that the recipient could most probably like to forget. We need you to tell us about what's happened in 1998. Anonymity is guaranteed.

Nominations to Hueh Tait 0131 449 2600 ASAP

Strictly Members Only

It hurt to see those notices go up. Every sports club should do its best to welcome newcomers and visitors and PEYC has a reputation for being one of the most open of all. Why did we have to do it?

Recently three Commodores ganged up on one sailor who, despite being in the club every weekend for 5 months refused to pay membership. We were told the club offered nothing. Nothing that is apart from somewhere to get a meal, somewhere to buy a pint, meet friends, shelter from the weather, talk about sailing and - tell all that the club offered nothing. Similar conversations happen regularly with racers and non-racers, yacht and dinghy sailors.

This shouldn't be left to the few. We need all the members to root out the freeloaders and persuade them to join if they use the club regularly. If they don't they just take the rest of us for a ride. We tended to be tolerant in the past and if we clamp down we have to be careful we don't damage our reputation but what we have seen recently is just abuse.

The membership forms are in the rack by the bar. Please use them

Wanted : A Lawyer who knows more than I do about building and ground leases to help with the detail of the clubhouse development Call Pete Sykes 01506 881 236

Regattas

Eighty two yachts, thirty five dinghies and eight catamarans. The largest fleet seen on the river for a long time. The 98 Carl Dyson Regatta was an impressive sight on the water.

What was even more impressive was the way the Commodore's team on the end of the pier calmly accepted the task of monitoring 100 boats from the end of the pier. The Commodore's hooter occasionally went into overdrive and we were thinking of a new racing rule of sailing. Boats finish at least ten seconds apart on a course and the Commodore presents their sail number clearly to the race officer.

There were other teams on rescue duty, OOD for dinghies, results service and feeding and entertainment around 450 competitors. It's the club's star event and it went very well. Everyone who helped deserves a thank you from the rest of us.

One idea for next year is to modify the idea of a new class identifying burgees. The problems we had with the first the family cruiser class was so much bigger than expected at 24 yachts so we ran out of blue, then yellow burgees. Some yachts were wearing their Carl Dyson 96 and 97 burgees as well as one or two East of Eden week flags and one boat appeared to be dressed over. Add to that Murphy's law of sailing, which implies that all boats approach the finish line with backwinds obscured and the idea of bow numbers to aid identification comes to mind.

Three weeks later we hosted the Yachting Life Scottish Champion of Champions event. Each of the different classes that runs a Scottish travellers series. The Scottish Championships is invited to send their sailors to find the overall champion. The event runs around Scotland and it was our turn in 1998. Forecast of 70kn winds reduced the entry from 49 to 36 but in reality only the last race saw winds above 20kn and the race was kept short. Full marks to the Optimist sailor for sheer determination in finishing. One hand to the Commodore and one to bail was the order of the day for these kids.

In the end the high powered boats suffered from too much sail area and the Laser radials came through sailing under control. Everyone saw some amazing bursts of speed. The RS400s were formation flying in Queensferry bay, the Oppies were planing and the Laser Radials were just incredible. The overall champion though was Neil Wilson from Holy Loch in a Contender.

This was the first time in some years that all five classes have been completed in this championships. Thank you to everyone who helped despite the weather forecast we managed to run a successful series at Port Edgar and a very successful event.

If so you have a prize to collect at
 the 1998 Dinner Dance

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PEYC Dinner Dance 1998

Please supply _____ Tickets at £22.50 each. I enclose Cash/Cheque (Payable to PEYC) for £

Please reserve _____ spaces on table _____ (Boatname)

Tickets are for _____

Name _____ Collecting prizes for _____

Address _____ tel. _____

Additional requests

Return to Maggie King 13/6 Bernard St Leith Edinburgh EH6 6PW or Bosun's Locker PE Marina.

Note all Tickets **must** be paid for by Nov 23rd at the very latest

Please give boatname if you are on the prize list or are collecting a prize for someone else.

Cash / Cheque	Amount £	#	Tickets sent / given	Prize Y/N
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If Dr. Seuss Sailed a Hobie

If your Hobie does a tumble when you fumble with the rope,
And you pitchpole down a big hole and despair and give up hope,
And you come up blowing water out of mouth and nose and ear,
Then you'd better listen closely and my lesson really hear.

If you do not follow orders but sit forward in a blow,
And your leeward bow starts diving down to join the fish below,
And you don't jump to the transom in an effort to correct,
Then you deserve a little dunking before you sail erect.

If you lose it when the wind blows and you end up in the drink,
And all that freezing water puts your judgement on the blink,
And you flip the mast right over so it tends again to sink,
Know you cannot sail a Hobie unless you really think.

But if your rudders start a'screamin' so they scare the fish away,
And you're reachin' like a demon out across a windswept bay,
And your windward hull is flyin' like an eagle in the sky,
Then you're on your way to "Hobie Day", you'll get there if you try.

For the art of holding Hobies on the water when it blows
Is a skill that comes with practice, as everybody knows.
For the falling and the flying are all part of Hobie fun,
The wind's your master and your servant, when all is said and done.

Anon - Internet

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September	Jim Scott	Ian Muir	Andy Gray
October	G.Bowerman	Alon Palmer	Ian Singer

Did you know?

That the day after the regatta our sites hits trebled and in the next week served the Carl Dyson regatta result times. That's to around one in three competitors.

Looking at the web sites stats we can see most of our visits are from the UK a lot of regular readers. Most access the Internet from work with only a tendency to restrict their access at lunchtimes. The next peak is just after 6pm for those with home based internet access. The racing and cruising pages are accessed in a ratio of about 3:2 and the web readers downloaded the last Be

OK, its not the million hits a day received by the Whitbread race web site but proving to be a remarkably effective method of publishing results.

If you haven't visited the PEYC website have a look at

<http://www.roe.ac.uk/jmsww/peyc>

while you are connected have a look at the Scottish Sports sailing site, produced by another PEYC member Mike Harris

<http://www.scotssport.co.uk/sail>