



# 'THE HARBOUR CHAT' *BSC*

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A lot has happened since Christmas, sadly not all very encouraging. COVID hangs over us like a dark storm cloud, but like all good sailors we'll sit it out or work around it. With the vaccination program now progressing at a pace there is light at the end of the tunnel. The club committee refuses to let current events dishearten us. We have a comprehensive program lined up both on and off the water. Dates may be a bit fluid, but they will happen in the coming year one way or another. Let's hope the weather Gods are kind to us this coming year.

## **A Note from the Commodore**

Happy New Year to everyone and let's hope 2021 turns out a better year than 2020. Hope everyone is keeping safe and well.

Some of us attended an informal harbour meeting about the planned repairs. We have communicated via email that the harbour will be shut from January 29th until August 18th. We are hoping for good weather so the work might finish earlier. We requested a copy of the presentation and will share this and the notes of the meeting when we get it.

We have managed to ensure that owners will have unrestricted access to boats which is a great relief.

Please let us know if you would like your name added to the council list for these meetings so you get an invite to future meetings.

The Committee will continue to plan a program of events on and off the water for the coming season. The club boats are currently out of Banff Harbour and we are negotiating another mooring for them so we can keep sailing once restrictions are lifted. Perhaps this is the year I get to try a sail on a 707!

The RYA is also still planning Discover Sailing and Keep Sailing events and promotions and we will take part in these as appropriate.

We are certainly missing our trips to Banff to visit our boat and hope the lockdown eases as the weather improves. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work in maintaining the club functions and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the Quiz in February via Zoom.

Helen.



**For the full Harbour works presentation please see the link 1.**

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**For the minutes of the open meeting/presentation please see link 2.**

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### **Refunds for harbour fees**

Despite getting a credit note from the council for harbour fees for the autumn 2020 to spring 2021, **berth holders have to actively contact the council to ask for a refund**, otherwise (we think it is held over until next payment is due when those fees will be reduced accordingly. If you want the cash refund, as opposed to a credit note, you should phone the council's finance department on Tel 01467533444

### **Prize Giving**

Because the Christmas Lunch was cancelled the club results were not announced and the prize giving did not take place. It's only right that those who achieved success in these events get the praise (and trophies) they deserve. After discussions at the last club committee meeting it was felt this news letter was the best forum to release the results. This includes a virtual hand shake from me as presenter. The Trophies alas will have to wait until COVID restrictions allow.

### **Results.**

Cruiser Cup.	Team Touchdown.
Class Trophy.	Team Touchdown.
Beatrice Dash.	James Cowie. Sunrise.
Commodores Cup.	Ramsey Tvedt.
Photo Competition.	Ivor Clark.
Conn .Cup (best Log).	Abbey Wiseman (presented at the AGM).

### **Boats being lifted out.**

The current directive from the council is that boats left in the marina during the period of the closure may not be lifted out. This is because they are normally lifted onto the railway pier which will have insufficient access for the crane and low loader whilst work is in progress.

### **Club Boat Maintenance**

A work schedule has been drawn up for the winter period for all the club boats as well as the club house. Any volunteers willing to help out would be greatly appreciated. We are all part of the club

community and this work must be done at some stage. Again this is subject to COVID restrictions while they currently apply.

We will update as and when these restrictions change. Fingers crossed.

### **The 50 Club**

As with many of the club activities the cancellation of the Christmas lunch affected the 50 club draw. So that those involved do not to lose out the draw was carried out elsewhere by an independent adjudicator, Pam's Neighbour who kindly stepped into the breach. I have the pleasure of announcing the winners as follows;

1st prize	Gordon Mayne
2nd Prize	Marcia Ritthammer
3rd prize	Neil Browne

Pam will arrange for the appropriate prizes to be distributed to the lucky winners. For those who are not involved in the 50 club here's a bit of history behind it from Jane.

*The '50' CLUB story was a way to raise funds for the club and this all started pre 1989. With the potential of purchasing our present site and a building in ruin for a clubhouse each and every penny counted. One of the best years was 1991 when we sold 55 x £10 With this grand total of £550 we were able to pull 10 prizes to a total of £250. At the time we most certainly did not have 55 members but those who were around dug deep and contributed generously. The '50' CLUB was a way to raise much needed funds for the club and the new club house. The draw historically took place annually at the Christmas Lunch.*

If you, or anyone you know, fancy the opportunity to gain a little extra cash whilst boosting much needed club funds please contact Pam who will sign you up.

### **Winter Sailing.**



Clearly it's not going to happen this side of summer so, just to rub salt in, I thought I would post an uplifting picture of Mick enjoying winter sailing. For those who sail with Mick and I there was a flask of hot tea and a snack to hand just out of shot.

The frost bite season out of Banff is officially cancelled, so you softy fair weather sailors can rest easy.

### **Future events.**

#### **Online quiz night**

As promised in the last 'Harbour Chat' Banff Sailing Club is having a general knowledge quiz. It's set for Saturday 6th February at 2 pm and is open to family and friends. The quiz will be via 'Zoom meetings' and invites will be sent out a few days before the event. If you have never used Zoom do not be put off. It's easy to use and we will give a quick explanation of how it will work at the start to

ensure you have a great experience and fun afternoon. All you need is a computer or tablet connected to the internet and you're in. You can even use a smart phone but the small screen may make it less enjoyable.

**WHEN :** 2 PM on the 6th February 2021. **WHERE:** Via Zoom in your own home  
Teams will be of any number, but in line with current restrictions same household only. Single person teams will get bonus points (unless you do too well).

**To get an invite there will be a charge of £5 per person with no charge for children under 16 years old. If you are interested or know anyone who might wish to join in please can you let Pam know via email at [pampeters6@gmail.com](mailto:pampeters6@gmail.com) and she will add you to the zoom invite list.**

Bank details are as follows:-

Banff Sailing Club, The Bank of Scotland, Sort code 80-08-92, Account number 00129168

If it's anything like our last quiz event it will be an entertaining way to spend a Saturday afternoon during this lockdown. With the miserable winter weather we're having at the moment there's no excuse not to get together as a club and share some winter fun.

### New Year's Day walk

As you know this was cancelled with the ramping up of the COVID restrictions. We still hope to have this event. I think we will have to call it the 'New year's walk'. When restrictions allow we plan to meet outside before setting off. Please bring along family and friends for a walk in the fresh air and to meet other members of our club for a chat (socially distanced of course). Bring along a drink, a flask and snacks for your return. Please do make the effort to get some exercise outside and meet up with other members and friends for a catch up. The more the merrier (COVID permitting). Pam will keep you updated on possible dates etc.

### Winter lectures

A few years ago the club put on some water/sailing related talks for members by members and they proved very popular. Having had some success with zoom as a committee, we have decided to reintroduce them via zoom. Ivor kindly offered to start off with a talk on commercial diving (his previous career before retirement and becoming a full time sailor). Dates to be confirmed. There was also a request for a talk on boat electrics and possibly sail trim. If anyone has some suggested topics or is willing to host one please let me know. These are not professional presentations but a self-help conduit for a bit of informative socialising. How about 'passage logs brought to life' or 'how to winterise your boat and engine'? If you've got something interesting to talk about or have any ideas please let me know.

### 707 Sailing

There are plans to put one or possibly both of the club 707s in the water at another local harbour in the spring. There will be club sailing events this coming season and the opportunity to sail the club boats could be available for all club members including those with boats marooned in Banff harbour. Register your interest with Alistair so he can make the necessary plans and explain the costs etc.

### Items for sale.

Nothing posted.

If you have anything other members might want please let me know and we will get it advertised on this publication.

Stay safe and if you're anything like me you'll be dreaming of sailing later in the year.