



August 2017

# BSC NEWSLETTER

## Events taken place

Social evening and talk on anchorages Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>

PTBO Push the Boat Out Sunday 14th May

Banff Marina 10 year Anniversary Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>

## Events coming up

Gamrie Time Trial and Evening BBQ August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Cruiser Cup August 6<sup>th</sup>

Whitehills Regatta August 12<sup>th</sup>

Banff Regatta September 9<sup>th</sup>

## 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

## Ellen MacArthur By Moira

The Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust boat came in on Tuesday 13th August, the only reason we knew it was coming in was that I had sailed with the girl aboard that was the medic. The boat is going round Britain, taking youngsters that are recovering from cancer for trips. This helps build confidence and regain some independence. Aboard also was Luke Patients,

team GB Olympic sailor, he has just been announced as an Ambassador for the charity. They received several good donations from the people of Whitehills and were treated to a lovely fish supper at Rockfish. Next stop Peterhead then Stonehaven. More on the Trust website if required.



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### Trip to Wick

The trip to Wick - 3 boats (Respectable, Sunrise and UFor) left Whitehills just after 6am on Friday 16th, the wind was a steady westerly that stayed with us for the most part of the day. Up to the Beatrice platforms was a good reach then a dog leg for the exclusion zone at the new wind farm site gave us a great spinnaker run to the finish line off Wick harbour. The harbour had 28 visiting boats; a lot of the boats were dressed up, making a pretty spectacular site. The harbour put on some lovely food and drink, making for a great weekend. Results of the time trial will be announced at prize giving.



**Banff Marina Ten Year Anniversary** – Banff Marina held its ten year anniversary event in May. A range of activities had been organised by the Harbour Master, Jim and others. Different methods of floating and boating were available and in use, with demonstrations by the Coast Guards. Our own Phil and Laura seemed to enjoy the raft race coming first despite testing out the sandy bottom.





### **Portsoy Boat Festival by Ruth**

The weekend of the Portsoy Boat festival was a challenging one for the skiffs and Yoals, they had travelled from far and wide: From Shetland, Orkney, Anstruther, North Berwick, Avoch and further afield. They all looked very impressive all lined up on the beach and on the pontoons, so very colourful and cheery. Racing started Saturday morning with quite gusty conditions but managed a few races before lunch and the parade of sail. The weather was due to turn but managed another couple of races before the wind picked up; conditions were challenging and “interesting” to say the least and so all races for the rest of the day were cancelled. The Sunday morning we were all hoping the forecast to be wrong but alas deemed just too windy with NW gusting up to 40+ mph coming straight into the harbour!! There was nothing for it but to have coffee and pancakes then start the job of lifting most of the boats onto trailers and for all the boats to head home. Despite the weather and pesky wind the 21 boats all taking part had a great time and most of the crews at least managed one race.





### **Trip to Norway - Frank Watt**

In response to your request I have attached a few photos from my recent trip to Norway with Gary Jenkins and his lovely dog Darcy aboard "Bella Fae Banff".

This was a re-visitation for me of some of the most beautiful places I have ever sailed to! I hope to encourage as many people as possible to make the trip, perhaps making it an annual event? Surprisingly Norway's berthing fees are much cheaper than Britain!

You could stay on a pontoon berth on the island of Feoy for instance for as little as £5 (50 kroner). The cost of living is higher but hey! Bring your own



Skudneshaven



Kvitsoy





Kopervik



Haugesund.

**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](mailto:moiramoore123@aol.com)

**Remember that full event details, photos etc can be viewed on the website –**  
**[www.banffsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.banffsailingclub.co.uk)**