

# SEAS THE DAY

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## AND THEY'RE IN!

Crane in is often seen solely through the eyes of the boat owners and FCC members. Within the villages, however, there is always interest and excitement at the prospect of 'the boats being back in the water.'

Folk start asking about this in March when spring appears and thoughts turn towards warmer months and longer days.

This year's well organised crane in had exceptional weather, great club commitment and the joy of being done in a single day.

Hoping for a season filled with sun and good winds!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

### June

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> – Cruise to Aberdour and overnight stay

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> (change of date) BBQ

### July

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – FCC Regatta. BBQ on Saturday.

### August

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Weekend Cruise. Destination tbc

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pontoon Party and Treasure Hunt

### October

Weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Crane Out

### November

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Dance

We would like to welcome four new members to the club. Jo McFarlane who has bought Brill, Charles Sutherland, the new owner of Tao, Chris Mathie who has bought Sloopy and Tom Lovekin who is going to sail Linnet.

## WEEKEND OF FUN

The Commodore's Party had the best possible setting ever this year, taking place in a fresh, modern clubhouse with the bonus of good weather allowing for outside fire pit sitting.

This event is a wonderful chance to catch up with folks before the season gets well underway. It was very well



attended and everyone was well fed and well drunk (I'm not sure that is quite what I mean!).

Roger thanked all those involved in the evening preparations but especially flagged up the many people involved in the clubhouse refurbishment.

The only tiny gnat in the ointment was the scheduling of the 7am start breakfast race for the next morning. However, a hearty breakfast at The Bruce Arms soon sorted that out and one social event flowed into another. It was almost as if we were all 18 again!

## Set Sail with Stories: Discover the Best Sailing Books at Forth Cruising Club Library



We're thrilled to announce that a library dedicated entirely to sailing books is setting sail this September at FCC. Whether you're a seasoned sailor, a dreaming dock-sitter or someone who just loves the idea of wind in your hair and words at your fingertips, this library will be your new home port. From stormy voyages to calm-water memoirs, from navigation guides to sea-soaked tales, you're invited to come aboard and drop or haul out a book from our library bay.

Donations of sailing books welcome (no magazines). Please contact Marie @ [marie.rowland62@hotmail.com](mailto:marie.rowland62@hotmail.com) or WhatsApp 079 26928190

**Why does the Norwegian navy have barcodes on the side of their ships?**

**So that when the ships come back into port, they can Scandinavian!**



## **BLACKNESS CRUISE**

The first cruise of the season was a resounding success. Blackness Boat Club gave over 20 of our members a wonderful welcome. We spent a lovely few hours enjoying snacks and cakes and excellent company.

A highlight for many of us was the joy of having Rhu Walker join us – this three year old is a clear sailor in the making!

If you fancy joining one of the cruises but would prefer some experienced support on board, just get in touch with Rab Renouf.

The cruises offer an enjoyable opportunity to spend time with fellow club members.

The Aberdour cruise coming soon is always a success and often sees less boaty family members driving along to join the fun.



## **Life's A Beach**

This year's 'out & back' beach barbecue was a great success with some nice sunny weather and around 22 people and 5 yachts rocking up - which allayed my concerns that nobody would turn up, as a few of the usual suspects were otherwise engaged or globetrotting that weekend.

When we planned the sailing calendar from the comfort of the Bruce Arms in January, I was a wee bit sceptical about an early season BBQ, thinking it might be too cold, but George Scrivener was adamant that we do get nice days in May, and the tides were good so the date was set.

Fortunately, George was correct and after a hairy departure from Limekilns we had a day of superb sunny weather, although the building easterly wind did make it a bit more challenging to row back out to the yachts - honestly, it wasn't the Punk IPA that made it more difficult!

Bathroom facilities were vastly improved this year - David Gray excelled himself with the construction of a 5 star latrine... and we all thought he was joking!

Many thanks to everyone who came along, by sea or by car to join us.

The next cruise is planned to Aberdour for the weekend of 14/15th June. Everyone welcome - BYOB (bring your own boat).

- Rab

## COMMODORE'S CHATTER

Our Club is an integral part of Limekilns particularly as our boats form a visual backdrop to the village. It therefore gave great pleasure, that we were given the opportunity to invite the residents of Limekilns into our club house, when Andrew Tucker generously offered to talk about his sailing adventures. As Andrew and Paul grew up in the village, they are known by many of the villagers. The evening was a great success and thank you to Erik for organising the event.

Of course, the invitation was made easier now that we have a clubhouse to be proud of!

There is an article in this newsletter about our cruising trophies, George McKay's Greek adventure might be the front runner for one at present! Also included are details about the new Spirit of Sailing Trophy and I encourage everyone to drop a quick email or text to Alan if you would like to nominate a worthy club member.

May weather fits the proverb, "in like a lamb, out like a lion".

Let's hope the lion find better hunting grounds!

## MUTTLEY MEDALS



Who doesn't love recognition for a job well done? Most members will be aware of some of the beautiful trophies awarded each year: The Driftwood Trophy, The Masson Trophy, The Hornet Trophy to name a few. Peter Gargett has been cataloguing our lovely silverware and is keen to know of any, as he says, morsel of information regarding any of our club trophies.

It is worth noting that there are cruising trophies too. The Bell Trophy is awarded to the club member who has had an adventurous season. The Cruising Log Trophy goes to

One new and exciting award is the Spirit of Sailing Award (see below). This will be awarded to the member or members who have demonstrated commitment, comradeship and community, within or on behalf of the club. Nominations for the trophy will be invited from club members and the committee will cast votes to select a winner.





### SPOTLIGHT ON....

#### Duncan Grant

**Duncan is a 'well kent face' in the club. His experiences working with Sunsail have maybe given him a taste of the exotic but it is the dreich weather of the Forth he enjoys best! If you want advice on boat maintenance, just speak to Duncan.**

**First sailing experience:** My first sailing experience was probably in a carrycot 50 years ago in the Forth!

**Have you sighted any interesting wildlife?**  
My favourite wildlife sighted sea eagles 🦅 on the west coast of Scotland.

**Favourite local harbour:** Cramond

**If you had endless resources what would your dream boat be?** A Rustler 36.

### FOR SALE

**Jacara** – Seadog 30 Ketch

Contact Robert Peebles

£10,000

All contact details are in the Members' Section of the website.

The For Sale section can be used for any boat related items. If you wish anything to be put in For Sale in August, please let Karen Hart know.