



# *the* BEAMER

**Autumn Edition**

***Lands of Loyal 2007 Regatta Report and Photos, Crew Wanted, A Sailor's Wife's Lament, The Amazing Tale of DRAM's Trailer, PEYC 2007 Prizewinners and Annual Dinner Dance Info. & Booking Form***

## ***From the Commodore ...***

Here we are, only October and the Christmas adverts are appearing thick and fast, we haven't even had Halloween yet! We are still sailing though, and I noticed that we had three times as many boats racing on Sunday as Fairlie, who says there's no sailing on the Forth. It has been a most peculiar year weather wise so we wait, with bated breath, to see what is thrown at us for the winter series.

The Marina development moves slowly on with five companies being invited to submit tenders next month, with that number being reduced to three shortly thereafter. There should then be a period of consultation before the final bid is accepted. We await developments with interest.

Our annual dinner dance and prize giving is rapidly approaching and I look forward to seeing you all there and then it's really into the winter season with ice on the decks and sweeping the snow of the pontoons.

*Guthrie Stewart, Commodore*



Lands of Loyal DIV 1 Start  
Photo © Liz Tulloch



## **LANDS OF LOYAL Yacht Regatta**

### **Gordon Campion's Regatta Report**

Port Edgar Yacht Club held its annual yacht regatta on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September at South Queensferry's Port Edgar Marina. The weekend's weather was variable with generally good SW winds, gusts on the Sunday reaching gale force at times giving a good weekend's close racing. There were some big waves and one sports boat capsized but managed to right itself after an agonising moment and continued to race, albeit rather wet. In another incident a larger boat went aground and had to be towed off by the rescue boat and several boats got completely tangled up with race marks causing chaos.

The 'fast fleet' races, of 18 boats, were keenly fought with some dramatic starts, one ending in a general recall. Each of the five races had different winners but the overall winner was Ken Murray in *Auf Wiedersehen Pet!* (Melges 24), second Andy Marshall in *niJinski* (J92) and third Mike Bra-mal in *Absolutely 2* (Mumm 36). *Ruby*, overall winner of East Coast Sail Week, came fifth.

The 'medium yacht' races consisting of eight boats was dominated by Angus Mackay from South Queensferry in an H boat, *Huffy*, winning all five races. But second and third were closely fought between George Fyfe in *Kermit* (Eliminator 32) coming second and Murray Carmichael in *Naiad* (First 28) coming third.

There were five entries in the Sonata Class. Four of the five races were won by Neil McLure in *So* but second and third were closely fought between Fraser Harrison in *Zero Proof* and Stewart Shearer in *Razamataz*, *Zero Proof* coming second.

The 'fast cruiser' fleet of 13 boats enjoyed particularly close racing in the variable conditions and was won by Tom Wilson in *Smithereen* (Seamaster 925) who won three of the five races. Consis-tently second was Dicky Dickson in *Auberge* (Dufour 1800) and third Sarah Burrell in *Les Beez Neez* (First 235). The two large boats *Grand Slam* (Ronautica RO400) and *Equinox* (Moody 38) could only achieve a fourth and sixth respectively.

Overall winner for the weekend was *Huffy* with her five wins out of five

The Saturday evening event had a Hawaiian theme with buffet, palm trees, grass skirts and disco, sponsored by *Belleville Lodge Nursing Home*, and was very well attended. The *Bosun's Locker* donated prizes for the loudest Hawaiian shirts.

The *Lands of Loyal Hotel* kindly donated the extravagant prizes of firstly 2 nights B&B for two at the *Lands of Loyal Hotel* and a case of champagne for both second and third prizes. In a nailbit-ing finale to prize giving, all winners, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, in all classes were given randomly selected numbers which were then drawn from a hat to decide the winner of a 50" plasma TV (again do-nated by *Lands of Loyal Hotel*). This was won by Andy Marshall in *niJinsky*.

We would strongly recommend that you put this event in your diary for next year.

**Gordon Campion**  
**Regatta Manager**

## CREW WANTED

by Phil Walter



**Have you every wanted to have a go as a crew member in a yacht race?** Now is the time as there are plenty of opportunities for crewing on the Port Edgar based yachts.

In recent years the trend has been for bigger yachts to race, and this means that more crew members are needed. Currently there is a shortage of crews and at least two boats could not find enough crew to enter the club's own regatta. It is a similar story for club races where there are always yachts needing crew.

**What experience do you need?** It is preferable that you should have some sailing experience. That can be in dinghies or yachts. You should know what the parts of a boat are called, and what is likely to happen when the skipper says 'ready about' or 'prepare to gybe'.

If you are a complete beginner you may want to consider joining a yacht on a cruise. This will give you a chance to get the hang of things before trying to race.

**So what can you expect?** Yacht racing is about teamwork. As a crew member on a yacht you will be assigned to a particular position on the boat. These differ with the size of the yacht, but typically there will be foredeck, jib sheet, main sheet, tactician and helm. On smaller yachts (with fewer crew) some crew positions will do multiple jobs, on larger yachts some jobs may take multiple crew members.

Most new crew members begin with one of the jobs in the middle of the boat. This may be letting off the jib sheets during the tack, winding the winch, helping retrieve the spinnaker or being weight on the rail. Probably one of the regular crew members will be nearby to help explain what is going on, which rope does what and what you should do.

**Still interested?** The easiest way to get involved is to grab your sailing gear and just turn up at the club when the club racing is being held (from now until the end of the season this means a Sunday). You can find the club program on the web-site ([www.peyc.org.uk](http://www.peyc.org.uk)). Outside the clubhouse there is a white board where yacht skippers put requests for last minute crew. There will be some people milling around waiting for their crew/skipper to arrive and they will be happy to advise and help you get on a boat appropriate to your experience. Last minute crews are usually sorted out about one hour before the start of the race.

Alternatively you can find out about crewing opportunities by looking at the club web-site and going to the Adverts and 'Crews wanted' or 'Crews available' pages.

Most new crew members start off with one or two trial sails. If successful you'll get invited back, if not then you can ask around and see if there is a more suitable boat.

**Winter Talks:** During the winter the club runs a series of evening talks. It is planned to arrange one of these on yacht race crewing. Details will be posted on the club's web-site.

If you would like further information please contact any of the committee members or myself.

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### A Sailor's Wife's Lament—by Anne Campion

No more for me Versace ,  
Prada, Chanel or Gucci ,  
The reason's plain to see -  
A sailor's wife I be !

I used to shop with Gusto ,  
But now it's Gill and Musto .  
They do the job for sure ,  
But it's hardly Haute Couture !

In place of \*!&? me shoes  
I've got the white soled welly blues  
And skirts are in the past .  
(Can't wear them going up the mast ! )

So makers of sailing gear  
Lend this ex-fashionista your ear .  
To stop me feeling bitter  
**JUST GIVE US A BIT OF GLITTER !**



## ***DRAM's Trailer—a Tale of Irish Luck***

***Doug Ross and Sidney from Dublin***

As some of you know, I sold DRAM recently – and bought EuRoBo. The guy who was interested in DRAM didn't want the Trailer (!) so I reduced the price by what I thought the Trailer was worth and did the deal, courtesy of Jock. I thought he was crazy not to buy the trailer but there you go...

I advertised the Trailer in various places but got the most enquires from Boats & Outboards website. Eventually, a guy called Sidney from Dublin contacted me and asked for various measurements. I was happy to oblige but didn't see much chance of a sale to an Irishman. Then Sidney called again and asked for more details and more measurements – and after 5 more emails and measurements, Sidney made me an offer; I made a counter proposal and we agreed a price. So far so good!



We arranged a date when Sidney would come over on the Larne to Stranraer Ferry with a 4 x 4 and do the deal. Sidney (lovely man) arrived on time with his daughter's fiancé driving James, paid in cash and we hooked up the trailer to the 4 x 4. I suggested we checkout the electrics before he set off.

When James put his foot on the brakes, the Trailer flashers went on! and when he put the lights on, the brake lights went on! And so on... I had to laugh! I told Sidney that I was sure the Trailer was wired up correctly and he replied that although James was his daughter's fiancé, the Garda know nothing about electrics!! Anyway, if they were picked up for flashing indicators every time the brakes went on, James would talk his way out of it. So they set off.

I emailed Sidney a few days later and asked him if everything went well on the return trip. He replied...



"Hi Doug,

thanks for your e-mail. We got back ok, regarding the lights it was James car that was the problem as you and I suspected. I don't think we would have had too much trouble with the Gardai as James is one of them. However we got led astray for a bit by the sat/nav at the start and for awhile thought we were back with you. We did an extra 26klms taking the routes it chose back, none the less we were at the port by p.m.

Regretably one of the pads went awall at an early stage, may be while we were focused on getting back off country lanes to the main route. I should have brought my GPS and pressed trackback. I will be surprised if I have to do any alterations to the trailer to suit my craft and once again it was nice doing business with you and happy sailing.

I commiserated with him but since there were 7 x pads, he still had 6 to balance his boat on. And I thought that was the end of that.....

About 2 weeks later, I had been in Edinburgh and was driving back to Queensferry via Dalmeny. Just as I reached Dalmeny Kirk and was trying to drive over the speed bumps, something caught my eye on the verge. I stopped the car and reversed back and – **Guess What?** – it was the missing Trailer pad!!! The Trailer must have bounced over the speed bumps and lost the pad there. What Sidney and James were doing in Dalmeny beats me. I guess they were led there by the TomTom.

I retrieved the pad and couldn't wait the phone Sidney. Talk about luck of the Irish! His immediate response was "Jaysus, Mary and Joseph!! " How am I goin' to get it back to Dublin?" I told Sidney I would keep the pad until he devised some suitable transport.

About a week later, Sidney called to say that Tomas, a friend of a friend would be in Edinburgh later that day. Could I take the Pad into Edinburgh and deliver it to Tomas? No problem. I packed it up with bubble wrap and delivered it to Tomas. I said he should probably get to Edinburgh Airport in plenty time just in case there were any problems with Security. "Not a chance" he replied.....

I emailed Sidney the following day and asked him if the Pad had finally found its way home. His actual response is printed below....

"Hi Doug,

the pad is home, not without incident. Tomas got the third degree at the airport, they drug tested it and eventually re scanned it and only then let it through. He is not the better of it yet. He also got a full body search. On another front, I lifted the boat out to see if all would be o.k. on Thursday and it fitted like a glove with the aid of 3 look alike railway sleepers placed along the centre of the trailer. So once again a big thanks for your assistance."

Doug Ross  
EuRoBo

## LANDS of LOYAL Regatta

### DIV 2 Yachts & PARTY Photos



Lands of Loyal DIV 2  
Photo © Liz Tulloch



### BEAMER COPY

The Beamer is an important vehicle to get news, comment, advice—and some humour—to all PEYC members. But I need some copy. This Beamer has been desperately short of copy for this edition. I have even had to write about my Trailer. It's as bad as that. To avoid a repetition of this nonsense, please send me copy for the final Winter Beamer. I'll send out a reminder closer to the time.

Thanks!

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**PEYC Prizewinners 2007— (Provisional)**

***If your name's here—you get a Prize!!!!***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ladies Races</b>
Ayesha	Ladies Race - Slow Yacht
Bluestreak	Ladies Race - Fast Yacht
Eorpa	Beamer Shield - Ladies Race
Eurobo	Ladies Race - Fast Yacht
HenceForth	Ladies Race - Fast Yacht
Highlander	Ladies Race - Slow Yacht
Hobbes Express	Ladies Race - Fast Yacht
L'Arc En Ciel	Ladies Race - Slow Yacht
Malarkey	Beamer Shield - Ladies Race
Naiad	Ladies Race - Slow Yacht
Rag Doll	Beamer Shield - Ladies Race
Shoki	Ladies Race - Fast Yacht
Third Time Lucky	Beamer Shield - Ladies Race

<b>Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Aardvark	Jezebel
Absolutely 2	JoJuna
Auberge	Kermit
Blue Funk	Kiwi
Bluestreak	L'Arc En Ciel
Breaking Wind	Legacy
Brief N'counter (DBSC)	Malarkey
Christina 2	Monkey Boy
Delphia Racer	Mostly Harmless
Dram	Naiad
Elixir (RFYC)	Neil's 200
Eorpa	niJinsky
Erin	Ptarmigan
Flint 2	Rag Doll
Fraser's Pico	Razamataz (DBSC)
Hardslog	Retro
Haze	RoBo
Hei Matu	Rothi
HenceForth	Ruby
Highlander	Salmon
Highlander Too	Scooby Doo
Hobbes Express	Second Childhood
Hummingbird	Shoki
Ian's Radial	Steve's Laser
Incitatus	Suspicion
It's All Go Too	Team Extreme
Jagged Orbit	Third Time Lucky
Jason's 200	White Heather
Jay Gee (DBSC)	Windrift



# Backwaters

## P.E.Y.C DINNER DANCE 2007

The main event of the Calendar will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the James Watt II Centre, Heriot-Watt University, Riccarton.

The Dinner menu is still to be confirmed, but special dietary requirements will be catered for by special request if the menu is not suitable, please let me know when booking tickets.

A wine list will be available along with pre-order wine form. Credit cards are accepted for pre-order. Bottles of Spirits will only be available by pre-order.

**We strongly recommend that table wines are pre-ordered (and must be pre-paid) .**

Wine will be placed on the tables and be ready for you and your guests. This saves the problem of queuing for wine at the start of the evening. Please note: the bar on the evening will not accept credit cards - only cash or cheque will be required.

The superb Ceilidh band "Annasach" will play a selection of lively dances or more sedate waltzes to get every one up on the dance floor and having a great time.

They will play until 1 o'clock, the bar will stay open until 1.30am. The ideal bus/taxi time is 1.15 – 1.45. There are night buses running from Heriot Watt back into Edinburgh at regular times through the night.

Tickets are £30.00 . The round tables will seat up to 10 people. More than 10 people means less elbow room and a bit of a squeeze. Please book your tables early to enable us to work out the table seating plan. We particularly welcome all dingy sailors, and will accommodate singles and small groups .

(A spare table will be available for people who only want to come for the prize-giving which starts at around 9pm (no charge).

**NOTE Please book your tickets now (see Page 7), but all tickets MUST be paid for by 19<sup>th</sup> November. After that date I cannot keep any reserved seats that are not paid for.**

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 7.30 .If you require a drink from the bar before hand, please arrive early as we will move through to the dining room at 7.15 . The Prize-Giving will start at approximately 9.00 with the Dancing kicking off at about 9.45.

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

Accommodation on campus can be booked at through Heriot Watt, please phone 0131 451 3669.

Contact Maggie King for any other info. The Bosuns Locker can be used to leave money , pick up tickets etc, or they can be posted to you .

Contact – Maggie King (m.king@siteco.co.uk) 2 Hopelands Road, Silverburn, Penicuik, Midlothian EH26 9LH, phone 07932 159 534 01968 670 944 (this is generally on fax during the day).

Here's to a another great evening.....

**PEYC DINNER DANCE 2007****Booking Form /Sat. 24 November****BOOKING FORM PEYC DINNER DANCE Nov 24th**

Please send tickets at £30.00 each.  
I enclose cash/cheque £ Payable to PEYC

Please reserve a table for people under the name of :-

Name  
Address

Tel. No.

Names of guests

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Please give Boatnames of people at the table also.(For Prize-winners list)

Return to :- Maggie King  
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Or phone 01968 670 944 or 07932 159 534 )  
All tickets to be paid for Before 19<sup>th</sup> November please.

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