

THE BEAMER



Commodores Letter

On Sept 22, the Scotsman readers amongst you would have been surprised with a cover picture on the supplement of young sailors in Queensferry bay (Photo from the 1st Sept Youth regatta) and a two page article on the state of sailing on the Forth. In fact, that article had been proposed a month earlier before the scrutiny panel meeting but I can already hear the cries of "What scrutiny panel ?"so lets go back a few years.

In Nov 1999 the City Council decided to commission a report to give them a strategy for development of sailing at Port Edgar for the next 20 years. In Sept 2000 we were happy to give our opinions to a sub-consultant with a great deal of experience in sailing development in Wales. Then it all went quiet, no further contact and no sight of the report until it was presented to the Council Executive in June. When it was released the sailing input had vanished and there is not a new idea in it other than swap one bedroom flats for four bedroom houses to reduce the headline number of units and appease some politicians.

To say its a poor report is generous, but there are some truly remarkable things in it. It identifies that one strength of Port Edgar is the land available for on site storage but then proposes to dispose of nearly half of it. Three years ago the Wimpey proposal used less land and there was an exchange of land for work done in the harbour. Now the land is to be sold, there are no guarantees the income is spent in Port Edgar and the risk of cost over-runs is to be taken by the council not the developer. They could very easily spend all the income on making the marina suitable for houses and nothing on the sailing, Perhaps the defining comment in the report was that "PEYC is presumed to have their own fundraising plans" which I read as "We couldn't be bothered to pick up the phone and ask" which is a problem because we will be approaching the same sources.

As a result of our comments the report was called in to scrutiny and nothing happens now until after further consultation. Its meant to have started last month but the official dealing with us has only had one call from me and I know he needs six before a reply so I can't claim to have tried yet.

So is it all doom and gloom? No, definitely not. There is a proposal to the council to invest in Port Edgar as a sailing centre in partnership with the council. This maintains the land for marina use with little or no housing and so doesn't need a new road or most of the high cost items that DTZ proposed. It also is a lot more innovative on who raises funds and how. Its a common sense alternative and based on sailing as its a bunch of sailors who put it together. While, with a club hat on, I can't promote that particular scheme I can certainly promote the principals it embodies and given that opinion is that the DTZ proposals are doomed due to finance and politics then we have a good chance that reason will prevail.

Meanwhile we continue to promote the sport at Port Edgar, its still growing and getting better each year. The two Carl Dyson regattas have been well run and great fun. Margaret organised the race admin so it was easy for the OOD teams. The Youth Regatta was very entertaining with kids enjoying themselves racing as well as getting a bit of coaching and the autumn and winter series, just about to start, is going to be busy this year.

Can I finish with an appeal to you to support our sponsors. Carl and Clive have been with us for 12 years and do a superb job. Once, a TV as a main prize was something special. This year Carl showed up with 6 of them for 1st prizes. Clive has provide the band and this year he shows up with bottles of champagne too. Your role in this is to tell people and bring them to the regattas next year and also when you are insuring the boat or buying anything electrical go and see our sponsors. Tell them you sail in their regatta, they really appreciate it.

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Return your Trophies !!!

Ingrid Clayden asks all last year's trophy winners to give their trophies a good polish and return them to her (Ingrid Clayden) or to the Bosun's locker before the end of October.

Carl Dyson Regattas & FYCA 2001— the Winners!!



CD Dinghies

- ? **420**
'50375' Calumn Macdonald
- ? **Blaze/RS300**
'Hydrotherapy' Ian Baillie
- ? **Wayfarer**
'Andante' Mark Maylin
- ? **Fast Handicap**
'Port Edgar's Buzz'
Suzie Blair/Vicki Wallace
- ? **Slow Handicap**
'Still Running' Scott Hyslop



CD Yachts

- ? **Div 1 Fast Yachts**
'Jezebel'
Peter Howell PEYC
- ? **Sportsboats**
'SDC'
Jock Blair PEYC
- ? **Div3 Medium Yachts**
'Drumbeat'
James Urquhart DBSC
- ? **Div 4 Slow Yachts**
'So' Neil McClure
PEYC/DBSC
- ? **Div 5 Fast Cruisers**
'Naiad'
Andy Linton BSC
- Div 6 Slow Cruisers**
'Toshi'
Howard Dryden PEYC

"Great Racing, Great Prizes!!!"

Anon

FYCA Prizewinners 2001

Yacht Events

Dave Suttie

Forth Inshore Group Fast Handi- cap 2001

Final Place	Boat	Type of Boat	Owner
1	Jezebel	First 30ES	Peter Howell
2	Naiad	Pandora 700	Andy Linton
3	Exisle	Westerly Griffin	Andy Walker

Forth Inshore Group Slow Handi- cap 2001

Series Place	Boat	Type of Boat	Owner	Series Points
1	Rovicus	Pegasus 800	Graham Archibald	9
2	Smithereen	Seamaster 925	Tom Wilson/Graham Mitchell	19
3	Billy Bean	GK24	Ken Allan	27

FORTH YACHT CHAMPIONSHIP 2001

Series Place	Boat	Type of Boat	Owner
1	Rovicus	Pegasus 800	Graham Archibald
2	Smithereen	Seamaster 925	Tom Wilson/Graham Mitchell
3	Billy Bean	GK24	Ken Allan

Winter Dinghy Sailing

As the year moves on the sailing school has no rescue boats on the water and we normally only go out on Sundays. Would the Dinghy Sailors and any other volunteers be willing to start a rescue boat rota for Saturdays? If anyone is interested drop me a line by e-mail or phone.

Guthrie Stewart

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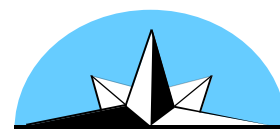
Monday Dinghy Series

In case you weren't aware of it, Winter is fast approaching! At least, I always feel that is what happens when the above series come to an end! It has again been a superb season – unless on the ‘more-numerous-than-ever-before’ evenings when we had to cancel or abandon.

We did have some great sailing; some great racing; great turnouts; great fun! A huge ‘thank you’ is due to everyone – to Paul for all his help; to the rescue boat crews – we could not race without you; to Janette and the bar staff – we definitely require sustenance when we get ashore; to all the sailors who continue with their support, and the newcomers who have joined us this year – I hope you will all be back next year!

And I can not forget the Yacht owners who are so willing to come along and provide us with a committee boat – thank you so much – and I'm sure I will see most of you again next year!

Margaret Tait



Remember!!
 Return your
 PEYC Trophies
 to Ingrid by
 end October

Things to do in Winter (apart from Sailing)



Tuesday 23rd October 2001 at 7.30pm

In conjunction with the Royal Institute of Navigation Stuart MacDonald will give a video account of his Single Handed Trans Atlantic Race in 2000 shot from the Class V Yacht 'Red Alert'.

WINTER WEDNESDAYS

This year we are going to provide a number of general interest talks for members to replace the Wednesday night sailing, some of the talks will be in conjunction with the Royal Forth and Corinthian clubs. We are kicking off a little earlier than expected (Yes I know its a Tuesday) as the offer was too good to miss and a good turnout is expected for what promises to be an interesting and exciting Video account of a single-handed Trans Atlantic crossing. Guthrie Stewart

Nations Cup 2001

On the 15-16 September, Aileen Ludlow, Ruth Morrison and I ended up doing the same journey as on the 13th of August. Back to Cumbrae we go. We were off sailing for the Scotland team—sailing in the Piper keel-boat class as before. The teams were the Welsh and the English and the classes were 420s, Picos, Lasers and Keelboats. Ruth and I had to set ourselves up for Aileen's driving which was highly entertaining from time to time.

On Saturday morning, we had a nice solid F4, which was great. We rigged up the Pipers and got on the water. Our 5 min. gun went and we were off, the Welsh were off, but the English we never really saw that day!! On the 2nd race, we were rounding up round the leeward buoy and as we sailed past the committee boat, the shackle at the bottom of the jib exploded! So it was Port Edgar girls in trouble!! The good thing about the Pipers there is there's always little things hanging around the boats. Thinking the worst, with me on the bow getting extremely wet, Ruth found a spare shackle as the English had got past us. But we got things fixed and finally got the halyard on and finished the race. We got redress which meant a 2nd. The winds picked up and the gusts where pushing F6 which wasn't good for us as we don't have the weight for these monsters. The Welsh got 2 clear 1st places but we where proud with our 2 Second. The sail back was very wet so Ruth and I abandoned the Skipper to sail back sheltering under the bow. Lucky for her, we got a tow!!

For the evening entertainment, they had a posh dinner set which meant that for once us girls had to get into skirts. We were thinking OH NO!! - (Getting posh at Cumbrae is unheard of!!!) But as we entered with the waitresses standing there ready to pull out our seats, all I can say is that Cumbrae provided a great dinner, a wide choice and the service was superb.

The next day the winds weren't as strong and we had a good race with another 2nd. The last race came up and we were beating up the windward leg. We looked for the Welsh and the English but they were miles away when we got round the mark. The English and Welsh seemed to mess around for the rest of the race and we had claimed our first 1st!! We were really pleased with that!! We were the top Scottish team as we had the best result in our class along with Iain also who was also racing for us in the Laser.

It was a great weekend and brought back memories of Schools Week. I think us three were still worrying about getting thrown in as we did after the prizegiving at Mudhook YC but we got away with it this time.....

Kirsty Skinner

Rocks Near Port Edgar



Rocks Near Port Edgar

It is surprising that many club helmsmen do not know about the group of rocks at the Society Bank Yellow Poles & even if they have heard about a danger, think that the outer pole marks the limit of the biggest rock. This has resulted in some major accidents on the big rock in recent years, plus many minor bumps. I have photographed the rocks in recent years & have placed two posters in the clubhouse. The main problem in an accurate survey is that the big rock is only just awash at chart datum and only 5 years ago did I get semi decent photographs.

Last year, along with Jim Scott, I probed the big rock, which was under water, with a long pole & measured distances from the outer pole with a long rope. This year, the tide was lower & I took a series of GPS readings which make the distance (3 to 7) in the sketch 118 metres compared to 120 metres with last year's rope! I am thus reasonably confident that the rock extends at least 120metres beyond the pole. There is a smaller rock inside the outer pole and also another isolated rock (6) which could catch those scraping the shingle whilst fighting the tide.

The committee have been considering ways of marking the big rock for years, but it would be difficult to ensure that buoy would not drift over the rock at low tide unless it was moored well out into the tide. A beacon would in itself constitute a danger to yachts. The Sailing School had a brainstorming session in the pub & suggested a bendy foam-filled pole. In my bath, I thought of a hydrogen balloon tethered to the bottom. Anyone got any better ideas?

Rock at OOD Box

Beware the rock extending 20 metres across the harbour mouth from the OOD box. This is important at low tides

Rocks East of OOD Box

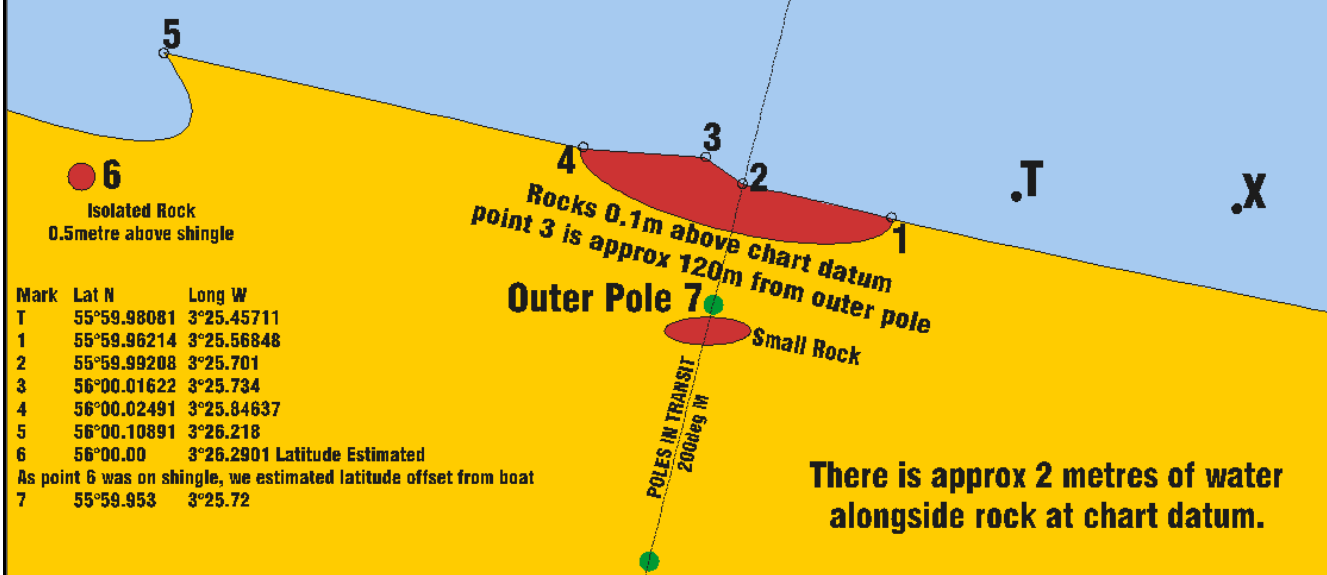
Roddie Burgess reports a concrete block in the bay on a line between Inchgarvie & the security camera at the top of the ramp. He has also seen a reef extending 100metres from the shore under the road bridge

I would be interested to hear of any other potential dangers known to our members.

Bruce Walker

Society Bank Dangers

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PEYC Racing Questionnaire October 2001



You'll find the Racing Questionnaire along with this month's Beamer. The club has run surveys on a 3 year cycle, previously in 1995 & 1998. It's also available on the PEYC web site to be downloaded or sent in by e-mail. We'll do a final trawl at the dinner dance on 1st Dec with a prize draw for the first two drawn out who are there on the night! Please take the time to read through the questions & give us your considered opinions.

You may think that the answers to some will be pretty obvious, but the club needs to confirm that our racing calendar still fits what the majority of our members want. Planning for club racing in 2002 is just starting so there's time to influence the outcome. If you don't tell us what you want, we'll never get it right!

Results of the survey will be published in the Beamer after the dinner dance.

Jim Scott - PEYC Sailing Secretary

FYCA 2002 Open Events

The Forth Yacht Clubs Association held its annual Fixtures Meeting on 20th Sept. to finalise dates for next year's open events. The delegates also reviewed turnouts at this year's events, both regattas & FIG/FOG races, to decide on changes.

- ? The FYCA dinghy & yacht championships will be per as this year, i.e. best three out of six dinghy regattas and best four out of seven yacht regattas.
- ? Turnouts for the Forth Offshore Group (FOG) yacht races have been abysmal & there will be no award of the FOG trophy this year. The series will not be competed in 2002 although the races may still be run by the clubs.
- ? The Forth Inshore Group (FIG) yacht series has been reduced from eleven to seven races with four to count instead of six. Five of them will count for both fast & slow class series; Bosuns Locker, Four Inches, Mazzonei, May Island & Queen Margaret. The Bass Rock & Gavin Adamson will only count in the fast class series while the BBC Challenge & Over One Tide races will only count in the slow series. This removes all but one - the 'back to back' weekend pairs of FIG races. The Over One Tide race for the slow series will be shortened so you don't have to sail through the tidal gate at the Forth Bridges.
- ? PEYC will still hold the Andrew Thomson Trophy as the return race from the Anstruther yacht muster on 1st Sept but it won't be a FIG event.

Jim Scott - PEYC Sailing Secretary

GRANDAD, WERE YOU REALLY A SCOTTISH CHAMPION??

How would you like to tell your grandchildren that you were the Scottish Champion. Your chance is coming as in next years Carl Dyson Regatta we are holding the Scottish Hunter 707 Championships. As there are now five 707s in the club and we had seven in the CD regatta it would seem that PEYC is the Scottish club where the class is catching on. Jim Scott has offered to set different courses in next years regatta for this sports boat - it just loves reaching! If you would like any details about the boat, the class association or just go out for a test sail please give me a call on 0131 466 1445 or email me on geoffbow707@hotmail.com

I look forward to racing against you in the 2002 Scottish Championships.

Geoff Bowerman



Date	Day	Tide	Yacht Regattas	Fig And Passage Races	Dinghy Regattas
May					
04/05/2002	Sat	01:06			
05/05/2002	Sun	02:24		PEYC Bosun's Locker Trophy (FIG-Fast 1/Slow 1)	
11/05/2002	Sat	01:48			
12/05/2002	Sun	02:18			
18/05/2002	Sat	06:06		FCYC Bass Rock (FIG-Fast 2)	DBSC Dinghy Regatta
19/05/2002	Sun	00:42		FCYC Bass Rock Return	DBSC Dinghy Regatta
25/05/2002	Sat	01:30	CBC FCYC RFYC Mickery Regatta		
26/05/2002	Sun	02:12	CBC FCYC RFYC Mickery Regatta		
June					
01/06/2002	Sat	06:00			ELYC Regatta (Y&D)
02/06/2002	Sun	00:36		DBSC Four Inches (FIG-Fast 3/Slow 2)	
08/06/2002	Sat	00:30	FCC, BBC, PEYC West Forth Regatta		
09/06/2002	Sun	01:12	FCC, BBC, PEYC West Forth Regatta		
15/06/2002	Sat	05:18		FCYC Eyemouth Trophy	
16/06/2002	Sun	06:06			
21/06/2001	Frid			ELYC Bell Rock Race	
22/06/2002	Sat	00:06	FCC regatta		
23/06/2002	Sun	01:00	FCC regatta		
29/06/2002	Sat	05:00		BBC Challenge (FIG-Slow 3)/E&ESC Craws Nest	L.BSC Dinghy Regatta
30/06/2002	Sun	05:36			L.BSC Dinghy Regatta
July					
06/07/2002	Sat	04:48		BBC Over One Tide Race (FIG-Slow 4)	
07/07/2002	Sun	05:42		BSC Mazzonei Trophy (FIG-Fast 4/Slow 5)	
13/07/2002	Sat	04:24			
14/07/2002	Sun	05:12			
20/07/2002	Sat	04:36		DBCS Gavin Adamson (FIG-Fast 5)	
21/07/2002	Sun	05:42			
26/07/2001	Frid			FCYC 'Bell Rock' Feeder to ECSW	
27/07/2002	Sat	04:00	ABC Regatta		
28/07/2002	Sun	04:36			
August				ECSW in NE England 28th July - 2nd Aug 2002	
03/08/2002	Sat	02:42	BSC Regatta		
04/08/2002	Sun	03:54	BSC Regatta		
10/08/2002	Sat	03:30			FYC Regatta (Y&D)
11/08/2002	Sun	04:12			
17/08/2002	Sat	02:54	FCYC RFYC Edinburgh regatta/E&ESC Regatta		
18/08/2002	Sun	04:18	FCYC RFYC Edinburgh regatta/E&ESC Regatta		
24/08/2002	Sat	03:06	BBC Regatta		
25/08/2002	Sun	03:42	BBC Regatta		
31/08/2002	Sat	00:48		RFYC May Island (FIG-Fast 6)/CBC Anstruther (FIG-Slow 6)	
September					
			Anstruther Yacht Muster		
01/09/2002	Sun	01:54		PEYC Andrew Thomson Trophy	
07/09/2002	Sat	02:30	CBC Closing Regatta (Y&D)		CBC Closing Regatta (Y&D)
08/09/2002	Sun	03:12	CBC Closing Regatta (Y&D)		CBC Closing Regatta (Y&D)
14/09/2002	Sat	01:12		FCYC Scotsman Trophy	PEYC Carl Dyson Dinghy Regatta
15/09/2002	Sun	02:30			PEYC Carl Dyson Dinghy Regatta
21/09/2002	Sat	02:12			
22/09/2002	Sun	02:42		PEYC Queen Margaret Trophy (FIG-Fast 7/Slow 7)	
28/09/2002	Sat	05:54	PEYC Carl Dyson Yacht Regatta		
29/09/2002	Sun	00:12	PEYC Carl Dyson Yacht Regatta		
October					
05/10/2002	Sat	01:18			
06/10/2002	Sun	02:06	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
13/10/2002	Sun	00:48	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
20/10/2002	Sun	01:42	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
27/10/2002	Sun	05:36	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
November					
03/11/2002	Sun	00:54	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
10/11/2002	Sun	06:00	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
17/11/2002	Sun	00:24	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
24/11/2002	Sun	04:42	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
December					
01/12/2002	Sun	05:30	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
08/12/2002	Sun	05:00	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		
15/12/2002	Sun	05:00	PEYC Autumn/Winter Series		



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Backwaters

Hugh Smeaton's looking to start sailing model yachts and knows that several folk have them lying in the garage or basement or loft. He wants to use the club to provide a base for sailing them and to persuade Adam to let space for storage. He's keen to drive it and the Club is happy to support it. Expect a Beamer article soon and if any of us have an RC boat sitting in the loft he'll be looking for you. Pete's got one he built in 1972... It's just missing the engine!! Call Hugh for info. Ed.

Buzzing off to Carnac

As I sat in the passenger seat of the Discovery for the 10th hour in a row, I became a little less convinced that going to the Buzz Internationals was a good idea, - one dreamed up over a joking conversation at last year's Dinner Dance. After a week's exciting racing in the sun against a fleet of other Buzzes, I decided that it definitely was a good idea...

After the drive/ ferry South, we arrived in France on the Saturday before the week's racing, and had time to set up our tents at the campsite and rig the two Buzzes. We were the only Scottish Buzz competitors, - Isabel/ Crispin Agnew in "Out of the Blue" and Francis/ Eddie Griffiths in "Trouble".

We had a practice race on Sunday, with most of the 15 Buzzes - not as many as expected, but enough to make the racing close and enjoyable. Trouble came 8th and Out of the Blue 11th not too bad considering that many other boats had received incredible amounts of coaching, - the French boats even having a RIB on the water giving them tips. After the practice race, followed a practice social- free beer at the yacht club and a chance to speak to the other sailors, most of them from England.

On Monday, though, the work started with three races in the afternoon to start off the championship. The good boats quickly became obvious, staying clearly in the lead, but there was still good racing further back among the less experienced but still determined crews. For us, the light winds were not helping, Trouble scoring 11, 12, 12 and Out of the Blue 13, 15, 15.

Tuesday brought slightly more wind and allowed us to start trapeezing...and capsizing! This gave the Port Edgar team better results and we were looking forward to the Thursday, after the rest day on Wednesday. We decided to spend this rest day...sailing, both in the Buzz and in a hired Hobie 21- which is very, very quick, with two trapezes and plenty of room for 4 people. We also had a go at parasailing and swam in the sea just off the yacht club, in preparation for the rest of the week's capsizing.

The last two days of racing went well, with a strong steady wind and flat(ish) seas. Trouble scored her best result of an 8th, although we were frequently up in the top six. Out of the Blue were also sailing better and enjoying the racing. The last night gave us a chance to try out the local speciality- sea food, we had been looking forward to trying an enormous platter all week- coming in the shape of a boat, and stuffed with crab, oyster, langoustine and a variety of other shell fish, it was most entertaining, if a little strange to eat!

Trouble came 11th and Out of the Blue 14th overall- although these results may not sound too impressive, we certainly worked hard for them and the time differences between finishers were small. It was a fascinating week which taught us a lot, through talking to and watching other sailors. Both boats' results improved throughout the week and it was great to sail in warm water, with sun and a good breeze as standard. All of us on the trip would like to thank PEYC for their generous donation to help us compete in this event, it was much appreciated.

For full results and pictures, go to www.yccarnac.com

Francis & David Griffiths

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