

Banff Sailing Club Newsletter

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Events taken place

Burns Lunch and Norwegian talk.

Election of 707 Subcommittee conducted 20/01/2018.

Relationship statement between 707 committee and BSC approved by 707 Sub-Committee.

Events coming up

Car Boot Sale of ex-club member's yacht equipment, date TBA

Winter/Spring programme:

Moroccan food fest - 24/03/2018.

Lossie Cruising Club Muster to Banff / Quiz Night & food-April 2018

An evening of ropes, knots & rope maintenance - TBA

Next BSC Committee Meeting 24/03/2018

Committee

Commodore - Moira Moore Vice Commodore - Alastair McKee

Rear Commodore – Jane Bowie

Treasurer – Pam Peters Secretary – Gary Jenkins

Ordinary members Alistair Mackie, Gordon Maitland, Mark Donnelly

Cruisers and 707s' in the bay

As we all know the weather conditions during the off-season is very changeable and challenging. And for those that can take advantage and get out on the good days, all credit to them.

Here are a couple of pictures of the Cruiser die-hard fraternity, which I believe could be Alasdair Scott in Spey Jess and Phil Hemsley in Aphrodites. Supporting the Cruisers are two crews in Predator and Touchdown; the club 707s'. Seemingly on this day the wind was coming from the West at 10



knots and rising to 15 knots. Unfortunately, the wind



dropped off to zero, so it was time for a cup of tea in Whitehills and then a gentle meander home to Banff.

All crews appreciated the day's sail and hope to enjoy a few more before the season starts in earnest.

lub - "Car-Boot-Sail"

Due to a past member donating some sailing equipment to the club it was decided to promote an internet "Car Boot Sail". The items were divided into saleable lots and have been advertised on the clubs Facebook pages. To further the interest in these items posters of the lots will be posted on the club notice board and on Facebook's "Yachts and Yachty bits for sale".

Take a look at the notice board and if interested in any of the items give me a call and we can discuss cash terms. Remember, all money raised goes towards club maintenance; in particular, balcony roof repairs.

Events on the Horizon

Hopefully, from last months Newsletter you will have marked in your club calendar the Moroccan Feast Night, which is being held on 24th March.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact Pam Peters for tickets.

Also, the Lossie Cruising Club Muster to Banff on the 7th of April is another event for your calendar.



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The Cruising Association Petition about Small Craft Safety and the marking of Static Fishing Gear

There is a campaign to persuade the Government of the necessity for the consultation about the hazards posed by poorly marked lobster pots and other static fishing gear. Tom Cunliffe, British yachting journalist, author and broadcaster, is backing this petition and is featured in a video that emphasises the need to support this petition. Watch the video; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7m6bgyPs_U

In addition to watching the video it would be good to take time and consider supporting the petition by opening the petition link and signing up to the petition. The decision is yours. https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200001

In-House Knowledge Sharing

Every 2nd Tuesday evening there are a group of members who meet and informally discuss training needs and knowledge sharing to better their sailing experiences. During the past two meetings club members have discussed Passage Planning and the ColRegs (rules of the road). Both meetings have been greatly appreciated by the attendees and has raised different views and increased personal knowledge on both subjects.

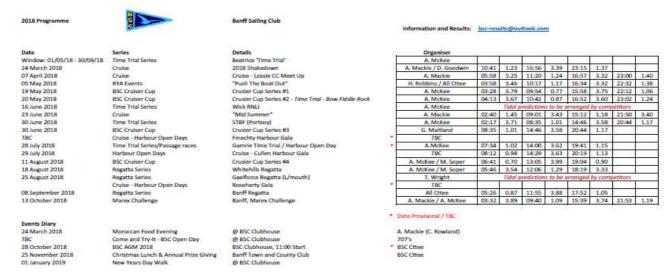
There is no set agenda over the next meeting dates but it is worthwhile getting in touch with Dave Goodwin or Mark Donnelly to ask about the next meeting topic, it could be of benefit to you.

As for a more formal knowledge sharing process, the OYTS have been asked to provide a lecture on Meteorology, which will be delivered in the club house on the evening of 17th April.

There are also further plans for OYTS to provide the RYA Coastal Skipper Theory course later in the year.

BSC Sailing Programme

The 2018 sailing programme was previously delivered to you through your email address, so this is a reminder for you to log events in your club calendar.



Photographs for Macduff Calendar



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There has been a request from "Friends of Macduff Marine Aquarium (FOMMA) to support producing their 2019 calendar. I believe there are some budding photographers in our midst that could support this cause. Therefore, I have attached the guidance provided by FOMMA for your pictures to be selected and also the email address to send them. It is good to support our local community and we certainly have a different perspective of Macduff than the landlubbers entries.

Over some or all of the last three years you have sent in entries for the Macduff Calendar. We would like to invite you to send in photographs for the 2019 Macduff Calendar - you can do this at anytime by emailing to; FOMMAquarium@gmail.com

All entries will be acknowledged. The Calendar will be a similar format as previously, but we are dropping the cellophane wrapper and the 2019 Macduff Calendars will come with recyclable envelopes!

But taking the comments on board we would suggest that you consider:

- shots of new places such as the new artwork on the seaward side of the Aquarium wall;
- shots of places we've never had a good photo of fish being landed, boats on the slipway, dolphins or other wildlife with part of the town in the background, snowdrops or aconites or bluebells in Wrack woods, to think of just a few;
- taking pictures of part of a landmark, not necessarily the whole building or view;
- being inventive with the angle, or the light conditions, when the photo is taken;
- more photos at different seasons. The next few days are clearly an opportunity for some winter shots hardly any were submitted for the 2018 Macduff Calendar! If you are out in the snow and ice then please take care!
- but shots of the coming Spring will be just as welcome; blossom trees or green shoots on a twig etc, with a recognisable part of Macduff in the background;
- if you are "adjusting" the picture on a computer after taking the shot, please bear in mind that this needs to be done so it is not obvious, and that the dots per inch are not downgraded. We would prefer to have photos as actually taken!

Ideally photos would be at least 2 Mp (megapixel) - but we are very happy with much higher resolutions and can accept any file size! - and in landscape format submitted in jpg.