



## Newsletter – August 2019

Dear members,

Now that the season is well underway, it's super to see so much activity in the harbour. We are very much looking forward to the BSC Open Regatta, scheduled to take place this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

BSC held a very successful PTBO event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We were delighted to welcome visitors to the club throughout the day, including an RYA representative. A sincere thank you to all members who supported the event on and off the water! These occasions when we open our doors and welcome visitors are extremely important to the club and all those who crossed the door were certainly met with a very warm welcome.

Many members have benefitted from the knowledge sharing evenings earlier in the year. The particular areas of interest were *Sail Setting and Trimming* and *Race Management and Rules*. We were also delighted to host guest lectures from OYT and the Coastguard. In addition to the obvious benefits of learning new things, this was a great opportunity for members to get together socially and enjoy good food and company. Suggestions of areas of interest for future events from members is most welcome.

We wish to share with you that Alistair Mckee has recently stepped down as club Commodore. He has made this difficult decision based on personal circumstances; he does not feel in a position to give the club what we need at this time. We hope to see Alistair return as an active member when circumstances allow.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at scheduled club events

Best wishes,  
BSC committee



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## The Kings Swimmers at BSC Summer 2019

In the last two weeks of June 2019 the Sailing club hosted the Kings Swimmers open water swimmer's summer camps. The group is a small set up based in the south of England aimed to coach, support and promote open water swimming. There were two five day events where about 20 swimmers from all over the world took part. They were from as far afield

as the Canada, USA, Portugal, Germany and the UK. They completed a number of open water swims both in our coastal waters here in Banff as well as a number of lochs, including Loch Ness. They were also supported by members of the Deveron Canoe Club who shadowed the swimmers.



The club house proved ideal and a popular location for briefings, lunch breaks and a well-earned place to warm up.

The Club also supplied support in the use of our rib and marker buoys. The tall stick buoys in particular were a great success. They definitely helped the swimmers by giving a visible target to swim towards and stay in the right direction. The rib was also used as a platform to feed the swimmers high energy food and drink on their longer swims. I

would not recommend the high energy drinks they use. It tastes like runny treacle, but they seemed to appreciate it.

The purposes of these sessions were to acclimatise and prepare swimmers for marathon swims. Many of the Swimmers had to complete a six hour qualifying swim in water of less than fifteen degrees to be able to attempt a swim across the English Channel. Others were training for a relay swim the length of Loch Ness. At 11 degrees the water off Banff was ideal. The weather was a bit hit and miss with big breakers off The Links forcing a change of plan and more inland swims.

In all, it proved a great success with both the swimmers and the organisers. One of the swimmers from the USA stayed on for a few days and helped us out crewing on one of the 707s at the Portsoy boat festival.

Hopefully this will become an annual event. They have already booked in for next year. This is a great use of our facilities for the wider public as well as a boost to much needed funds.





Banff Sailing Club are delighted to have been able to support the Portsoy boat Festival, which took place on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 323<sup>rd</sup> June. Alistair Mackie stepped in at short notice to organise the race programme part of the festival. The sudden passing on Roger Goodyear, Chairman and stalwart of The Scottish Traditional Boat Festival, presented the organising committee with unforeseen challenges, and we congratulate Alistair for stepping into the breach, supporting the festival to proceed in a way that honours the legacy left behind. We are also grateful to Ivor Clarke and Mark Donnelly for the support they gave on the day in the rib. A great day on the water was had by all!







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## MEMBERS GALLERY.....






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|                |      | <b>Banff Sailing Club Programme of Events 2019</b><br>All dates / events are weather dependent |            |            |
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| Contact: <a href="mailto:secretary@banffsailingclub.co.uk">secretary@banffsailingclub.co.uk</a> |      |  |            |            |
| Date  | Day  | Event Description  | Event Type | Start Time |
| 22-Jan-19   | Tue  | 707 Group Meeting @ BSC Clubhouse  |            | 19:30      |
| 19-Feb-19   | Tue  | Knowledge Sharing Eveing - Sail Setting and Trimming   |            | 19:30      |
| 02-Mar-19   | Sat  | Topical Lecture (Speaker TBC) followed by- Fish and Chips                                      |            | 16:00      |
| 19-Mar-19   | Tue  | Knowledge Sharing Evening - Race Management and Rules  |            | 19:30      |
| British Summer Time Starts  |      |  |            |            |
| 31-Mar-19   | Sun  | 707 Rig Up   |            |            |
| 06-Apr-19   | Sat  | BSC Shakedown Sail   |            | 11:00      |
| 07-Apr-19   | Sun  | BSC Shakedown Sail #2  |            |            |
| 20-Apr-19   | Sat  | Round the Cans Training - Topical Lecture (OYT) - Pizza & Beer                                 |            | 11:00      |
| 21-Apr-19   | Sun  | RIB Training #1  |            |            |
| 24-Apr-19   | Wed  | 707 - 1st Evening Sail   |            | 17:00      |
| 27-Apr-19   | Sat  | BSC Cruiser Cup - Round the Cans. BBQ - Club Social.   | RTC        | 15:00      |
| 01-May-19   | Weds | Beatrice Dash Window Opens   | TT         |            |
| 04-May-19   | Sat  | Coastal Cruise   |            | 10:00      |
| 05-May-19   | Sun  | RIB Training #2  |            |            |
| 11-May-19   | Sat  | Round the Cans Training  |            | 15:00      |
| 18-May-19   | Sat  | R.Y.A. Push the Boat Out Event   |            |            |
| 25-May-19   | Sat  | Time Trial - Lossiemouth - Over Night  | TT         |            |
| 26-May-19   | Sun  | Time Trial - Return to Banff   | TT         |            |
| 29-May-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 01-Jun-19   | Sat  | BSC Cruiser Cup - Time Trial Bow Fiddle Rock & Back.   | TT         |            |
| 08-Jun-19   | Sat  | Race Day - Round the Cans  | RTC        | 13:00      |
| 09-Jun-19   | Sun  | 707 Promotion Day - New Crew Trial   |            |            |
| 12-Jun-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 14-Jun-19   | Fri  | Wick Time Trial - Wick RNLI. Week End.   | TT         |            |
| 15-Jun-19   | Sat  | Wick RNLI Week End.  |            |            |
| 16-Jun-19   | Sun  | Coastal Cruise   |            | 09:00      |
| 22-Jun-19   | Sat  | Portsoy Cup - 1 Way Time Trial   | TT         |            |
| 26-Jun-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 29-Jun-19   | Sat  | Coastal Sail (Suppers at whitehills)   |            | 12:00      |
| 30-Jun-19   | Sun  | Round the Cans Training  |            |            |
| 06-Jul-19   | Sat  | BSC Whitehills Regatta   | REG        |            |
| 13-Jul-19   | Sat  | BSC Cruiser Cup - Time Trial   | TT         |            |
| 20-Jul-19   | Sat  | BSC Cruiser Cup - Round the Cans. BBQ - Club Social.   | RTC        | 13:00      |
| 21-Jul-19   | Sun  | Cruise in Company  |            | 12:00      |
| 24-Jul-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 27-Jul-19   | Sat  | Gardenstown Gala Harbour Open Day. Time Trial.   | TT         |            |
| 07-Aug-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 10-Aug-19   | Sat  | BSC Open Regatta   | REG        |            |
| 17-Aug-19   | Sat  | Whitehills. BBQ or Fish and Chips on Quay  |            | 12:00      |
| 21-Aug-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 18:00      |
| 23-Aug-19   | Fri  | Depart to Buckie   |            |            |
| 24-Aug-19   | Sat  | Gaelforce Regatta - Lossiemouth  | REG        |            |
| 25-Aug-19   | Sun  | Time Trial - Return to Banff   | TT         |            |
| 31-Aug-19   | Sat  | Coastal Sail (time trial continency)   |            | 11:00      |
| 04-Sep-19   | Wed  | Evening Sail   |            | 17:00      |
| 07-Sep-19   | Sat  | Coastal Sail (time trial continency)   |            | 10:00      |
| 14-Sep-19   | Sat  | 707 Invitational Challenge   | RTC        |            |
| 15-Sep-19   | Sun  | 707 Invitational Challenge   | RTC        |            |
| 25-Sep-19   | Wed  | Last Evening Sail - 2019   |            | 18:00      |
| 28-Sep-19   | Sat  | 707 invitational challenge   | RTC        | 10:00      |
| 29-Sep-19   | Sun  | 707 invitational challenge   | RTC        | 11:00      |
| 30-Sep-19   | Mon  | Beatrice Dash Window Closes 23:59Hrs   | TT         |            |
| British Summer Time Ends  |      |  |            |            |
| 27-Oct-19   | Sun  | AGM @ BSC Clubhouse, Banff   |            | 13:00      |
| 24-Nov-19   | Sun  | Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving; Town & County, Banff   |            | 12:00      |