

CLUB NEWS



CLYDE CRUISING CLUB DINGHY SECTION

Happy New Year

Another New Year about to start at Bardowie, we had a great turn out on a beautiful day on the 2nd of January for the annual walk round the loch. Luckily those walking were able to get over the bridge at the burn at the bottom of the loch so made it all the way round. They were also treated to a gin tasting from Bardowie Gin Company.

Soup, coffee and mince pies were then served in the diner, thanks to Claire, Ricky and Angela for the food.

Volunteering

Clyde Cruising Club Dinghy Section is a highly successful club. It relies almost entirely on volunteers such as Stewards, Instructors, committee, diner organizing event, race officers, safety boats, Monday Morning Group and the list goes on. This is one of the main reasons why it has been so successful for so long. Without these volunteers there would be no club, no racing, no instruction and no sailing of any kind.

However over the last number of years it has become apparent that for many club activities it is the same group of very active volunteers who turn out for more and more events. As you will see on page 2 we have a wide variety of activities that will require support. Many clubs have a built in obligation for all members to volunteer for a number of events through the season. The dinghy section has never had this obligation but we would also like to encourage more participation for more events and in particular for areas of the club you don't normally have much experience of. There are even some members who only come along sail and go home again and don't volunteer for anything else. So this season we would like every member to volunteer to help out in at least one event out with their normal participation. This will give everyone an insight into other aspects of the club, meet other members, increase knowledge and skills and help make the club even better.

What is the next step

I know there are many who will volunteer for more than one event, however if you could look on page 2 at the list of dates for next season, pick something you think you could help with and put it in your diary now.

When the event/activity is nearing there will be a call for volunteers and who is organizing it. That is when you step forward. As a Committee we will be monitoring this to ensure a more inclusive participation in the club as a whole.

Proposed dates for Clyde Cruising Club Dinghy Section 2023

Sat March 11 Boats out and Proposed 'Bring and Buy Sale' of old kit that mostly Juniors may have grown out off

Sat 25 March Opening Regatta - use of club boats dependent on user rigging boat

Wed 5 April Safeguarding Presentation for all Instructors and Stewards

Sat 8 April Instructors Day

Mon 17 April Evening Classes start and also Stewarding for free sailing to start

Thur 20 April Thursday Racing to start

Sat 22 April Proposed Solo Traveller

Sat 29 April Open day

Sat 17 June Laird Trophy (likely to be rescheduled)

Sat 24 - Sun 25 June 24 Hour Sailing Event

Monday 3 July Summer Schools starts for 6 weeks

Tue 4 July Fun Racing starts

Sat 8 - Sun 9 July Duncan's Regatta

Sat 8 July Proposed Disabled Sailing Day

Friday 11 August End of Summer school

Sat 12 August End of Summer School Event, Carnie Cup (junior Regatta), Brazill Trophy

Friday 19 - Sat 20 August Topper/Oppy/Feva Traveller

Thursday 14 September Thursday Racing to finish

Sat 4 November Boats away day

Still to be added:

- Possible Ladies Regatta
- Possible informal Saturday Racing
- Possible Saturday Race training

Thoughts from the new Captain, Don McPherson

I have been a member of the Dinghy Section for many years and it has become a large part of my life. I have served as part of a number of committees and worked with a number of captains, each of whom has brought something different. Three of these ex captains are part of the club committee at the moment bringing a huge amount of experience and knowledge.

I also am part of the Monday morning group started by Hugh, and although I am very limited physically the group do a huge amount for the club.

Over the years I have also volunteered in many events from regattas to assisting in instruction on a Friday night especially in adult lessons.

I am also the clubs Safeguarding officer and have been involved in this for many years though while Captain I would like to hand those duties over to new volunteers so we build up further capacity in the club.

For those who haven't met me, there are few people in the club more recognizable, mainly due to my health issues and the need for me to use oxygen when moving around, I have a backpack with a portable oxygen concentrator. I was diagnosed with a serious degenerative lung disease called Pulmonary Fibrosis. Luckily for me there are different types of this disease and I don't have the most serious form of it. It has still severely limited my activities and I am now part of the disabled sailing community and I am looking forward to sailing a Hansa Dinghy this season. Our Champion Hansa Sailor Rory is going to have some competition (not that serious competition lol) I have also become increasingly involved in a charity organization called Action for Pulmonary Fibrosis which is campaigning to increase the levels of research into this condition. I recently talked at the Scottish launch of this charity and am now involved in their future publications. So don't be surprised if I talk about this when we meet.

Committee 2023

Captain and Safeguarding - Don McPherson

Treasurer - Ricky O'Kane

Secretary and IT - Gordon Stewart

RYA Principal - Scott Smith

Bosun - Hugh McLean

Buildings and Grounds - Steve Smith

Racing Secretary - Stewart Carrie

Sailability and Challenger group - Alex Hodge

Sailability - Rory McKinna

Instructors Representative - Nichola Somerville

Junior Representative and Diary - Nicolas Gallardo

Chief Steward and Dinghy Park Admin - Jason McKenzie

General Members - Michael Davidson, Jim Graham, Uel Torbet, Peter Martin