

We started the year with Banff Sailing Club as runners-up to the 'RYA Club of the Year Award' and Mrs. Jane Bowie winning the 'RYA Elizabeth Mackay Award' while she was on holiday in Australia. Jane was presented her trophy by Ivor on her return.

The Committee also sent entries to the 'Aberdeenshire Sports Council Awards' which were held in March.



We have the pleasure to confirm that Banff Sailing Club were finalists in the category of 'Club of the year'. Pam Peters collected the award.

Miss Grace Campbell was also finalist in the category of 'Female Sports Person of the Year' at the Aberdeenshire Sports Council Awards.



Since the last Newsletter we have run a number of events:

- Diane Mennie did an interesting demo on Outboard Engine Service; she took us through key maintenance steps using one of the 707 outboard engines. Great learning opportunity.
- Ivor Clarke provided a refresher on Navigation and DSC radio call which was well received.
- The 707 crews have been busy preparing the boats for the season.



- Banff Sailing Club has recently hosted two Regional meetings: (i) NESS, 'North & East Scotland Sailing' AGM (Annual General Meeting) and (ii) the RYA Scotland Strategic Review 2016 (North East Region).
- Laura Campbell run an entertaining quiz after a pizza & salad dinner organised by Ruth McKee. Thank you to everyone that brought cakes & sweets and everyone that helped to run this event.
- We had a visit from several rowing clubs who, in spite of the freezing March weather, went out and competed in the Bay. Banff Sailing Club helped to facilitate the event, which was attended by several rowing clubs including: Avoch Community Rowing Club, Burghead Coastal Rowing Club, Findochty WSC, Portsoy Skiffettes and St. Andrews Coastal Rowing Club. Banff Academy pupils also participated.



We look forward to receiving your entries for this year's PHOTO & LOG competitions. Please email your Photo & Log entries to Carmen at secretary@banffsailingclub.co.uk

PHOTO Competition:

- Theme is 'Harbours & Anchorages'.
- Up to three pictures may be submitted per person.
- Please send a digital file (jpeg format) and include: a caption, the place where photo was taken and the name of the photographer.
- Photo entry Deadline is 30th October 2016.

LOG Competition:

- Theme can include any trips you have done.
- There is no limit on the number of Logs per person.
- Deadline is 11th November 2016.

Upcoming scheduled events (see the year book for additional events):

- Sunday 8th May: Cruiser Cup (Race 1).
- Sat 14th May: Day Cruise organised by Laura Campbell.
- Sat 21st May: PTBO event (Push the Boat Out), an RYA initiative to encourage people to sail.
- Fri 27th to Sat 28th May: Wick time trial.

We wish to inform all club members that due to changes in the legislation, the grant that our club had been enjoying for quite a few years which paid for water and waste disposal charges is no longer available to us. As a consequence from 1st April 2016 the club will have additional bills to pay.

Please remember to lock the Clubhouse.

Peter Willing has a Dinghy for sale, please contact him directly: p.willing@tiscali.co.uk

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