

Events taken place

Moroccan Food Fest

Election of 707 Sub-committee conducted 20/01/2018.

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

Events coming up

Lossie Cruising Club Muster to Banff: food and quiz laid on

Winter/Spring programme:

Meteorology session planned for 17th April.

An evening of ropes, knots & rope maintenance - TBA

Next BSC Committee Meeting 27/04/2018

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

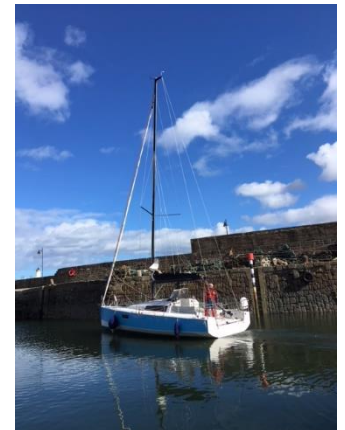
Moroccan Food Fest Sail and Feast

The sky was blue, the wind was around 10 knots and there was calm seas. What a great day for a sail, especially knowing we were all coming back for a Moroccan Feast at the club house later in the evening.

Five club member boats ventured out in the afternoon: Valkyrie skippered by Dave Ellis; this was her maiden voyage, Fraternity skippered by John Watt, Bella fae Banff skippered by Gary Jenkins and First Mate Darcy. And then the 707s'; Predator skippered by Alistair Mackie and his disparate crew and Touchdown skippered by Gordon Maitland and his motley crew.

The wind was constant for the first couple of hours with intermittent showers and hailstone. Fraternity and Bella were cruising along at 5-6knots for the most part of this time and enjoying the perfect conditions. Fraternity's speed surpassed Bella's on several occasions and therefore had to tack back and forth to keep Bella company.

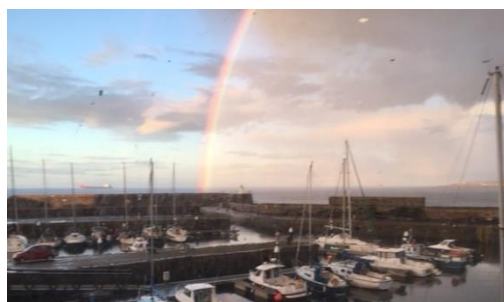
It was mid-afternoon when the 707s' ventured out, unfortunately the wind



started to drop. At this point we all headed over to the Drilling Rig anchored outside Whitehills and ended up becalmed for the next hour.

The wind did pick up as boats were heading back to Banff for the Moroccan Feast.

I'm sure, for all those that took part, had a great sail and it was a pleasure to see the small gathering of boats sail around the bay.



To culminate the day a rainbow appeared as all boats were tied up and members started gathering in the club house for the feast.

Moroccan Feast



As the food was being prepared in the kitchen area of the club house the doors were opened and the smell permeated the evening airs with savory aromas of spice and flavorsome aromatic scent.

Carol and her entourage of helpers had cooked a feast for a Cruise Ship of hungry sailors. So, there was plenty for second helpings, which a good few of us had.

The aromas emanating from the kitchen set the scene for a fantastic evening. No matter where you were, either inside the club house or standing outside the savory Moroccan treats captured your senses.



I'm glad to say there was a great turn out for this event and I'm sure if the club house was on a busy thoroughfare we would have been inundated with passers-by. In addition to our sumptuous meal Alistair Mackie provided some light entertainment by hosting a surprise raffle. Prizes ranged from bottles of whisky to bags of Maltesers. There were so many prizes I doubt if anyone went away empty-handed. Well done to Cooks and Organisers.

Events on the Horizon

The Lossie Cruising Club Muster to Banff on the 7th of April is the next event for your calendar. If the weather holds, and according to Lossiemouth's Vice Commodore there should be 3-4 boats, with crew, sailing into Banff, that weekend.

Banff Sailing Club are laying food on and arranging a quiz night for the visitors. It would be great if you could come and support this event.

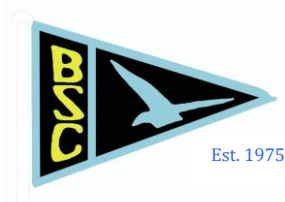
The get-together in the club house is planned to start at 1800hrs with food served at 1830hrs., and if time permits, we will enter in the spirit of picking your brains with a light-hearted quiz.

In-House Knowledge Sharing

The article below was raised in last month's News Letter and I thought it worthwhile to keep it in the forefront of our members minds. The meetings not only broaden your knowledge and experience but also brings members together, so go along and enjoy your club's initiatives.

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.



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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.

Push the Boat out 2018

Banff Sailing Club and Banff Marina are taking part in this event and are one of the 400 venues. Once again, we need your support to make it as much a success as last year. Helen Robbins is the club organiser and will be supported by the club committee, so get in touch with her or a committee member for more information.

Almost 400 venues to take part

With just over 6 weeks until the month long run of PTBO events takes place, we are really excited have nearly 400 venues signed up to be involved.

So this year looks set to be even more successful than 2017, when 383 venues welcomed 32,000 visitors to over 500 events, with over 11% of them signing up to courses or club membership as a result.

You will see that we have refreshed the look of PTBO, to make the resources more eye catching and appealing to prospective sailors and windsurfers, and have developed one or two new resources for venues taking part.



Already signed up to PTBO?




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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.

<p>2018 Programme</p> <p>Date Window: 01/05/18 - 30/09/18 24 March 2018 07 April 2018 05 May 2018 19 May 2018 20 May 2018 16 June 2018 23 June 2018 30 June 2018 30 June 2018 TBC 28 July 2018 29 July 2018 11 August 2018 18 August 2018 25 August 2018 08 September 2018 13 October 2018</p> <p>Events Diary 24 March 2018 TBC 28 October 2018 25 November 2018 01 January 2019</p>		<p>Banff Sailing Club</p> <p>Details Beatrice 'Time Trial' 2018 Shakedown Cruise - Lossie CC Meet Up "Push The Boat Out" Crusier Cup Series #1 Crusier Cup Series #2 - Time Trial - Bow Fiddle Rock Wick RNL "Mid Summer" STBF (Portsoy) Crusier Cup Series #3 Finechty Harbour Gala Gamrie Time Trial / Harbour Open Day Cruise - Cullen Harbour Gala Crusier Cup Series #4 Whitehills Regatta Gaefforce Regatta (L/mouth) Roseharty Gala Banff Regatta Banff, Marex Challenge</p> <p>@ BSC Clubhouse @ BSC Clubhouse BSC Clubhouse, 11:00 Start Banff Town and County Club @ BSC Clubhouse</p>	<p>Information and Results: bsc-results@outlook.com</p> <p>Organiser</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. Mackie / D. Goodwin</td><td>10:41</td><td>1.23</td><td>16:56</td><td>3.39</td><td>23:15</td><td>1.37</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. Mackie</td><td>05:58</td><td>3.25</td><td>11:20</td><td>1.24</td><td>16:57</td><td>3.32</td><td>23:00 1.40</td></tr> <tr><td>H. Robbins / All Cttee</td><td>03:58</td><td>3.46</td><td>10:17</td><td>1.17</td><td>16:34</td><td>3.32</td><td>22:32 1.38</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td>03:28</td><td>3.79</td><td>09:54</td><td>0.77</td><td>15:58</td><td>3.75</td><td>22:12 1.06</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td>04:13</td><td>3.67</td><td>10:42</td><td>0.87</td><td>16:52</td><td>3.60</td><td>23:02 1.24</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;"><i>Tidal predictions to be arranged by competitors</i></td></tr> <tr><td>A. Mackie</td><td>02:40</td><td>1.45</td><td>09:01</td><td>3.43</td><td>15:12</td><td>1.18</td><td>21:50 3.40</td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td>02:17</td><td>3.71</td><td>08:35</td><td>1.01</td><td>14:46</td><td>3.58</td><td>20:44 1.17</td></tr> <tr><td>G. Maitland</td><td>08:35</td><td>1.01</td><td>14:46</td><td>3.58</td><td>20:44</td><td>1.17</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>TBC</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee</td><td>07:34</td><td>1.02</td><td>14:00</td><td>3.62</td><td>19:41</td><td>1.15</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>TBC</td><td>08:12</td><td>0.98</td><td>14:29</td><td>3.63</td><td>20:19</td><td>1.13</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee / M. Soper</td><td>06:41</td><td>0.70</td><td>13:05</td><td>3.99</td><td>19:04</td><td>0.90</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. McKee / M. Soper</td><td>05:46</td><td>3.54</td><td>12:06</td><td>1.29</td><td>18:19</td><td>3.33</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>T. Wright</td><td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;"><i>Tidal predictions to be arranged by competitors</i></td></tr> <tr><td>TBC</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>All Cttee</td><td>05:26</td><td>0.87</td><td>11:55</td><td>3.88</td><td>17:52</td><td>1.05</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>A. Mackie / A. McKee</td><td>03:32</td><td>3.89</td><td>09:40</td><td>1.09</td><td>15:39</td><td>3.74</td><td>21:53 1.19</td></tr> </table> <p>* Date Provisional / TBC</p> <p>A. Mackie (C. Rowland) 707's * BSC Cttee BSC Cttee</p>	A. McKee								A. Mackie / D. Goodwin	10:41	1.23	16:56	3.39	23:15	1.37		A. Mackie	05:58	3.25	11:20	1.24	16:57	3.32	23:00 1.40	H. Robbins / All Cttee	03:58	3.46	10:17	1.17	16:34	3.32	22:32 1.38	A. McKee	03:28	3.79	09:54	0.77	15:58	3.75	22:12 1.06	A. McKee	04:13	3.67	10:42	0.87	16:52	3.60	23:02 1.24	A. McKee	<i>Tidal predictions to be arranged by competitors</i>							A. Mackie	02:40	1.45	09:01	3.43	15:12	1.18	21:50 3.40	A. McKee	02:17	3.71	08:35	1.01	14:46	3.58	20:44 1.17	G. Maitland	08:35	1.01	14:46	3.58	20:44	1.17		TBC								A. McKee	07:34	1.02	14:00	3.62	19:41	1.15		TBC	08:12	0.98	14:29	3.63	20:19	1.13		A. McKee / M. Soper	06:41	0.70	13:05	3.99	19:04	0.90		A. McKee / M. Soper	05:46	3.54	12:06	1.29	18:19	3.33		T. Wright	<i>Tidal predictions to be arranged by competitors</i>							TBC								All Cttee	05:26	0.87	11:55	3.88	17:52	1.05		A. Mackie / A. McKee	03:32	3.89	09:40	1.09	15:39	3.74	21:53 1.19
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The Cruising Association Petition about Small Craft Safety and the marking of Static Fishing Gear

If you can remember from last month's News letter I raised the issue of "improve small craft safety by securing the better marking of lobster pots". The Cruising Association has drafted a response to the outcome of the petition they were asking sailors and stakeholders to complete and is copied below. Well done to all those that supported this petition. The RYA joined in with this petition and take further steps to monitor the number of "poorly marked fishing gear". Read their report.

Update 13 March:

Magnificent response to CA Lobster Pot Campaign Petition from UK boating community

The Cruising Association campaign to improve small craft safety by securing the better marking of lobster pots, goes from strength to strength. The petition, on the Parliamentary Petitions website, closed at midnight with 10,770 signatures.

Having successfully passed the 10,000 mark, there is now a requirement upon the Government to give a written reply.



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The Cruising Association President, Judith Grimwade, commented: "*We believe we have established that something needs to be done about badly marked gear and that the wider boating community strongly supports what the CA is trying to do.*"

She continued:

"Our view is that constructive consultation including all interested parties is the way to find a solution that is practical and affordable for our fishermen. We are looking to the Government to sponsor and support that consultation. We are not naïve and don't expect instant answers. All along we have said we are in this for the long haul."

The CA will now be pressing for the consultation that the petition demanded. The strong relationships that have been built up with the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, British Ports Authority, and many other stakeholders during the campaign will be sustained and increase the likelihood of finding a long-term solution.

Everyone is being urged to report incidents this summer to the Cruising Association via lobsterpots@theca.org.uk and to the RYA via their [online incident report form](#).

The CA knows that there are many such incidents, but acknowledges that it now needs to convince those beyond the boating community. The Cruising Association's Campaign video, introduced by Tom Cunliffe, can be [viewed here](#).

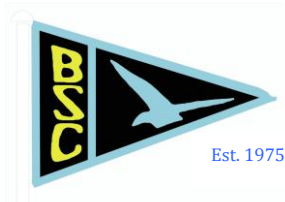
RYA acknowledges government response to fishing gear petition

March 27, 2018

DEFRA calls on boaters to complete RYA reporting form

We are pleased that the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has recognised the RYA's long-standing efforts to address the menace of poorly marked fishing gear and to capture data that will help them to understand the scale of the problem. As boaters, we share the concerns of the recreational boating community and we are acutely aware that entrapment is a problem that none of us wants as it is potentially costly, time consuming and dangerous.

There is a general marking requirement for fishing gear laid within UK territorial waters set out in the Fishing Boats (Marking and Documentation) (Enforcement) Order 1993, which implements the provisions of the underlying EC Regulation to the effect that



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“Marker buoys and similar objects floating on the surface and intended to indicate the location of fishing gear shall be clearly marked at all times with the letter(s) and number(s) of the vessel to which they belong”.

In other words, this Regulation relates to “marking” in the sense of identifying the owner and boat it comes from rather than “marking” in the sense of being able to see the gear easily at sea. For obvious reasons, however, unless the enforcement authorities actually witness unmarked gear being deployed then if the owner chooses not to identify the gear as being theirs then it is almost impossible to take formal enforcement action for a breach of these Regulations.

EU Regulations

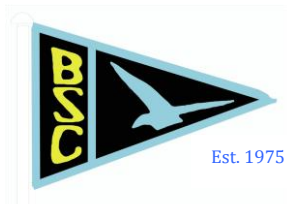
There are also EU Regulations relating to fishing gear laid outside the UK territorial sea, which are implemented by the Sea Fishing (Marking and Identification of Passive Fishing Gear and Beam Trawls) (England) Order 2006, that require marker buoys to be deployed so that the gear may be located at sea to but these Regulations essentially relate to large scale fishing operations (e.g. markers on passive gear must be placed at least one nautical mile apart!).

Under the Marine & Coastal Access Act 2009, Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) now have the express power to introduce byelaws “requiring specified items, or items of a specified description, that are used in the exploitation of sea fisheries resources to be marked in such manner as may be specified”. This being the case, we consider that primary responsibility for tackling this issue lies with the IFCAs. However, the view of the IFCAs is that byelaws relating to the marking of fishing gear for identification do not cover the requirements for navigation. Indeed they make it quite clear that they are not navigation authorities and therefore this is something that is beyond their remit.

New proposals

We are aware that there have been proposals for a new specification for the marking of pots to include a 1.5 m pole with a 30 x 30 cm flag. However, these proposals have led to considerable resistance from fishermen in some areas on the basis of their safety when shooting and retrieving their gear. It is claimed that the pole marker, flag and a buoy would need to be handled separately, rather than letting the gear run freely through a hauler, which is considered to cause an additional danger to them. The general view is that the problem of badly marked fishing gear is not caused by legitimate fishermen but by amateur and hobby fishermen who do not use the proper kit and more often than not are ignorant of the law.

There would remain, however, the fundamental flaw that gear that is not marked to be visible is often also not marked with the owner’s details, which makes it almost impossible to prove to whom it belongs or take enforcement action. However, the problem we face when speaking to DEFRA about the inadequacy of the marking rules is the lack of data on the true scale of the problem and therefore whether it is something that they need to take action on.



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Reliable data

Starting in 2003, the RYA ran a sustained campaign to gather data on unmarked fishing gear. In a five-year period, we received 99 reports of entanglements. During our most recent discussions with DEFRA they reiterated the need for as much evidence as possible to ascertain the scale of the problem so they can better understand if a possible solution is required. For that reason we re-launched our online form so that entanglements and sightings can be easily reported. Like it or not, Government will do nothing unless they are persuaded by hard evidence that the cost or risk is unacceptable and that they need to do something – they have said as much in their response.

The recent petition closed after six months with 10,767 signatures. In the same time, the RYA has received just 138 reports – 84 of which have been of entanglements that have occurred mostly over the last two years. This is not encouraging, but we will keep plugging the need to report entanglements via the RYA Fishing Gear Incident Reporting Form at: www.rya.org.uk/go/entanglements. We will also continue to work closely with Government so that the collection of data from this process may help identify any potential solutions.