

BSC REGATTA NEWS

Prize Winners

707 1st place Predator

Combined Class 1 & 2

1st Sea Swallow -Sandy Baird

2nd Merida -Peter Willing

3rd Papou -John Watt

Sponsors

Buccaneer, Atholl Scott Financial Services and Accounting, Glenglassuach Distillery and Hamlyns of Scotland provided sponsorship. Buccaneer introduced a new prize for "taking part".



Quotes of the day

"I'm glad I brought my spare knickers."

"We don't usually go out in weather like this."



Racing and sailing on the day

Forecast from Met Office at 12.00

SE 5-7 occasional gale 8 veering S 5 or 6. Moderate or rough. Occasional rain. Good Occasional moderate.

The briefing was held at Whitehills at 10am. A small number of keen skippers turned up and each one was presented with a 40th commemorative bag containing goodies. One 707, Predator left from Banff to join in the racing.

Charlotte, "the race official" was on Jim Henderson's boat, May Morning and placed buoys and marks in Banff bay with a west -east course, trying to give the boats a little protection.

A few boats left from Whitehills feeling that everything wasn't really too bad until they rounded the headland at Whitehills and were hit by the full force of the SE wind. Whereas Alastair Mackie explained that the 707 crew in Banff were fully aware of the wind and so were "pumped up" and ready to adopt bracing positions to race.

Minimal sail area was used by every boat. Spotting boats and taking photos proved a challenge.

Sandy and his wife from Findochty came along as per usual and were a welcome sight. A couple of boats went out for the fun of it, mad fools, these being Phil and Ruth on Aphrodite and Jim and Laura and daughter Grace on Mackerel Sky.

Ivor decided he needed his bed on Ufor in Banff so Ivor and Graham, a volunteer crew, sailed the most direct course with fewest tacks from Whitehills to Banff, at one point cutting through the racing pack.

Refreshments

The food started with smoked salmon canapés, thought we would be posh for the 40th celebration. Then it was pulled pork from the hog roast. Despite lots of food there seemed to be no trouble fitting puddings in. Everyone even found a little more room for a slice from the wonderful celebration cake that Ruth had made. The cake was decorated with sparkle candles, and iced with a yacht and life belts with Banff boat names, and the BSC pennant. Wonderful.



Despite all the sailing drama the pig slowly turned under the watchful expertise of Ramsey. It cooked all day, periodically basted. When it came to carving at 5.50, with everyone no longer able to endure the lovely smell of roast pig, the meat just fell off the bone. Delicious. I believe.

At the prizing thanks went to: Graham and Alastair for braving the weather and laying the marks in the club rib, Ramsey for cooking the pig and Charlotte for being the race official with Jim thanked for taking Charlotte out to sea .

The highest wind speed was 41 knots recorded by Jim Henderson.

The entry into the berths at Banff was challenging, with much assistance required from fellow sailors on the pontoons, often yelling "reverse" as the helmsman had to use more power than usual to combat the strength of the wind. It was one of those days when the boats in the harbour were rocking around and lines clanking.

On land the shore party had managed to erect the gazebo using every available rope and heavy weight they could find. However, early afternoon a decision was made to take it down as rain threatened. Taking it down had to also be a fast "all hands on deck" job in order to prevent the cover from taking off and sailing in the sky to Whitehills or being ripped to shreds.

Prize giving was undertaken by Ivor and started with thanks to helpers and then prizes. .

The club had been decorated with helium celebration balloons and photos and newsletters from days gone by. One photo showed the club house being in its old position where the harbour office now exists and some younger looking members.



So a hair raising day, skill building sailing and a fun evening.





Graham Moore (in picture) and Alasdair McKee being thanked for taking the rib out.



Jim Henderson Harbour Master being thanked



Alasdair Mackie receiving the 707 class prize for Predator and crew.



Charlotte receiving present thanking her for being the race official



Jon Watt of Papou receiving his prize



Sandy Baird on Sea Swallow receiving his prize, a welcome visitor



Lorna, Grace and Jim with their prize, the new category from Buccaneer for taking part on the day. Grace was the youngest sailor out that day.

Other news

Photo competition: entries for the competition are due into Carmen by 31st October. Only 3 entries per person please and the theme is “40 years of BSC”. C.garcia-carballido@hotmail.co.uk

Events (can be viewed on website)

Marex Challenge September 26th 2015. Contact Alasdair Mackie

Commodores cruise 10th October

Coastal Cruise 24th October

BSC AGM takes place in the club house on 1st November

Christmas lunch and prize giving will take place 29th November.