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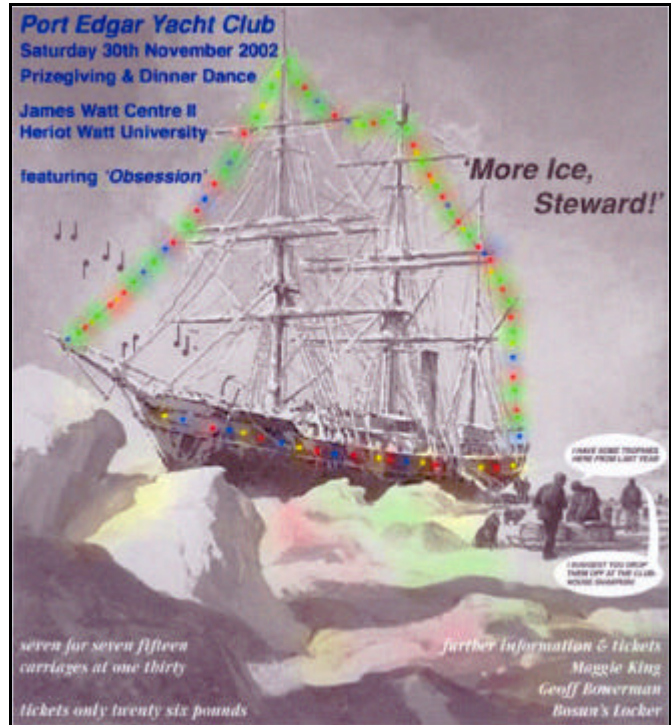
PEYC Dinner Dance & Prize Giving 2002 *Special Issue*

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well, there had to be some perks to this job and one arrived recently. An invite to a reception prior to the RYA AGM with HRH The Princess Royal. Easy jet is cheap and a day away beats sitting in front of a computer all day so what the hell – this is the sort of thing you should do once given the chance and off I went.

First off, a saunter over the wibbly wobbly bridge into the Tate Modern. Now most artists in there seem to find crayons a bit difficult, but their tarpaulin rigging has improved no end. The turbine hall has one huge (like massive) exhibit and is well worth a look if you are passing by. A wander round in the sunshine led to lunch then a realisation that royalty isn't usually late so we had better not be either.

The first person I met in there was my old maths (and sailing) teacher. I suppose I'll never hand in that late homework now. Stuart Boyd of FYCA fame gave a quick warning on the perils of misunderstanding the nuances of pronunciation of "Ma'am" and "Anne". Into the tower and off with his head we reckoned but apparently we live in more enlightened times now. Eventually I found myself shaking a dignified hand and explaining that no the end of the season is not yet upon us as we have a sailing secretary who only allows us one Sunday



off before Christmas. PEYC went on the list as where the frozen lunatics sail and my 30 seconds was over.

An interesting day out. I chatted to loads of folk – many of whom know of us. I found out the Loch Shin Sprint is likely to be combined with Lairg's regatta in July (Good) and I even exchanged notes with a club that's thinking some sort of rolling handicap system would help their racing. Finally the RYA was trying to get us all to fill in web questionnaire on why we all volunteer – its linked via our website – please do go have a look at it.

Pete Sykes, Commodore

PS We need Wooden Anchor nominations—contact a PEYC Committee Member ASAP

“ Oh when will I learn to keep my big mouth shut !! “

While doing his usual avoidance of going to the Club Dinner dance, in a moment of weakness Mike Young was heard to say “you raise £100 for a cancer charity and not only will I go to the dance I'll go in drag !” In unusually quick time, the members present pledged £230 !!!! Not to be satisfied with that, Sandra is keen to break the £300 mark.... so if you want to help a worthy cause – that's a charity ! **not Sandra !** – please add your name to the list behind the bar. Thanks.

Sandra Elder



Dinner Dance - Maggie says.....

To be held on 30th November 2002 at the New James Watt Centre (II), Heriot Watt University.

Tickets are £26.00 each Price includes Buffet. The round tables will seat up to 10 and the long tables will also seat 10 but can be placed end to end to give larger seating arrangements. Please book your tables early to enable us to work out the seating plan, we will try to accommodate your requirements...

NOTE all tickets **MUST** be paid for by 23rd November. After that date I will not keep any reserved seats that are not paid for.

If people arrive on the night without tickets I cannot ensure that a place will be found. (A spare table for people coming for the prize-giving only will be available). There may be some coaches being organized from various locations around Edinburgh and Fife. (Possibly Ingrid for the Edinburgh one?)

Dress code is "Black Tie" (and dancing shoes) To ensure smooth running of this packed evening, please arrive in plenty of time to be seated by 7.15.

We strongly recommend that table wines are pre-ordered (and pre-paid) which saves the problem of queuing for wine whilst every-one else is getting seated or eating.

There will be an excellent Buffet. The Prize-Giving will start at approximately 8.45 with the Dancing kicking off at about 9.30. The Band this year is a mixed "popular music" band called "Obsession" – they will also play Ceilidh. The Band will play (for those still standing) until about 1.30am and the bar will stay open until 2.00am.

During the evening tickets will be sold for the superb Prize Raffle.

Contact Maggie King or Geoff Bowerman for any other info. The Bosun's Locker can be used to leave money, pick up tickets etc.

I think that's all for now!

Maggie King,
Social Convener



PRIZEWINNERS!!

Remember to tell
Maggie or Jim
Scott whether you
plan to attend the
Dance

BOOKING FORM PEYC DINNER DANCE Nov 30th

Please send tickets at £26.00 each. I enclose cash/cheque £ Payable to
PEYC

Please reserve a table for people under the name of (BOATNAME)

Name of guests

Your Name

Your Address

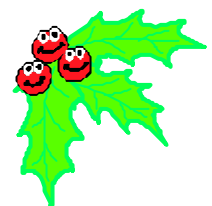
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Return to Maggie King 13/6 Bernard St Edinburgh (0131 553 7280) or

Bosun's Locker before 17th Nov. Please or email mking@siteco.co.uk

Please give Boat names of people at the table also—for Prize-winners list)

Admin





Laser Masters Worlds 2002, Hyannis, Cape Cod.

This was the big one, the one for which I spent 3 days a week in the gym lifting big weights, running, rowing, cycling etc. Would it all pay off ?

I arrived the same day that the Seniors Worlds finished around 10pm, so I missed all the action and was way too tired to go join the party. I cant quite decide to make of the fact that the what they call the Seniors competition is dominated by the younger competitors (mostly under 30).

I spent a day looking around Hyannis (more than is needed to be honest) and so was raring to go get my charter boat on the Friday. And so to the real reason I had gone to America. Sunday dawned fine, but nearly no wind and I struggled to make head or tail of the conditions. I was in despair. Monday morning it was raining heavily and there still wasn't much, but we got sent out anyway. In light shifting wind the OOD struggled and was only able to get 3 fleets off for one race. The Grand Masters sat out all day for no race, so I guess I shouldn't complain, but I still wasn't able to establish any real form.

Day 3 and the weather looked grim (rain, lots of rain), so we started out 3 hours earlier than scheduled! We launched around 8am , got sent back and then got sent out again and this time we got our races. I improved in the first and in the second benefitted from the leaders deciding to go too far left and overstanding the windward mark. I was 17th and feeling better about myself, although I did not enjoy the 4 mile upwind sail back to the club in 15 knots....

Day 4 and we got great wind and I managed one good result

and one poor result. I was in the mid 40's overall at this point and starting to accept I wasn't going to make my target of finishing in the top half of the fleet.

Day 5 dawned. A great day (for me). We had an early start to avoid heavy winds forecast for the afternoon/evening. These never showed up. The apprentice fleet had the first start and we got off clean. My start was a bit messy but I spun out right (my plan in any case) and found clean air. Gradually the wind faded, though it was never strong to start with, and we ended drifting around the course in very trying teasing conditions. They finished us around 3/4 through the race and half the fleet missed the cutoff (finishing 20+ minutes after the winner). I squeaked in with 3 minutes to spare in 28th. Race 2 for the apprentice fleet got off clean again and I went right again and found good boat speed in light moderate conditions. This time we sailed the full course and I came in 19th.

For the last day the gods pulled out all the stops with winds forecast to be 30 knots. It was the wildest stuff we'd had since the practice days and it was great fun. The committee boat was reading a steady 28 knots by the middle of our race. We'd started in a little less and they called out the Grand Masters and Radials, but cancelled their races when the wind built up. I was 32nd and happy to be going in.

I dropped one place with the last race to 39. The apprentice fleet got the best of the racing during the week and we'd had as much variety as we could ask for. Next year Cadiz, I cant wait!

David Woakes

THANK YOU, OODs !!!

As we approach the end of the summer it is appropriate to reflect on the season's racing. This keelboat racing would not be possible without the OODs who turn up each week run the racing. The Hunter 707 fleet continues to grow and we all appreciate the close racing. On behalf of the Hunter 707 fleet our thanks to all the OODs who have tuned out in all weathers and in particular to the dinghy sailors who give up their time to run the racing for the keelboats. As I am in my first year of racing at the club I had escaped the OOD duties this year but will take my turn next year.



Phil Walter, Whippersnapper,
on behalf of the Hunter 707 fleet (and the rest of us—Ed.)

PORT EDGAR YOUNG SAILORS

LET'S PARTY!....

There will be a social gathering for parents, helpers and anyone else interested in our "Young Sailors" at PEYC on Wednesday 13th November from 7.30 pm. The bar will be open - refreshments provided.

Dee Crewdson



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Backwaters

Prizewinners - please let Maggie King or Jim Scott know if you are actually attending on 30th Nov., either with a ticket or just coming in for the presentations. Because of the long list of prize winners, we can't afford to waste time announcing no shows! Think of the drinking time lost!!

Non attendee Prizewinners can pick up prizes after the Dinner Dance from the PEYC clubhouse. Ed.

**Is your Name here? Is your Boat here?.....
It is??? - You've won a Prize!!!**

Boat Name	Race/Owner	Boat Name	Race/Owner	Boat Name	Race/Owner
Kirkie iMac	Ladies Dinghy	Ellie B	Stuart Winter	Naiad	Murray Carmichael
Harry the Cat	Ladies Dinghy	Eorpa (Aileen's)	Aileen Ludlow	O B Java	David Woakes
Baltika	Ladies Yacht	Eorpa (Val's)	Val Ludlow	Palindrome	Steve Drutt
Whippersnapper	Ladies Yacht	Explorer	Wally	Phoenix	Anne Tweeddale
Hummingbird	Ladies Yacht	Flint	Howard Dryden	Psyche	Ian Cameron
Blue Funk	Ladies Yacht	Frazzled	Malcolm Stewart	Ragtime	Doug Ross
Kermit	Ladies Yacht	Go On	Craig Thomson	Relative Velocity	Calum Robertson
Jock's K6	Ladies Yacht	Guy's Laser	Guy Dean	Rodri's Laser	Rhodri Thomas
Naiad	Ladies Yacht	Guy's Radial	Guy Dean	Rum & Coke	Oli Ludlow
Ragtime	Ladies Yacht	Harry the Cat	Alistair Dickson	Sailing By	Ian Frost
Salmon	Ladies Yacht	Hobesity	Chris Browning	Salmon	Bruce Walker
Darren & Mac's RS	Ladies Yacht	Holy Dread	Brice Avery	Seite	David Hume
Aardvark	Simon Bryant	Hoot 2	George Purves	Shockwave	Peter Hume
Alouette	John Murphy	Hummingbird	Brian McCombe	Shoki	Jock McDougall
Auberge	Arthur Dickson	Incitus	Peter Sykes	Shooglenifty	Scott Hyslop
Baltika	Justin Lindemann	ItWizNaeMe	Adrian Shields	Sixty Four	David S Chalmers
Baltika	Terry Kirchin	James' Topper	James Bryant	Smoke On The Water	Eddie Griffiths
Big Lix	Benjamin Budd	Jezebel	Simon Howell	Soon Fung	Simon Rennie
Billy Bean	Ken Allen	Jock's K6	Jock Blair	Spacehopper	Keith Brebner
Blaze 578	Steve Knowles	Kermit	George Fyfe	Stealth	George Malloch
Blondie 2	Chris Oliver	KevinR's Laser	Kevin Ross	Suspicion	David Gardiner
Blue Ark	Ian Hards	Kindred Spirit	Chris Nichols	Suzie Q	Geoff Bowerman
Blue Funk	Rod Stuart	Kiss	Andrew Downie	Tamarisk III	Martin Wilson
Blyth Spirit	Malcolm Blyth	Last Resort	Peter Collings	The Dart	Mark Bryant
Brief N'counter	David Williams	Legacy	Bill Batten	Third Time Lucky	Ingrid Clayden
Catriona	Jock Blair	Leslie's Blaze	Leslie Pirie	Tomboy	Hugh Smeaton
Code Z	James Urquhart	Little Twister	William Moffat	Topaz 291	Peter Hume
David W's Laser	David Walton	Lizs Challenger	Elizabeth Eaton	Whippersnapper	Philip Walter
El Pedito	Chic Medley	Moonwind	Peter Brand	Wraith	Steven MacDonald

Please remember, the above list does not include the Autumn Series results so you may still be a prizewinner!!