



July 2015 Newsletter

Open Day

Banff Harbour Open Day took place on Sunday May 24th. This was a joint venture between Banff Sailing Club and the Council in an effort to showcase the historic harbour and all the water type activities that take place in and around the harbour. It was timed to take place at the same time as the annual art festival, COAST. Cath Roberts was the artist for this year taking part in the COAST festival, displaying art work of maritime and coastal scenes in the Banff Sailing Club.

There were taster water based activities on offer including the sailing club racing 707 yachts, and the Portsoy Skiff rowing boats. People interested sailing were shown over the 707 boats and passed details of the racing / sailing activities. The skiff boats looked cheerful with their bright lime green and pink colours and the crews took people out into the bay for taster rowing sessions. The Macduff lifeboat came along on its trailer and the RNLI sales table was busy with customers buying cards, gifts and waterproof bags. The BBQ kippers and mackerel drew people in to the activities and the tea, coffees and cakes sold in the club acted as a welcome second course.



Teas and coffees £181 BBQ £152 total
£333
Proceeds
from all
sales went
to the RNLI
and Sailing
club funds.



Thanks to Paul Thomas of Allinhouse, a local company, for providing the banner for the club house.

Members of the Deveron paddlers journeyed from Gamrie to Banff arriving with perfect timing to be piped into the harbour by the Banff Castle Pipe Band at 2pm. It was a great sight. The Banff Castle Pipe band played several tunes in front of the harbour.

The event ended with the Blessing of the Fleet conducted by the Rev David Locke of the Banff and King Edward parish churches outside the Banff Harbour office overlooking the harbour entrance. Several hymns were sung by members of the church, public and sailing club; with prayers and psalms with nautical readings.



Ruth presented a grateful RNLI at Macduff with their cheque.

Competitions

I look forward to receiving all your entries for the log competition this year; I know some of you have trips planned. Could I please have them in PDF format, thanks?

The photo competition theme this year will be "40 years of sailing" to coincide with the 40th anniversary year of the club. So again plenty of scope, there will be a maximum entry of 3 photos per person. Get snapping and send your entries to Carmen at c.garcia-carballido@hotmail.co.uk please remember if you send photos for the competition you are automatically giving permission for them to be published on website etc.

Our inspiring visitors

One sunny evening in late June we had 4 inspiring visitors to Banff and the clubhouse: The four men in question are doing an amazing challenge round the UK rowing in a converted Australian surf boat to raise money for the Wessex Cancer Charity and the Royal Marine Charitable Trust. Their aim is to raise £100,000 using one boat, 4 rowers and covering 2500 miles oh and wearing speedos. The guys, Ellis, Steen, Mark and Sean all gave up their jobs for this 3 month challenge and set off early May from Dorset to embark this crazy idea that was put together after (in their words) a few beers!



During their trip they need nightly stops to gain a good night sleep in the warm and dry so this is where Banff sailing club came in or more importantly the 4 sofas in Banff sailing club. They had rowed from Peterhead and wanted to stop in Banff overnight to then head onto Lossiemouth. After a meet up at the clubhouse, we showed them round and then they headed off for food, leaving them to enjoy the highlights of Banff. The next day I went to meet them and wave them off with what seemed a bit of a blustery day. Boat all packed and away they went but with the strong southerly winds bashing against the side of the boat stopped in Buckie before heading to Lossiemouth the following day. They decided after already being 3 weeks behind due to weather conditions, to cut through the canal rather than round the top and now making their way to Fort William. Anyone wanting to follow their progress can go to their website www.ukcharityrow2015. Or their Facebook page is Around The UK Charity Row 2015

Ruth Mckee

Portsoy Boat Festival

Well the weather on both days put paid to any sailing events planned, with heavy rain and dense fog, despite the weather a good attendance on the Saturday and lighter on the Sunday. Gordon Maitland helped out on the RYA/OYT stand, so hopefully a few people interested in sailing will come along to the club.

Coming up...

- 18th July is the second cruiser cup race; weather permitting we will endeavor to squeeze in as much racing as possible to make up for cancelled events.
- 8th August Gael Force Regatta at Lossiemouth
- 15th August Whitehills regatta, always a great days sailing!
- 16th August Cullen Harbour Day

707 news

With some terrible weather so far the season has got off to a slow start, however we have had leaders from Banff and Macduff scout groups along with a view to introducing some of their members to sailing, and we look forward to that before the end of the season.

And finally....

We have had quite a number of visitors in the clubhouse this year, all with interesting stories to tell, thanks to Graeme, Alistair, Jim and Ruth for encouraging them to call in and making the feel welcome!

If you are selling anything or looking to buy anything please let me know and I can include it in the next newsletter.

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