

# THE BEAMER



## AGM 2002 Special Issue

### Commodores Corner

Well, there I was happily reaching across the river to G when I saw an awesome sight. The entire fast class was having a close race, spinnakers pulling in a solid breeze and they were all heading my way. Our paths crossed safely and I realised they were not out to get me but it did make for an exciting race. Later I checked, there were 71 boats out that day a new record and one which was equalled a few weeks later. The growth in the winter racing has been remarkable this year and we owe a lot to the sailing committee and their small army of volunteers and OODs.

Speaking of volunteering its AGM time when you get to advise on how we are managing the club and we also reelect our committees. The AGM is the formal time to be nominated to the clubs committees but don't think that if you miss Feb 12<sup>th</sup> you have to wait a year. There are always tasks in serving behind the bar, running regattas, keeping the building in one piece get in touch to discuss vacancies.

We intend to propose no increase in Club membership fees this year largely because we are profitable but this is only because we rely on a culture of willing hands enjoying the success we have in running the club. If you want to be a part of it then PEYC needs you.

The Winter series wasn't the only record attendance

event last year. 290 of you were at the prize giving. We have a few special prizes to give out and it's a good job John Mitchell has a sense of humour as he picked up the Ships telegraph for entering 24 races and winning nothing. He was also awarded the wooden anchor for rounding a mark the wrong way. Easily done but when the mark is Inchkeith and rerounding it will take 4 miles then its worthy of a wooden anchor.

The Cork wheel and the Inchgarvie Quaich went to Jezabel for hoovering up the Forth's trophies and to our cat sailors Chris, Valeri, Alistair and Maggie for getting 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Silver (amateur) fleet at the Hobie Europeans. Richard MacKenzie was awarded the George Adams plate for bringing the Scottish series trophy to the East for the first time ever.

Finally the Ogston Trophy goes to members who have helped make PEYC what it is. This year we gave it to a set of hard working regatta managers who made these events run like clockwork. Thanks to Iain Tait (Dinghies) Sarah Tait (Youth) and Chic Medley (Yachts)

I hope to see you all at the AGM The bar will be open and you'll get to see all the folk you haven't seen since the last race of 2001 and won't see until the first of 2002 which is on April 7<sup>th</sup> for those of you trying to plan ahead.

Pete Sykes

### Racing Questionnaire:

Thanks to everyone who returned their 2001 Racing Questionnaire at or before the dinner-dance; 130 of them made sense! This is PEYC's third tri-annual survey of opinion & you'll find the results summary in this Beamer. So what has the Sailing Committee learnt from you?

Well the vast majority continue to be happy with Monday & Wednesday evening racing starting at 7:00pm. We're amazed with the support for Friday evening informal racing since hardly anyone turned out last season! Lots of support for newcomers & family crew racing so we are extending the Sunday series dinghy racing to include a novice dinghy class, sailing only on the south side of the shipping channel, and a 'no spinnakers' yacht class. Responding to question 5, the Sailing Committee is working up some ideas to generate positive support for newcomers to help them starting to race at Port Edgar. We'll be following up the positive responses on youth sailing & regatta management. Most impressive is the 92% who access the web site, mainly we suspect to check out the race results in David Woakes's excellent database. Doug Ross is pleased that 2/3 of you are happy to read the Beamer from the web site; we'll move to that this season but with paper copies posted to those who request them. You'll find some changes in the racing programme to respond to the race organisation questions; details at the AGM & in the next Beamer. Support for the Rolling Handicap system remains very strong. The key question on 'fairer racing & closer results' showed 85% agreement in 1995, 83% in 1998 and now stands at 93%! Resistance to a return to fixed handicap racing remains high. Opinions on changing the update coefficient from last season's 0.15 were split roughly 50:50, so it must be about right!

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## Backwaters

### Electronic Beamer

As Jim has noted, I was really pleased to see that 68% of PEYC Members had voted to view the Beamer on the Internet. Not surprising since it's faster, cheaper and it's in colour!! For this year, we plan to make the paper Beamer an opt-in on the membership form. Ed.

## PEYC Racing Questionnaire Summary - Dec 2001

Survey conducted via Beamer, web site & prizegiving dinner-dance - 130 valid returns  
Dinghy sailors - 32; Yacht sailors - 87; Owners - 53; Crew - 66; PEYC members -117; Non-PEYC members - 13

### Sailing Calendar:

	Yes	Agree Strongly	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	No
1 Wednesday should remain as the main yacht & dinghy racing evening.	99%	69	39	21	0	1	1%
2 Monday dinghy racing in Queensferry Bay should continue in same format.	97%	50	22	56	2	0	3%
3 Friday evening informal yacht racing should continue in same format.	87%	7	34	80	5	1	13%
4 PEYC should organise a race series for newcomers & 'family crews' (e.g. No spinnakers) during the summer.	98%	21	61	46	1	1	2%
5 PEYC should encourage inexperienced newcomers to racing with organised help from expert crews.	100%	44	71	12	0	0	0%
6 PEYC should organise more weekend races for members during summer even if they coincide with other open events.	71%	17	50	34	25	2	29%
7 PEYC should develop the cadet & junior member support with more racing & events e.g. Youth Regatta	98%	46	44	35	1	1	2%
8 I would be prepared to assist with cadet & junior sailing.	41%		30	41	44		59%
9 I would support more yacht or dinghy cruising events.	62%	13	43	43	33	1	38%
10 I would be willing to work on a regatta management team in 2002.	50%		42	34	42		50%
11 I am happy to read the club Beamer newsletter from the PEYC internet website rather than have it posted to me.	68%		76	16	36		32%

### Race Organisation:

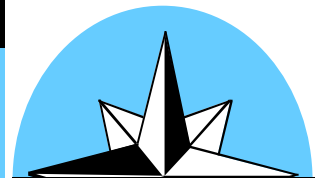
	Yes	Agree Strongly	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	No
12 Evening races starting at 7:00 pm are the best compromise between travel time & fading light & wind	96%	51	60	11	4	1	4%
13 There should be more 'Mini-Series' events with multiple short races in addition to the Beamer, Coackley & Jubilee trophies.	88%	19	53	46	10	0	12%
14 Dinghy trophy races should have separate classes for catamarans and mono-hull dinghies.	100%	29	33	65	0	0	0%
15 Inchkeith & Kincardine Trophy yacht races should continue as timegate style events.	86%	19	36	67	7	2	14%
16 PEYC should organise more passage races for yachts to destinations such as Anstruther.	93%	24	40	57	5	0	7%
17 As a Race Officer, the PEYC race management system, guidance notes & advice for OODs are adequate for my level of experience.	90%	18	57	43	6	2	10%
18 I have Internet access & use the PEYC race database to view results.	92%	55	50	9	4	5	8%
19 Club Championship system based on a 'Super Series of Series' over the season is a fair measurement of performance & support.	97%	20	50	54	1	1	3%

### Rolling Handicap System:

	Yes	Agree Strongly	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Disagree Strongly	No
20 I understand the PEYC Rolling Handicap (RH-01) system.	77%	23	60	15	17	8	23%
21 RH system makes overall club racing fairer & keeps series results closer.	93%	37	51	26	5	2	7%
22 Rolling Handicaps should continue to be used only for series races in 2002.	92%	33	48	30	6	1	8%
23 PEYC should use fixed Portsmouth Yardstick handicaps for more racing than trophies & open events.	37%	14	12	53	34	11	63%
24 RH update coefficient should be lower than the 0.15 adopted for 2001; i.e. smaller change in handicap after each race.	53%	6	29	55	23	8	47%
25 RH values should occasionally be reset to start 'rolling' from the original base Portsmouth Yardstick values.	Never 39 41%			1 <sup>st</sup> April 44 46%			1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 13 14%



Apparently, there's  
a whole story about  
this photo....!



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PEYC AGM  
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19.00  
Be There!

# PEYC AGM, Tuesday 12 Feb, 7pm

## Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes of the AGM held 15<sup>th</sup> February 2001
- 3 The Commodore's Report
- 4 The Treasurer's Report and adoption of the Accounts for the Club for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001
- 5 Membership Secretary's report
- 6 Cruising Secretary's report
- 7 Rear Commodore Sail/Sailing Secretary's Report
- 8 Rear Commodore Shore Report
- 8 Youth Training Report
- 10 Appointment of Auditor
- 11 Election of Flag Officers
  - Commodore
  - Vice-Commodore
  - Rear Commodore Shore
  - Rear Commodore Sail
- 12 Election of Committee
  - Hon. Secretary
  - Hon. Treasurer
  - PR/Communications
  - Sailing Secretary
  - Cruising Secretary
  - House Convenor
  - Membership Secretary
  - Youth Training Officer
  - Social Convener
- 13 Subscriptions
- 14 Any Other Business.

A motion proposing an alteration to the Rules of the Club will be competent if received in writing by the Honorary Secretary fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting. Any other business raised without prior notice will be heard at the discretion of the Commodore.