



Telltale August 2016

Recent Events:

28th June was the date of the annual Sail Caledonia event, which saw the usual gathering of day boats taking part in a race off the sailing club, then heading to the Caledonian Canal and Fort Augustus.



The first keelboat cruise of the season took place on 11th/12th June, to Loch Choire, where the crews of Schonbrunn, Harrier, Lydia and Don's Sottise enjoyed a meal at the Boathouse restaurant, which is now under new ownership. The Cregan Inn on Loch Creran was the next port of call, on 23rd/24th July, where the crews of Schonbrunn, Driftwood, and Harrier enjoyed another excellent meal. Schonbrunn and Driftwood headed off at the crack of dawn on Sunday morning to catch the tide, but Harrier was delayed until Monday afternoon due to engine problems. On both events, several members came by road to join us for the evening meal.



Brian and Carol providing entertainment for those who managed to pick up the last mooring.

Keelboat Series 1: This started on 30th May, a later start than usual, but designed to allow time for more boats to be ready.

Round Mull race:

Marian Austin and crew came 2nd in class in Scintilla.

West Highland week:

Angus Fyfe & crew were 1st in class, sailing "Popcorn", a Contessa 25. Scintilla came 7th in class.

Dinghy race results:

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |
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| Frostbite : | Wayfarer Emseap | Laser— Ruari | Laser—Amanda |
| Locheil: | Emseap | Wayfarer-Mischief | RS Vision—Caitlin & Corran |
| Black Rock: | Wayfarer Mischief | Laser— Mike Campbell | |
| | Steph & Stephen | | |
| First Points: | Emseap | Laser— Amanda | Laser—Ruari |
| Second Points: | Emseap | Laser— Amanda | Albacore— Keith & Ian |

Dinghy Hill race : Results to be confirmed.

Keelboats: Series 1 1st: Scintilla 2nd: Schonbrunn 3rd :Tern

Brass Monkey Trophy : Scintilla

Solings: Series 1 1st: Maverix (Steph) 2nd : NZL (Hamish)

The following planned events did not take place: Pursuit race (Abandoned due to lack of wind.) Corran Red race: Insufficient boats. Junior RYA sailing course: Insufficient numbers to justify course.

Regatta : This took place on Saturday 20th August. Our guest O.O.D, was Twig Olsen from Oban Sailing Club , and due to the light winds, a short course was set for both keelboats and dinghies . 11 dinghies and 4 keelboats took part, the racing being followed by the prize-giving and a barbeque. Here are the results :

Fast Dinghy

1. Solo - Keith Falconer
2. RS Vision- Mike Campbell & Liz Merry
3. Wayfarer- Hamish Loudon & Kenny Clark
4. Wayfarer - Brian & Graeme Fallows
5. Laser - Ruari Edmond
6. Wayfarer- Stephen Marshall & Christine Clephan
7. Laser - Amanda Henderson

Slow Dinghy/ Juniors

1. RS Feva- Josh & Frey Balcombe
2. Club Wayfarer- Martin Balcombe & Mathew Lingard + Dog
- 3 RS Feva- Corran Wineberg & Caitlin Gilchrist
4. Pico- Joe Lennon



Yachts & Solings.

1. Maverix - Stephanie James, Jon Gay, Harry Jeffrey
2. Scintilla - Marian Austin & crew
3. Harrier - Domhnall Montgomery & crew
4. Morea - Brendan Woods & crew

One solution to a crew shortage.



Plenty of sunshine, but not a lot of wind ! The ebb tide persuaded several competitors to retire from the last race.

Liz Merry heads up our next Olympic rowing team. The other rowers were members of the public, but some of the club members had a go later on, notably ancient mariners Beryl and Adrian !



Chris Webster from the Scottish Coastal Rowing project contacted the club some time ago, with a request to use the club facilities. The idea was to promote the uptake of rowing in skiffs in the local area. It was agreed that the Coastal Rowing group would bring their skiff by road from Ullapool, to LYC, over the weekend of 13th /14th August, and invite local people to try out this sport. The skiffs are built by the association members, using what is effectively a D.I.Y. kit. Local folk and some club members gave this a shot, and had an enjoyable time, although I would guess there were a few stiff backs at the end of the day !



Future events:

3rd Sept Corran Red Keelboat Race

4th Sept Black Rock dinghy race

6th Sept Soutar's Lass Cruise. From 18:00 to 20:00 Tickets £20

24th/25th Sept Challenger series

2nd October Closing muster & Pursuit race (Dinghies and Keelboats)

We now have a bit more space in the dinghy park, as two boats (a 505 and a Topper Iso) were recently sold on e-bay. The new owner stays in Co. Antrim in N. Ireland, and is the shipping manager for a log-boat company., so arranging transport for the dinghies was no problem. They were sent out from respectively, MRC marine on Loch Creran, and from the jetty at Loch Aline, perched on top of a cargo of logs.



I abhor a vacuum, so here is a picture of Lucy in action at the Sail Caledonia event. This shows what you are missing if you don't come to club events .