



from the Commodore

Now we are coming out of what has been a remarkably mild winter, it's time to think about getting boats back and looking forward to sailing again. This means it is time for memberships to be renewed and subs paid; you will find a link to the membership form further down this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming back current members and hopefully seeing some new faces as well.

Over the winter we have undertaken some much needed maintenance and I would like to thank Tony Walker, Tony Cook, Mark Kimber, Peter Tait and everyone else involved in refitting and painting the sail room and entrance to the changing rooms as well as other essential maintenance.

Not everyone stops sailing for the winter and Aberdeen University have made good use of the Loch for their training sessions. They planned to hold a couple of events there but in the only real cold snap of the season, the Loch froze and they had to relocate to Dundee. The radio sailors have also continued to meet over the winter and have helped with general upkeep of the grounds. They have a couple of events this year that they will host at Forfar so we look forward to seeing them in action.

As noted below the day for boats returning is Sunday 24th March and we will also hold our Half Yearly meeting that afternoon. We really hope to see as many members as possible at this to hear about the year ahead. We will also be voting in a new treasurer as Simon Brown leaves this role after two years. Thank you to Simon for keeping the accounts going, the tuck shop stocked and lots more.

The new sailing calendar is almost complete and will be emailed to everyone so you can put dates in your diary. We are returning to the system of OOD and safety boat helm on Sundays for the racing in the afternoon and to support the free sailing in the morning. We are updating the list of people who are able to use the safety boat. We think we have everyone on the list but please contact us if you see any inaccuracies. Everyone cleared to use the safety boat will be given roster dates and I thank you in advance for your support of the club. (current members will receive an email with the calendar, helm list and duty roster soon) We are also introducing a Sailing Ladder instead of the pursuit race on Thursday evenings. We hope this will encourage more people to try racing and gain the confidence to join other racing events at the club. Finally, this year sees the club reach its 60th birthday which we plan to celebrate later in the year. Plans are still being developed and we will let you know what form this will take as soon as possible. If anyone has suggestions please contact a member of the committee.



Membership form

The membership form can be found on our website

<http://forfarsailingclub.org.uk/membership/membership-form/> if you require a paper copy please contact us and we will send you one out.



Website

For anyone that has been hibernating, we have launched a newly designed website for all information related to the club. You can find here the latest news, links to our other social media and options to contact us. If you have anything you would like to see on the website, have some material you want to be published or are interested in helping out with the updating of the site please let us know.



Calendar

Some dates to enter into your calendar for the coming season:

Sunday 24 March - 10:00 onwards, Boats back

Sunday 24 March - 14:30 Half-yearly meeting

Sunday 28 April - opening regatta



To look forward to

This year it is the clubs 60th anniversary and we want to celebrate this event. If you are still in contact with previous members, anyone that has been involved with the club or has some association with the club let them know and see if they might be interested in joining us later in the year.

As soon as we have more details on what, where and when we will let you know.