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Port Edgar Yacht Club's Newsletter –

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Hello, everyone!!

Welcome to the New Year edition of the Beamer.

This is supposedly the club's "downtime", when boats come out of the water, there's no racing for dinghies or the big boats and precious little cruising—but we all seem to be busier than ever, trying to snatch odd hours here and there for some much-needed repairs and maintenance to our boats.

So here's an idea, take some time out from all that and read on.....

Catherine Bryant

Featuring:

- **An interview with.....**
- **This year's trophy and award winners**
- **Where do our trophies come from?**
- **Notes from "Northern Waters."**
- **Queensferry Crossing**
- **New Year's Cruise**
- **Retiral news**
- **Charities Updates**

Commodore's Update

Terry Kirchin

Given that Terry wrote a full message to us all at the end of November, there is no further news he needs to update us on at the moment. However, our roving reporter captured this image at Loch Leven.....





“Northern Waters” – an account of a voyage from Iceland to Scotland in September 2016

By Judith Bull

Below is an extract of an article submitted for the Cruising Log competition by Judith Bull.

Three weeks on board “Tecla”, August-September 2016, sailing from Iceland to Scotland via the Faeroes, Shetlands, Orkney and Lewis

In the autumn of 2015, snowed under at work and waiting rather anxiously for the arrival of my first grandchild, I was thinking longingly of early retirement. Right on cue, a brochure from Classic Sailing arrived in my inbox. I had sailed with them previously in 2012, on an old trading ketch called Bessie Ellen.

This time what caught my eye and set me day-dreaming was a trip from Iceland to Scotland, taking in the Faeroes, Shetlands, Orkney and possibly Outer Hebrides on the way back to Ullapool. The boat was Tecla, a Dutch herring drifter from 1915, with an impressive record of long passages and Tall Ships races. She is a gaff-rigged ketch, 38 meters including bowsprit, 120 tonnes.

Going a-viking seemed like an ideal retirement present to look forward to.

After visiting a number of ports on the coast of Iceland, Judith then crossed the open sea to the Faeroes.

Tuesday 23 August

The skipper wanted to wait for the weather to improve, so in the morning I spent a relaxing hour in the outdoor hot tubs at the local leisure centre, knowing we had a long trip ahead. The other two yachts had left soon after breakfast, struggling to beat their way out of the harbour.

There is very little in my log for the rest of the day and the one after.

Left Heimaey 14.30. Approx. 500 miles to go.

Wind F7 rising to F8 with stronger gusts.

Sea state rough/very rough

Heavy rain squalls

Reefed mizzen, fore staysail, engine.

Ploughing into swell head on. Speed 4 kn, rolling! Couldn't sleep.

Scrawled at the bottom of the page, and underlined: NEVER AGAIN!



More photos and the complete article, which is very readable, can be read, very soon, along with other articles and photos on the Cruising Log Competition website (link on <http://www.peyc.org.uk/getting-started/cruising/>)

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For those of you who missed the Dinner Dance, the curious and those who just like seeing their names in print ...the following is the list of club prizewinners for 2016

DINGHY TROPHIES	EVENT	WINNING BOAT	CLASS	Entered By:
Jock Blair Senior Trophy	Dinghy Autumn series	Trixie Ripple	Supernova	Neil Macrae
Beamer Trophy	Dinghy Beamer mini-series trophy	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Dinghy Charity Bowl	Dinghy Charity Bowl mini-series trophy	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
Hewlett Packard Flagon	Dinghy Club Championship	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Club Trophy - dinghies	Dinghy Club Trophy race	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Coakley Trophy	Dinghy Coakley mini-series trophy			No result in 2016 - no entries
Hawes Cup	Dinghy Easter series	Trixie Ripple	Supernova	Neil Macrae
Beamer Shield	Dinghy Ladies race			No result in 2016 - cancelled
Frost Bite Trophy	Dinghy Last winter race	Rothi	Laser	David Woakes
Queensferry Bay Quaich	Dinghy Mon A-series	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
Inchgarvie Trophy	Dinghy Mon B-series	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
Inchgarvie Quaich	Dinghy Performance outwith PEYC	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
RNLI Pennant for dinghies	Dinghy RNLI trophy race	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
Charleston Cup	Dinghy Sat A-series	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Rosyth Cup	Dinghy Sat B-series	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald
Queensferry Quaich	Dinghy Sat C-series	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Tait Trophy	Dinghy Sat D-series	The Greatgrandmaster	Laser Radial	Peter Collings
Sternchase Trophy	Dinghy Sternchase	Comfy Chair	Blaze	Pete Sykes
Longcraig Trophy	Dinghy Winter series	Elan	Laser	Ian Fitzgerald

SPECIAL TROPHIES	EVENT	WINNER	CLASS	Entered By:
Millennium Quaich	Special: Best Cruising Log			NB: Presented at AGM in Feb
Ross Memorial Trophy	Special: Contribution to PEYC	Rob Humphrey		Flag officers' decision
Ship's Telegraph Trophy	Special: Most races for no-prizes	Babylon	Supernova	Jaffar Hamoudi
George Adams Trophy	Special: Outstanding performance	Kirsty	Legend 36	Jim Swan
Harper Photography Trophy	Special: Outstanding photograph			NB: Presented at AGM in Feb
Cap'n Fishfingers Trophy	Special: Outstanding Seagoonship!	Margaret Tait & Paul Deponio		Presented at last race party
Pippa's Cup	Special: Young sailor award	Sophia Misslin		Flag officers' decision

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Andrew Thomson Trophy	Yacht Anstruther return race trophy			No entries in 2016
Dhu Craig Trophy	Yacht Autumn series	The Black Prince	J-97e	Terry Kirchin
Div-1 Championship	Yacht Club Championship - Div-1	Hardslog	X-332	Ian Hards
Div-2 Championship - Inchcolm Trophy	Yacht Club Championship - Div-2	EuRoBo	RO-330	Doug Ross
Div-3 Championship - Slow yacht trophy	Yacht Club Championship - Div-3	Sula	Maxi 84	Russell Ramsay
Easter Series	Yacht Easter series	No Worries	J-109	Geoff Bowerman
Admiralty Cup	Yacht Ladies race - Div-1	The Black Prince	J-97e	Rachel Alvarado
Queensferry Crossing Trophy	Yacht Ladies race - Div-2	Suspicion	Sigma 33	Ruth Morrison
Lochinvar Trophy	Yacht Ladies race - Div-3	Bounty Hunter	Hunter 701	Dot Stuart
Kingston & Hurn Last Cup	Yacht Last race trophy	The Black Prince	J-97e	Terry Kirchin
Harper Trophy - Div-1	Yacht Night series - Div-1	Hardslog	X-332	Ian Hards
Harper Trophy - Div-2	Yacht Night series - Div-2	Valhalla	Hunter 707	Andrew Lawrie
Inchcolm Cup	Yacht Night series - Div-3	Sula	Maxi 84	Russell Ramsay
Cork 2000 Trophy	Yacht Performance outwith PEYC	Moonstruck Too	J-122	Gordon Lawson
Queens Ferry Trophy	Yacht Sternchase	Bounty Hunter	Hunter 701	Brian McCombe
Bosuns Locker Trophy - FYCA Div-1	Yacht Sun BL trophy - FYCA Div-1	EuRoBo	RO-330	Doug Ross
Bosuns Locker Trophy - FYCA Div-2	Yacht Sun BL trophy - FYCA Div-2	Sula	Maxi 84	Russell Ramsay
Queen Margaret Trophy - FYCA Div-1	Yacht Sun QM trophy - FYCA Div-1	Hardslog	X-332	Ian Hards
Queen Margaret Trophy - FYCA Div-2	Yacht Sun QM trophy - FYCA Div-2	Brief N'counter	GK-24	David Williams (DBSC)
Iolair Sails Quaich	Yacht Sun Summer series	Shoki	First 30 ES	Jock McDougall
Alistair Burnside Memorial Trophy	Yacht Sun trophy race	Sula	Maxi 84	Russell Ramsay
Inchkeith Trophy	Yacht Sun trophy race	Pink Gin	Projection 762	Duncan Small
Kincardine Trophy	Yacht Sun trophy race			No entries in 2016
Hopetoun Cup	Yacht Wed A-series - Div-1	Jammin	J-92	Chic Medley
Abercorn Cup	Yacht Wed A-series - Div-2	Shoki	First 30 ES	Jock McDougall
Society Quaich	Yacht Wed A-series - Div-3	Christina 2	Mirage 28	Ian & Alan Muir
Bo'ness Cup	Yacht Wed B-series - Div-1	The Black Prince	J-97e	Terry Kirchin
Blackness Cup	Yacht Wed B-series - Div-2	EuRoBo	RO-330	Doug Ross
Fidra Cup	Yacht Wed B-series - Div-3	Naiad	First 28	Murray Carmichael
NB: No trophy allocated	Yacht Wed Club trophy - Div-1			2016 - race abandoned
Lands O'Loyal Quaich	Yacht Wed Club trophy - Div-2	More T Vicar	Hunter 707	Carl Allen
Port Edgar Cup	Yacht Wed Club trophy - Div-3	Naiad	First 28	Murray Carmichael
RNLI Pennant	Yacht Wed RNLI Pennant - Div-1	HenceForth	Corby 29	Phil Walter
RNLI Pennant	Yacht Wed RNLI Pennant - Div-2	Shoki	First 30 ES	Jock McDougall
RNLI Pennant	Yacht Wed RNLI Pennant - Div-3	Christina 2	Mirage 28	Ian & Alan Muir
Even Keel Trophy - Div-1	Yacht Winter series	Jammin	J-92	Chic Medley



“Where do the club's trophies come from?”

The club has in the region of sixty trophies, most of which are awarded annually to dinghy racers, yacht racers, cruisers, photographers, and young sailors. Some of them seem to be almost as old as the club itself (but that's another interesting article just begging to be written – any offers anyone??!!) But has it ever occurred to any of you – “Where do the trophies come from? Why do we have them? How old are they?”

The following four trophies, the Ogston Trophy, the Chattan Sternchase Trophy, the Admiralty Cup and the Drambuie Cup, have an interesting back story in that they were all donated by the same person – but for very different reasons. Club member Brian McCombe tells his story...

“The Ogston Trophy was donated by me after the tragic deaths of Ian Ogston and his wife who were on a return trip from Norway in their boat. Ian was always an enthusiastic member of the club and the trophy is presented each year to a member of the club for outstanding work during the year.

The Chattan Sternchase Trophy – as the Admiralty agent in Edinburgh this antique trophy was donated by my company for our annual Stern Chase.

Admiralty Cup – a member of my crew, Dot Stuart, won the Ladies Race way back and was presented with an egg cup. To bring the Ladies into line with the Gentlemen I presented a formidable trophy which is now raced for annually.

Drambuie Cup – whilst working for Drambuie I persuaded them to supply a cup which is usually raced for annually.”

Money raised for two local charities.

- The raffle at the annual Dinner Dance in November raised £900 for Fife Sailability. The cheque was presented to a representative from the charity after the last race of the season.
- The raffle at the end of season “do” after the last race in December raised £200 for the RNLI.

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Introducing a new, regular feature – “Spotlight on.....” We’ll regularly be interviewing a person, sometimes from the club, sometimes outwith, who has an interest in sailing or other water related activities.

Spotlight on.....Anna Blackwood, sailor, PEYC.

How did you get into sailing and how old were you?

Through my family. My dad ran a boat yard on the west coast. He's a great sailor but spent most of his time looking after other people's boats, so the only sailing we got was some charter holidays on the west coast when I was about 7 or 8. It wasn't until I was in my mid 20's I really started to sail. I put sailing on my CV as a hobby as I thought it looked good. I got the job and then was asked if I wanted to go racing on the Clyde, so I had to fezz up to my lack of experience and was put on the runners for a Sigma 38. Not long after that my Dad retired and bought a Hustler 30, so I got a chance to cruise.

Tell us about your most interesting sailing experience.

That's hard to answer. Probably when I quit my job and spent 4 months at sea. Sailing from Tenerife to West Africa, Cape Verde Islands and then over to the Caribbean with a month cruising around the windward leeward islands.

But the last few years have also been great when I have skippered for the first time. I took over the ownership of Dad's boat and cruised around the west coast, learning as I went, taking different people on new mini adventures in one of the best sailing areas in the world!

Your most interesting non- sailing experience?

That can go in print?! ☺ Probably climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and seeing the sunrise over the glazier.

What's your involvement in sailing at the moment?

I've just sold my boat so it's mostly going to be racing this year, unless I get an invite to go sail somewhere exotic, then I am your girl...

Mostly racing on the Forth with Hence Forth, but a few of us are thinking about getting an old (I will be in trouble for that!) girls team together for the 707 nationals, with the challenge of not being last, or disgracing ourselves.

Best food to eat while under way on a boat?

Chocolate (I am a girl – it's essential!)

A hot tip about anything sailing related?

Always get a least three weather forecasts and don't trust the inshore forecast. If you listened to it, you would never go out! 5-7 is the standard forecast for the west coast (area 15) and for wee boat cruising that's too big a range. Also, look about you, you can tell a lot by looking at the sky and sea.

Sum up sailing in three words.

Adventures, exhilaration, sea.

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Annual New Year Cruise, PEYC to RFYC, Granton, Jan 2017

The traditional PEYC New Year cruise to Granton took place on Monday 2nd Jan. at the kind invitation of the Royal Forth YC. 12 boats made the trip, under blue skies and (deceptive) sunshine. The north-west wind made for a relaxed (ish) spinnaker run down and a slightly more taxing beat back, where quite a few boats reefed their mains. RFYC, as usual, provided a bar and tasty hot food – so welcome on a cold winter's day! And they also had a Ceilidh band playing, comprised of RFYC members. What a great idea! For a full report of the trip click on the following link to the RFYC website <http://www.rfyc.org/2017/uncategorized/peyc-visit-2017/>

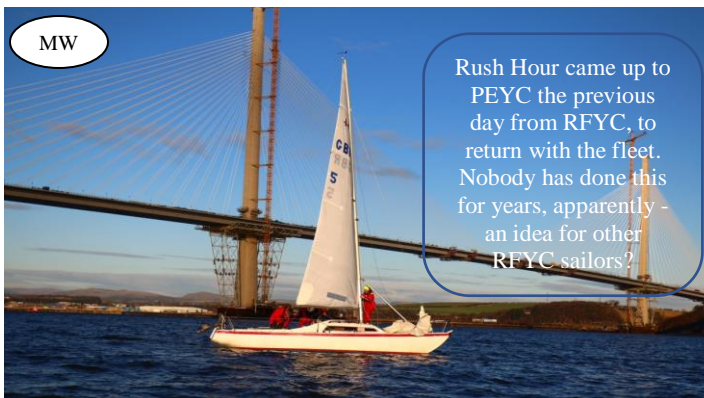
A rib was out taking photos – available in return for a donation. If you'd like a copy, contact Maria Walker on mariawalker@mac.com
Photos at the RFYC clubhouse courtesy of Ken Dougall

KD



Some of the 12 boats that made it down to Granton.

MW



Rush Hour came up to PEYC the previous day from RFYC, to return with the fleet. Nobody has done this for years, apparently – an idea for other RFYC sailors?

KD



The RFYC bar volunteers ready for business. Not to forget those serving the bacon butties!!

KD



The fleet heads for home. Note the blue sky! It was a lot windier than it looks once we got out there!

KD



There was music as well!

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Queensferry Crossing – almost finished!!

Ever wondered how the existing roads are going to connect up to the new bridge? How those of us from Fife are going to get to Port Edgar? How you southerners are going to join the M90 on your trips north? For an informative artist's impression of the finished bridge and roads infrastructure watch this "flythrough"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWtpaOAHzzk>

The end of an era – the retiral of a well known figure in the club.

The last race of the season saw the retiral of Janette Grant, Catering Manageress, provider of countless bacon butties, chips, pies and soup. She'd been a familiar, welcoming face at the club for nigh on twenty years and knew exactly what tired and hungry sailors needed when they came in wet and cold from a race. Whilst it was an emotional leave taking for Janette she is looking forward to spending more time with her family, some of whom live in Australia. The club wishes her well!

We welcome, in her place, Susan Norton, who has already been working shifts with Janette in order to familiarise herself with the setup. The difficulty we'll all have is remembering to say to people "See you at Susan's" instead of "See you in Janette's"!!

Articles wanted!! An exciting opportunity to get your name in print!!

There have been a number of request for topics to be covered. Can anyone with inside knowledge (or who is able to research) provide copy for either of the following two subjects:

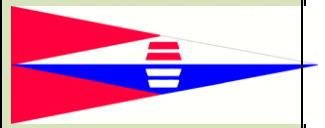
- The history of the club and the clubhouse. To include the early North Queensferry days. Article can include photos/pictures.
- The origins and histories of the trophies and awards presented by the club.

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As ever, thank you to our contributors for this edition.

If anyone would like to submit an article for future editions, or has an idea for an article, then do please contact me at any time on catherine_bryant@yahoo.com

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