



BSC NEWSLETTER

Events taken place

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

Social evening and talk on anchorages Saturday March 18th

PTBO Push the Boat Out Sunday 14th May

Banff Marina 10 year Anniversary Saturday May 27th

Events coming up

Cruiser cup series 1 and 2 to take place 10th and 11th June. Social evening Saturday 10th June with BBQ, "bring your own food and drink" with donations of salad.

June 17th Time trial to Wick

June 17th midsummer cruise, destination to be confirmed nearer the time.

June 24th Portsoy time trial and passage race.

June 29th 707 racing Port Edgar

Check the Year Book and website for more details.

Day Skipper course

A successful day skipper course took place in the club house over the winter months. Well done to everyone.

Push The Boat Out -

Banff Sailing Club held their second RYA Push the Boat Out event. PTBO is a national event to help people try sailing. Banff Sailing Club used their two 707 racing boats to take people out on the water into Banff Bay. The skiff boats from Banff and Portsoy were also present and went out several times to let people try rowing. A number of Banff harbour boats also went out for a sail so Banff bay was full of different boats enjoying the light breeze. The conditions were perfect for people new to sailing to experience the activity, light winds, flat sea and mostly sunshine.



A total of ten people experienced sailing and a couple of new members were recruited to Banff Sailing Club.

Robin Paris Regional Development Officer from the RYA called in to say hello, support the event, take photos and

see what Banff Sailing Club had on offer for the day. He was on route to other clubs later that day.

Tea and delicious home baked cakes were available to ensure sailors and visitors were warm and well fed after exerting themselves on the water. A total of £70 was raised. A shower came over later in the afternoon so the club house was then full of people exchanging tales from the day and helping to eat up the supplies of cake.



It was great to see the harbour busy with lots of activity and a pleasure to show new people what fun sailing can be. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered on the day and helped make this year's event another successful PTBO for the club and new members who signed up.



Banff Marina Ten Year Anniversary –

The Banff Marina ten year anniversary took place on Saturday 27th May as part of the Banff Coast celebrations. It was great to see Banff harbour busy with people taking part in a range of activities. In the morning people tried out paddle boards whilst others made sand castles. In the afternoon the Coast Guard service demonstrated a range of rescues. This was followed by the amusing raft race. The race was overseen by Jim the

harbour master in his rib and the Coast guards. The winning team were so overcome with joy they forgot to balance and ended up in the water:

yes that's BSC Phil and Laura on the left hand side of the picture looking a

little wet. As you can see the sun shone all day, with a lovely temperature, so the dip in the water wasn't too chilling. Tea and coffee and cakes were served in the club house by a few volunteers from BSC. £91 was raised for club funds.



707 Update -

Maintenance work progressed over the winter and the boats have been craned back into the water ready for a busy and exciting season. A number of repairs have taken place and the boats are ready for sailing.

Cruising

The Cruising group of the club have been out most weekends enjoying travelling to different harbours and anchorages.

Members who would like to know more about their activities are welcome to contact Phil. text 07831 227352.

Other news

Moira received a request from Fred Marshall of **Peterhead Sailing Club** to assist at one of their events and so the rib was taken over by Alistair McKee and Mike Soper. Our help was greatly appreciated and several young people were helped with their dinghies. An invitation was then extended to those at Peterhead to come and try the 707s.

The BSC has extended its social media presence and is now on **Twitter**.

@BanffSailing

You may have noticed that **DVD's and books** have been placed upstairs in the clubhouse. These are unwanted items that members have donated. They are available for rent at a £1 each – using the honesty box. More donations will be gratefully received.

You may also notice an **archive folder** has been placed upstairs so that articles, letters and newspaper cuttings can be collected to show the history of the club and activities.

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

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

Committee

Commodore – Moira Moore

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