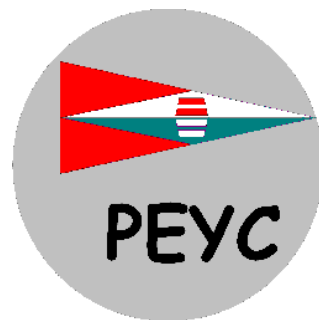


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## Commodore's Corner

### Foot & Mouth Disease.

As I write all sailing is cancelled in Ireland, Linlithgow Loch is closed, some English reservoir sailors can only look their boats through binoculars and the country park gates just 200 yards from home have now been closed for a week. The current Foot and Mouth epidemic is a major national catastrophe and we all have a responsibility to behave in a way that doesn't make the problem worse.

At present we don't plan to close. Port Edgar is connected through urban streets to the Scottish trunk road network and there are no restrictions in place in the area. However I have just listened to the advice on the TV news to the public and we are all requested to stay on major roads rather than the side roads in the countryside so thinking about your route to the marina may be sensible I assume we should also be aware of the risks of landing, perhaps staying on the boat at anchor is going to be better than going ashore. Common sense appears to be the order of the day so lets all apply it.

We will keep you informed if anything happens that affects Port Edgar but if restrictions are imposed we have no choice but to comply.

### ISAF—the RULES

Every 4 years ISAF changes the racing rules sometimes with big effect (such as the new rules in 1997) sometimes with less effects. Sometimes the changes take effect on the water and in the protest room but not in the minds of the sailors. Has anyone shouted "Overtaking boat keep clear" recently? And its not long ago a protest was turned away on the grounds that yachts no longer need to fly a racing burgee rather than a cruising burgee ( That rule changed before I took up sailing !!)



**Call that a wheel???**  
**THIS is a WHEEL!!**

There are differences this year and its not all to do with sailing instructions protest flags and ISAF MNA eligibility. There are some minor on

the water rule changes too.

**Do you want to know what they are? (Say. "Yes!!!!")**

We have a session each year before the Monday series to talk through Mondays in particular. This year its extended to talk through the rule changes and what it means to all of us. It's on April 23rd and the running order is:-

- 1) Why you all want to sail on Monday nights?
- 2) The changes to the Sailing Instructions?
- 3) The changes to the Rules on the water?

**All welcome!!**

**Start time 7:30 on Mon. April 23.**

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#### Canal Millennium Link

I have a letter from British Waterways about a plan for a flotilla of boats to travel from Grangemouth to Bowling over the week-end of 26 May (presumably a bit foot and mouth dependent). Those wishing to take part will have access from 1 May, but are asked to send back the form by 9 April.

If you are interested please let me know, but I only have hard copy, so I'll need an address to send the forms to.

Dave Griffiths (dave@teamtrouble.com)

## CRUISING PROGRAMME 2001

The **2001 cruising programme** is shown below – the **times** refer to the time of the **brief in the clubhouse**, and we sail one hour later. My overall aim remains to provide **safe fun for all the family**, whatever type of boat they care to use. As part of this I am keen to encourage new ventures – so feel free to get in touch with ideas, and if at all possible I will add them in.

All cruises are **open to non-members**, who are asked to contribute to the cost of providing the safety boat. In 1999 and 2000 **those without their own boats** were all found crewing positions within the fleet, and one or two hired Wayfarers from Port Edgar Marina and Sailing School. **Children** are particularly welcome and, if competent to do so, are encouraged to sail their own boats. However, we do normally ask that a parent of one of the crew in each boat attend the cruise. Youngsters of a suitable age can often arrange an opportunity to gain some experience in the other boats present, including the powerboats, subject to sensible safety precautions. Reports of last year's cruises are also on the website to give an

idea of what we are about.

**Catering** is up to the individual, but **Janette at PEYC** ensures she is open for tea and coffee during the pre-cruise brief, and can also arrange sandwiches or BBQ food. Depending on our time of return the bar and/or the café is open for that all important post cruise debrief.

Dave Griffiths

Cruising Secretary

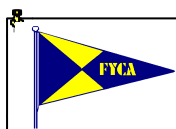
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### THE 2001 PROGRAMME

Times are the time of meeting for the brief in the Clubhouse. We sail one hour later. Watch the noticeboards and PEYC e-mail list for any last minute changes.

Date	Time	Destination	Contact (with eMail Address)
Sat 14 Apr	1000	Silversands	Mark Maylin maylin@maylinm.freeserve.co.uk
Sat 21 Apr	1000	Charlestown	Fraser Marshall Fraser.Marshall@uk.sun.com
Sat 05 May	1000 tbc	Stirling (tbc)	Simon Bryant simon_bryant@yahoo.co.uk
Sat/Sun 2 & 3 June	1400	Inchcolm	Dave Griffiths dave@teamtrouble.com
Sat/Sun 9 & 10 June	tbc	Loch Lomond	Mark Maylin maylin@maylinm.freeserve.co.uk
Sat 16 June	1000	Blackness	Fraser Marshall Fraser.Marshall@uk.sun.com
Sun 01 July	1000	Inchcolm (with racers)	tbc
Sat 28 July	1600	Limekilns	Dave Griffiths dave@teamtrouble.com
Sat/Sun 4 & 5 Aug	tbc	Elie/Inchkeith (tbc)	Mark Maylin maylin@maylinm.freeserve.co.uk
Fri/Sat/Sun 15/16/17 Sep	tbc	Anstruther	FYCA Muster



## Forth Yacht Clubs Association – Racing Series



### Forth Inshore and Offshore Group Series

These events are hosted by the Member Clubs around the Forth and take many different forms. Indeed one of the attractions of the series is the range of venues and courses available throughout the calendar.

**FIG** (Forth Inshore Group) is a series of inshore races of between 20 and 25 miles and is largely unchanged for 2001. The series consists of eleven races and is divided into fast and slow handicap sections.

#### 2001 FIG Fixtures

Sunday	29/04/01	Bosun's Locker trophy	PEYC
Saturday	05/05/01	Driftwood Trophy	FCC
Saturday	12/05/01	Bass Rock Race	FCYC
Sunday	13/05/01	Bass Rock Return	FCYC
Sunday	03/06/01	Mazzoni Trophy	BSC
Saturday	16/06/01	Gavin Adamson Trophy	DBSC
Sunday	17/06/01	Four Inches	DBSC
Saturday	25/08/01	Over One Tide Race	FYC
Saturday	08/09/01	May Island	RFYC
Sunday	09/09/01	Andrew Thomson Trophy	PEYC
Sunday	23/09/01	Queen Margaret Trophy	PEYC



Remember  
"The RULES"  
23/04/01  
19.30  
Be There!

**FOG** (Forth Offshore Group) consists of mainly overnight races which take the fleet out from the relatively sheltered waters of the Forth into the North Sea.

#### 2001 FOG Fixtures

Saturday	26/05/01	Eyemouth Trophy	FCYC
Friday	29/06/01	Bell Rock Race	ELYC
Friday	13/07/01	Bell Rock Race	FCYC
Saturday	01/09/01	Scotsman Trophy	FCYC

Entry for FIG/FOG Series can be done on the FYCA website at <http://www.fyca.org.uk> or you can call David Suttie at 01383 822758. The entry fee is £5.00



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## Backwaters

I'm sorry to say that my plea for PEYC 'connected' members to receive the Beamer by logging on to the Web has, so far, only four positive responses. I guess we're still not ready for the paperless office so we'll keep on mailing. If you change your mind, send me an email and I'll add you to the list.

Meantime, like the rest of you I'm busy painting my bottom and polishing my sides getting ready for launching. See you on the water! (Doug)

## Monday Night Dinghy Racing

The winter is over - **hurray!!!** Evening racing is almost here - **hurray!!!** This series begins as usual with our introductory session in the clubhouse on **Monday 23 April at 7.30 pm.** We are hoping to incorporate this year a session for ALL sailors on the rule changes - so watch for the separate notices.

Then it is onto the water - **hurray!!**

Dates for racing are in the handbook, or on the web-site. As usual, I will be looking for volunteers:  
yachts with very kind owners  
committee boats volunteers to take an evening off sailing to help with race management.

Look for the sheets in the clubhouse. Hope to see you all on the water. Remember - if you do not have a dinghy - beg, borrow, steal - oops, better not!, or hire one and come along!

**Margaret Tait**

## RYA Letter

### *RYA Scotland News Tit-bits - March 2001*

There is a new monthly emailed newsletter from RYAS, if you are interested in receiving a copy, please email RYAS - [jane@ryascotland.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:jane@ryascotland.freeserve.co.uk). This newsletter is not available by snail mail - email only I'm afraid.

There are a couple of Instructor Conferences on the horizon - Dinghy Instructors and Powerboat Instructors are at Port Edgar on Sat 21st April, and Dinghy Instructors and Windsurfing Instructors are at Cumbrae on Saturday 28th April. We've decided to combine them this year, as we are trying to a) keep the costs down, and b) we can access more resources this way. Yes, that means that we have 2 Conferences for the Dinghy guys, and only 1 for the others, but we'll see how things pan out, and may change it for next year. It also means that those of you who hold both or all three qualifications, can kill 2 birds with one stone, as you can attend them both. Invitations will be sent out directly to Instructors.

This year we will be introducing Training providers, so if you want any training held in your club, please give me a call at RYAS, and we will set something up.

Club based Instructor training grants - there are grants available through RYAS to help with the costs of attending this type of training. All you need to do is contact RYAS with the details of costs, by the end of March, May and August. We do expect that you will commit to your club for a minimum of 2 years, and that your application is endorsed by the club.

Child Protection Policy information is now available, by email and snail mail, so if you would like to send yourself to sleep, please get in touch.

RYAS will be looking into areas concerning volunteer training this year, as this is the year of the Volunteer, we would welcome any thoughts you may have on how we could help your club to improve things for your volunteers.

I am always happy to hear from both individuals and clubs, so please feel free to contact me -  
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