



December 2016

BSC NEWSLETTER

Events taken place

Curry and Quiz night
October

AGM November

First Aid course
November

Christmas dinner and
prize giving

November

Events coming up

New Years day walk

Winter food evening to be
arranged.

Day Skipper theory
course Jan 28/29 Feb
11/12 March 11/12

Talk on anchorages –
watch this space.

New Committee

Commodore – Moira Moore

Vice Commodore – Alastair
McKee

Rear Commodore – Ruth
McKee

Treasurer – Pam Peters

Secretary – Helen Robbins

Ordinary members
Jane Bowie Laura
Campbell, Phil Hemsley,
Gary Jenkins, Alistair
Mackie



Quiz night and curry October

October social night took the form of curry and quiz. Many thanks to Ruth and Carol for cooking three wonderful curries with all the trimmings.

Laura was an excellent quiz master again, setting us six rounds of varied questions.

Team xx won the night.

Jane's nephew managed without his Lego for the night which allowed teams to take part in the interval competition: to build a floating rig and accompanying tender out of the pieces supplied in 15 minutes. Great fun was had by all and some ingenious constructions emerged. One even supporting an empty beer can.

Four boats had been out for a cruise that day and were then joined by a couple of others to have a sail round the tanker in Banff Bay. Light winds but pleasant sunshine.



AGM meeting

Thanks were given to Ivor for his services to the club in the role as Commodore.

Tony Brown was also recognised and thanks given for his many years of enthusiasm and commitment to the club and membership of the committee.

Graham Osler was thanked for his work on updating the website and time taken to keep it up to date. New sailors for the 707s had been recruited through the website.

Ivor also thanked Jim Henderson, Banff harbourmaster, for his vigilance and help in keeping the club safe and reporting any problems to committee members.



Thanks to everyone that came along. We made approximately £200 for the club funds.



When I went outside the gaggle of voices from the clubhouse was amazing. Anyone walking by would have said "good party in there"

Jane Bowie.



Other news

Cruising



Just a reminder from the Coastal Cruising Group that we are still sailing most weekends. The conditions are good for sailing at this time of the year, warm gear is essential to keep out the cold.

We normally meet in the club house before and after sailing, for a news and coffee.

Weather permitting, we plan to sail Boxing Day, Hogmanay and New Years Day as usual.

Members who would like to know more about our activities are welcome to contact us.

Phil. text 07831 227352.

707 Update -

Both Predator and Touchdown were craned out of the water late October without any hiccups. The boats were stored at the compound for a couple of weeks and are now safely stored under cover for the winter – and so now time to do some essential maintenance and scrubbing. We plan to upgrade the wiring, have the engines serviced by our very own Michael and Diane as well as filling sanding scrubbing polishing and any other jobs essential before going back to the compound. Our first maintenance day is organized for the Sunday 18th December. With a view to have a couple more days at the boats in January/February and then hope to get the boats back into the water in April. We are sure this will soon come round with an exciting sailing season in the planning.



Both 707 boats waiting to be craned out

Xmas Meal and Prize Giving 2016



All the prize winners looking pleased with their trophies.



Trophy	Winners	Comments
Mosquito cup	John Olivier	In recognition of small boat sailing and adventures with the cruising group
Portsoy Cup	Helen Robbins and Graham Osler	On handicap there was less than a minute between the winner and a 707
Conn cup	Gary Jenkins	4 logs submitted –Tarbet Challenge, Banff to Wick and Orkney, Banff to Largs.
Photographic Competition	Laura Campbell	
Marex Challenge	Macduff Ship Design	This year the challenge was between Banff SC and Macduff Ship Design. Overall the result was Macduff winning by 8 seconds
Blue Anchor Fire and Safety trophies	Class1 – Tony Wright Respectable Class 2 – Peter Willing Merida Class 707 – Team Predator	Awarded to the first Banff boat taking part in each class in the Whitehills Regatta
RNLI gift	Alasdair Scott	Not specifically for an event, but more in recognition to this skipper who has shown such a laid back approach, great enthusiasm, and magnificent catering ability, when out sailing
Cruiser cup	Frank Watt	Overall winner for the season in the Cruiser Section
Class Trophy	Team Touchdown	For the season's cruiser series in the 707 class
Wick time trail	James Cowie	The time trial consists of a passage race of approximately 50 NM. This year only 2 yachts took part. Sunrise and Ufor. The time difference on handicap between first and second was 4 minutes and 6 seconds, which over 50 miles is negligible, and gives credibility to the CYCA handicap system. This is a brand new trophy for 2016. The idea for the trophy came from Jane Bowie and it was put together by local man John Walker.
Pursuit Paddle	Ivor Clarke	Awarded as part of the time trial to Wick. Awarded for over 7 hours on the spinnaker and making the time trial a serious race and not a comfortable cruise.
Commodores cup	Diane Mennie and Michael Soper	Outboard engine demonstration, overhauling and troubleshooting engines on the 707s and introducing the local scouts to sailing

Our sincere thanks to all the contributors for the once a year Christmas dinner raffle. A very big thank you to Laura Campbell, daughters Ruth and Grace for persuading the members and their guests to buy a raffle ticket at the annual Xmas Lunch and Prize Giving.



The sum raised was £197

There are still some calendars for sale £10 - please contact Moira
moiramoore123@aol.com

In total the Christmas lunch, raffle, calendar sales etc raised £340

First Aid course

First Aid course took place in the club house in November.



Save the dates

New Years day walk will take place on January 1st 2017 starting at the club house in Banff at 10am and walking, or cruising for those that are sailing, to Whitehills. Coffee and cake will assist with the return journey.

Day Skipper Theory course

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Please get in touch with Moira if you are interested in the day skipper theory course. There are still places left. Cost £230

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Photo competition: the theme for 2017 will be ***Nooks and Crannies***.

Logs

The log competition will run for 2017 as usual. Please write up your travels and send to Moira by the **end of November 2017**. moiramoore123@aol.com

Request Please



Does anyone have an anchor and chain that they no longer require? We need to make up some new buoys for racing etc and are putting out a request for anchors and chain. Preferably Bruce type anchors but will consider any. Please contact if you are able to assist. secretary@banffsailingclub.co.uk

Carbon monoxide monitors have been purchased and one has been placed on the fireplace upstairs. Please report to a committee member if this turns "black". Many thanks.

Club house security

There have been a number of security issues with the club house, mainly concerning the door being left unlocked. We have looked at options and consulted a locksmith. We will be amending the main opening door locks and mechanisms. We will inform members when the changes take place and actions required.

Merchandise available

Fleece – one large navy £25.

Polo Shirt 707 – One large £20

Club Burgee - £25

Contact Jane js@bowie.fsnet.co.uk

Remember that full event details, photos etc can be viewed on the website – www.banffsailingclub.co.uk