



'THE HARBOUR CHAT'

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If there is anything you wish to post in your newsletter, just drop me an email and I'll include it in the next edition. Mark.donnelly168@gmail.com

Possibly a bit premature, but we have set the festivities off with our Christmas prize giving lunch, so Seasons greetings to all sailing club members. Here's a quick update on recent events and activities.

The 2022 AGM

This was held on Sunday 30th October 2022. The minutes have already been circulated, so we won't dwell on them here. It was well attended and all the necessary business was completed promptly, with a new committee being voted in. Welcome to those new committee members, especially those new to the sailing club. This was followed by a light lunch and a slide presentation from Graham on his, and Hellen's, exploits on the west coast last season. It was most entertaining. I think it gave a lot of us a hankering to explore further afield next year. Thanks to Graham and all those involved in the organising on the day.

Banff Sailing Club's Christmas Lunch and Prize giving

This was held at the Town and County Club in Banff on **Sunday 20th November 2022**. Another well attended event and as usual we were treated to the best food in Banff. A good catch up with other members and all the usual trappings. Good fun was had by all.

Congratulations to all those who were awarded trophies and won the 50 club draw and raffle prizes. A particular mention to those who were unable to attend;

Tony Wright and James Cowie for winning sailing Trophies.

John Freeman winning the Photo competition.



Winners of the 50 Club draw 1st prize Charles McGeachie 2nd prize John Freeman
3rd prize Keith Mowbray

Upcoming Events

No sailing now, but we do hope to get some use out of the club house over the winter period. There will be a Saturday afternoon catch up over the next few weeks where we will go through some pilotage and passage planning. I'm pretty sure there will be some sort of refreshments too. Then there will be some sessions on sail setting, Col. Reg's and Racing Rules. Any other requests let me know. We also hope to get some guest speakers in; the dates are yet to be confirmed but will be published soon. Keep an eye out for these sessions which should be fun and hopefully a good learning/revision opportunity.

So, what's been happening around the Harbour of late?

<https://www.facebook.com/AberdeenshireHarbours>

Although the work is well on its way to completion, there is no news on the Licences and contractors for dredging. I have contacted the Council again and asked for an update. I have also posed the question about berths being held for those boat owners who have to take berths at other marinas beyond the start of next season, fingers crossed we will have a positive response soon.

Boats lift out.

For more information and to arrange times with suitable tides etc. Contact the Harbour Master:

Duncan Mackie

Harbour Office Shore Street Macduff AB44 1TX.

Tel: 01261 832236 / 07747 020496.

Banff sailing club web site and Facebook page

The club site is being regularly updated so is a great way to keep in touch and get involved. Please feel free to use it and if there is anything you wish to post, please do. There is also the web page for more information should you be interested.

<https://www.facebook.com/Banff-Sailing-Club-219047211439791/>

<http://www.banffsailingclub.co.uk/>

Club 707 Sailing

The two Hunter 707 boats are now out of the water and currently in the compound at Whitehills. It is hoped that we can get them back under cover at the barn in Foggie. Then we can get on with the usual winter maintenance program. It is not yet confirmed where they will sail from next year. It all depends on when Banff marina opens.

Club Program

A draft program has been completed and we hope to do a variety of events both on and off the water through out the coming season. There is racing and cruising events pencilled in.

Any thoughts, offers or ideas, please let the committee know and we will get onto it.

Please keep an eye on the WhatsApp, Facebook the web page for updates.

Sailing Tips and Navigation. The following is an extract from sailmagazine.com.

Freshwater Flush



Casey's Flush-O-Matic in action (top); the bits needed to create it (below). It is a good idea to run the engine on the hard to pass freshwater through the raw-water circuit and flush out salt and guard against corrosion. The trick to running an engine with the boat out of the water is figuring out a way to feed it cooling water. Over the decades I've done this many ways. The fitting illustrated here is by far the easiest and most fool proof method I've come up with. It works best with a basket strainer that has a removable lid and is located higher than the raw-water pump.

You'll need the following components: a garden-hose end fitting with a shut-off valve, a molded U-shaped automobile engine hose, a hose barb and a single hose clamp. Once assembled, connect the fitting to a garden hose, hang it over the lip of the open strainer and open the valve enough to fill the strainer canister to overflowing. Start your engine and adjust the valve to keep a trickle of water overflowing the top of the canister. This assures an uninterrupted flow to the engine's raw-water pump. Your automatic bilge pump will deal with the overflow.

You'll need to increase the flow rate as the engine's throttle is advanced, and someone should monitor the flow while the engine is running to make sure the canister is full.

Items for sale.

We have discussed a boat jumble in the spring. Do let us know if you have items you no longer require.

Stay safe and go to your happy place (mine's dreaming of sailing).