



April 2009

What's going on

The EGM took place on the 28th March, attended by 52 members who voted on the proposals presented by the Management Committee. I am pleased to report that all proposals were accepted with the exception of the Tuesday Night Training Charge of £3 per night with resulted with a tie, 24 FOR, 24 AGAINST and 4 ABSTENTIONS, has to be the closest vote I have ever seen at an open meeting. As there was a tie it was decided not to change from the current position so no charge will be made.

One of the most interesting points to note is that you have asked the Committee to further investigate the possible charging options which could be adopted instead of a one fee covers everything approach which we currently have.

I expressed prior to the vote that IF it was to be accepted then we will need the support of the entire membership as I do not want any of our Officers to spend time researching the options unless the membership are involved in the proposal for our AGM towards the end of 2009. This was duly accepted by a unanimous vote so watch this space for info in the Mainsheet and open meetings in the Club to discuss the various merits of a different fee structure.

The case presented by our Treasurer was that of a social member who could go sailing a few times a year before they would have to become a sailing member, resulting in an additional membership fee in the region of £100. If it was near the end of the season they might just not bother which would mean that a member could be put off sailing rather than being encouraged to take part in the sport which we love. The fee structure could be along the lines of that at Port Edgar, e.g. charging for boat parking v's reducing membership fees but the feeling was not to go too far by considering charges for each race participated in.

The sailing season is upon us very shortly - Please note that the Special Saturday events are designed to be family friendly and above all fun! I wish you all the very best of the season and look forward to seeing you at DBSC throughout the year.

Andy Marshall Commodore@dalgetybaysc.org

Commodores Supper

The Commodores Supper was a great success - except that there was no Commodore - or that what the Commodore's wife produced for the supper was not quite what was expected.

Congratulations to Cat & Andy on the birth of Angus Donald Ken - I wonder if his timing will improve?

The stand-in hosts Stewart & Sharon did an excellent job. Mike's quiz was way beyond me - but that's nothing unusual.



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Next issue

If you can spare a bit of time to write a short piece for the Main Sheet or have some photos that could be used We would be delighted to hear from you.

Please send your material to Clive Franks at marketing@dalgetybaysc.org

The next issue of the Main Sheet will be distributed mid May 2009.



Sailing

SAILING – AT LAST - THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT!

This year's calendar of sailing events at Dalgety Bay is very exciting as we have a changed format as a result of the consultations. I hope you will join-in as much as you can and give us feedback on what is working and what could be improved. The consultation process has not ended just because the calendar is published – it is on-going and changes will be made as required.

The full sailing calendar is on the web site under 'Racing' at:

http://www.dalgetybaysc.org/2009_sailing_calendar.htm

Specific things to look-out for are:

Special events – once a month on a Saturday – normally the second Saturday of the month. These will be followed by some sort of a social activity, to be defined. *We are looking for volunteers to run the sailing and social events at these special events – please contact me.*

- o 11 April – Brass Monkey – followed by Commodores Supper
- o 9 May - Closed Regatta
- o 13 June – Pursuit Race
- o 18 July – Two Bridges Race
- o 8 August – Fun Regatta (at the end of Youth Week – to draw the youths into club racing)
- o 19 Sept - Closed Regatta
- o 10 October - Closed Regatta

Sunday mornings - During May & June there will be trial period during which there will be separate am & pm series on Sundays.

Junior/ Novice Racing – all club dinghy racing will have a separate start for Juniors & Novices to encourage them to participate.

Brass Monkey

Conditions were perfect for the Brass Monkey – the first club race of the season – with glorious sunshine and a gentle force 3 westerly it was an ideal start to the season and difficult to see how it earned its name.

A good fleet of 19 boats entered, split into the novices/ juniors and the main fleet. The novices/ juniors sailed a small course in front of the clubhouse and the main fleet made full use of the new mark positions to sail a massive extended 'W' course with a long zig-zag downwind.

The main fleet was won by Dave Harcourt in his new Finn – he loved the close reaching zig-zag course, and he was not far behind the Musto Skiffs – who had fun fighting to lay the tight reaches. Ian Renilson led the three Mustos around most of the way then had to drop his kite early on the penultimate leg, which let Gavin Homer through.

The biggest class was the Lasers with 7 boats – well done Laser Class Captain for drumming-up such a good fleet. The Lasers were led home by Richard Higgins, who climbed up through the fleet after a poor start, and just squeezed past Brian Greer at the last mark. Newcomer Chris Jeffries came up through the fleet on the last leg to finish fourth Laser – behind Nicky Hay in a Radial.

The novice/ junior fleet was won by Laura Spacey in a Stratos, followed by Alastair Higgins in an Optimist – it is great to see this fleet introduced and we hope to see it build through the year.

Forthcoming sailing events

Sunday 19 April – Race Officer training (dinghies) – after racing – please register your interest by e-mailing me or Gill.

Wednesday 6 May – first dinghy evening race – followed by Rules Talk by Ronnie Millar – *did you know that a new set of rules comes into force this year?*

Friday 8th May – first keelboat evening race – followed by Race Officer Training (keelboats)

15/16 May – Regatta (dinghies) – *volunteers required* – contact me.

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Club branded clothing

Club branded clothing is available in a wide selection of garments.

As well as the DBSC logo, items can be personalised with boat names, sail numbers etc.

**Contact Gill Wright
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Dutyman rota system

Hopefully everyone will have received an e-mail from our online volunteer rota system, Dutyman.

Instead of us giving duties to the membership, everyone is invited to logon and choose the dates and type of duties they can do. For each dinghy race we need a race officer, 2 safety boat drivers and 2 safety boat assistants. The safety boat assistant needs no qualifications, it a great way to start using powerboats.

The allocation function is open until the 8th April to allow everyone to choose dates they would like to do and you can also select any dates you cannot do. Our dinghy series run on Sundays, Wednesday evenings and Saturdays for the Winter series. The Keelboats series are Friday evenings.

This year we also need help with the Sunday morning series and Saturday special event regattas.

Access to the Dutyman website can be found at <http://www.dutyman.biz/dmmain.aspx?id=D0001320>

If we share the duties between everyone we can all maximise out time on the water.

Training sessions will be run at the start of the season for Race Officers.

If you haven't received a Dutyman invitation to choose dates please contact me at sailingsec@dalgetybaysc.org

Fraser Harrison, Sailing Secretary

2009 Regatta

The Dalgety Bay SC annual dinghy regatta is on 16/17 May – *which is very soon* – and preparations are well underway. This year promises to be a good event with several classes committed to attend.

This is an ideal opportunity for our sailors to compete with the top sailors from around Scotland and beyond.

There is no reason why any DBSC sailor should not compete and I urge you to do so – regatta sailing is great fun and not all about winning.

However, we also need volunteers to support the event in many important ways, such as:

- Help on the committee boats (there will be 2 race courses)
- Prepare & serve food in the galley
- Provide safety cover
- Record entries
- Work out results
- Organise stuff on shore

Etc – etc.

Much of this requires no sailing experience at all, but will get you closely involved in a great event.

It is an opportunity for newcomers and less confident sailors to get closely involved to prepare themselves to compete in future years.

And there are plenty of opportunities for non-sailors to get involved – whether you are interested to start sailing – or just interested to get involved with the club's main event of the year.

By volunteering you will be providing a great service to your club and allow more sailing members to compete, and you will learn about such events and meet new people – hopefully for some it will give you confidence to compete next year and for others it will be the start of new relationships and experiences.

If you might be able to help please drop me an e-mail or phone me – your help will be greatly appreciated.

Class Captains

Experience shows us that clubs are developed by individuals acting as 'champions' to promote their interests. Therefore this year specific classes have been selected and individuals to be promoted at DBSC by 'Class Captains'.

Please help to make this work by:

Making sure your class captain knows how to contact you (more relevant in some classes than others) and working with your Class Captain to develop your class at DBSC.

If you think your class should have a Class Captain at DBSC and – crucially – you are prepared to actively promote your class DBSC, then please contact me to say why you should be included.

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For further information on Class Captains at DBSC please visit: <http://www.dalgetybaysc.org/Class%20Captains/ClassList.html>

The initial Class Captains are:

Optimist:	Kirsty Higgins	optimist@dalgetybaysc.org
Topper:	Neil Herron	topper@dalgetybaysc.org
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RS200:	Bess Homer	rs200@dalgetybaysc.org
Laser 4000:	Cheryl & Peter Taylor	laser4000@dalgetybaysc.org
Musto Skiff:	Gavin Homer	mustoskiff@dalgetybaysc.org
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GK24:	Clive Franks	gk24@dalgetybaysc.org

Each of the Class Captains will do an introduction – here are the first few:

Optimist - Kirsty Higgins optimist@dalgetybaysc.org

I never thought it would happen to me but I have become an "Oppie Parent" and with this new role comes the task of being a class captain

A lot is going on in Scotland at the moment in the Optimist Class – training for all standards at Strathclyde Loch over the winter months, new fleets of Optimists appearing in sailing clubs up and down Scotland and the 2009 Nationals taking place at Largs.

Dalgety Bay SC runs superb youth training on Tuesday nights from May through to September and hosts the legendary Youth Week in August. We would like to take this a step further and encourage as many would-be Ben Ainslies to use the fleet of Optimists we have in the club to take part in the planned youth racing. The idea is to have quick simple and fun racing at the same time (but on a different smaller course) as the main weekend club racing, with results being fed into a series championship with a myriad of prizes. It is hoped this will enable younger members to enjoy sailing on normal club days and see some of our top sailors in action.

For more information please contact me on:

Kirsty Higgins – 01383 822153

Topper - Neil Herron topper@dalgetybaysc.org

I have been sailing at Dalgety Bay for about four years, I joined the club when I was nine after it was recommended to me. I started in the Oppies, even though they are quite slow they are great to learn in. Then for my eleventh birthday I got my Topper. I try to sail as much as I can, and am down at the club most weekends. I race within the club but I don't take part in the travelers.

Most of the older Junior members sail toppers or lasers so it would be great if we could have juniors out sailing together a lot more. This year there will be a smaller course for the junior members to sail so even the less experienced sailors can come out and give it a go!!

I would really like to get more people involved with the toppers as they are a great boat to start racing and to train in. It would also mean that all the topper sailors could have their own races and events, and get involved with more of the regattas.

Laser - Brian Greer laser@dalgetybaysc.org

Laser sailing, 3 different rigs one class racing.
Hull 13.78 ft. Sail area standard rig 7.06sqm adult sailors,
radial rig 5.76sqm youth and small adults, 4.7sqm junior sailors.

I started sailing at Dalgety Bay Sailing Club approx 9 years ago crewing on a Hurricane 5.9 catamaran. I have sailed all over Scotland and North of England, and participated in training at Dalgety Bay Tuesday nights and adult weeks, and learned to sail dinghies. Eventually bought a Laser dinghy and have had GREAT fun and brilliant racing at Dalgety Bay and other venues.



RS200 – Bess Homer rs200@dalgetybaysc.org

I am Bess and will be the Class Captain for the RS200. I first sailed my sister's RS200 and fell for it straight away as it was light, responsive and you do not have to be too big to sail it. Kirsty and I bought our boat, "Bid for Freedom" six years ago and have been having lots of fun sailing it ever since. We get great racing on

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a Wednesday night between about eight boats and good chat afterwards.

Before sailing the RS200 I did a lot of racing in the Europe Class for years before getting a Laser 4000. I am now mum to three lovely children and still like to get some racing in the evening.



I am keen to encourage other or new members to come and join us on a Wednesday night racing or on Sunday afternoon. I would like to organise a couple of evenings of training which may involve short sharp races and an evening of team racing if people are keen. Hope to see you on the water!

Laser 4000 - Cheryl & Peter Taylor
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The Laser 4000 is a fantastic single trapeze asymmetric dinghy which is weight equalised for competitive sailing. The boat caters for a wide spectrum of abilities as it is forgiving to those who are just starting out in high performance skiffs yet gives great racing to those who are more practiced. Peter and I have been sailing the Laser 4000 since 2006.



We spent the first season or two getting to grips with sailing together, we now enjoy racing at the club and at various travelers in both Scotland and the UK circuit. If you would like to have a shot then please let Peter or I know as we can lend you one of our boats to try out.

Musto Skiff - Gavin Homer mustoskiff@dalgetybaysc.org

The Musto Performance Skiff was designed and developed to produce an elegant yet simple dinghy with blistering performance that is highly enjoyable to sail. Just ask any Musto Performance Skiff owner and they will confirm that the design brief has been achieved.

Ovington Boats and Musto Ltd have now established an exciting new class, with up to 19 Nations currently to be seen competing at world events. The boat clocks speeds of over twenty knots, and has an all-up weight of just 80 kg for a length of 4.55m. (Bare hull weight 44kg).



Since Ian Renilson first introduced the class to Dalgety Bay in 2003 the class has grown to its current size of 9 boats although members from other clubs regularly visit for training events and the winter series. The sailors at the club have come from a variety of sailing backgrounds from laser sailors to international 14 and 49'er sailors.

There are several training days throughout the year for the class and the fleet uses the club yahoo group to organise additional ad hoc training sessions.

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Training

Tuesday Night Training

Registration - Tuesday 28th April 2009 - 7.30 p.m.

It's almost time!! By the time you're reading this there'll only be a couple of weeks to go before registration night. To try and make things go as smoothly as possible on the night I've outlined how things will work:

- The doors will open at 7.30 p.m., prior to that you're welcome to wait in the bar area.
- At 7.30 p.m. we'll give out numbers and registration forms, first come-first served.

- You'll be called up in order to one of the senior instructors.
- The instructor will review your registration form and decide which group you'll be in.
- You'll then take your form to the admin desk to be registered.

We'll try to make everything go as quickly and smoothly as possible but there is a lot to get through and I'd be very grateful for your patience. If you have any questions I'll be around along with some of the other instructors.

There will be a parents' meeting on the first sailing night – Tuesday 5th May – and it would be really helpful if parents could arrange to stay around when dropping their children off, there's lots to discuss.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the AGM and contributed to a good discussion on the proposal to charge for Tuesday evening training. The vote was split down the middle so there will be no charge for Tuesday nights.

Race Officer Training

Ever wondered what goes on in the starter's box? Not ticked the OOD box on your membership form because it sounds painful? Like a bit more background on what you need to think about when OOD?

Come along to the Race Officer workshop !

We'll be running a sessions for dinghies and keelboats. An informal opportunity to see what you need to do to run a club race.

Dinghies – Sunday 19th April – after racing

Keelboats – Friday 8th May – after racing.

Please register interest by emailing Ian Renilson or me.

Family Fun Weekend – 23 & 24th May

It's going to be a good one!!!

This year's Family Fun Weekend is taking shape and its going to be fantastic. There's lots of activities planned both on the water and ashore with the focus being on FUN! We'll be running the popular Honda Youth Rib Challenge, games on the water and ashore, boat trips and lots more. On Saturday evening the BBQs will be fired up and there'll be some pirate themed shenanigans!

Don't worry if you don't have kids, there's sure to be something for everyone. All club members welcome.

Youth Week – 3rd-7th August 2009

Registration forms for Youth Week will be available shortly, if you'd like one sent out please email training@dalgetybaysc.org and you'll be added to the list.

Following the same format as previous years, we'll be running a range of RYA syllabuses over the week, from Stage 1 to Racing and maybe even Sailing with Spinnakers.

The course runs for 5 full days with lunches included. The cost this year will be £120 per person.

Summer School

This year we'll be working with the RYA to provide some introductory training for children over the summer holidays. There will be a number of courses for complete beginners who'll get the chance to learn the basics with an RYA instructor. The courses will run over a week, either 5 mornings or 5 afternoons and are suitable for anyone between 8 and 16 with no previous sailing experience. These courses will be open to members and non-members, if you know someone who might be interested give them my details and ask them to get in touch.

Keelboat Training

It was suggested that we have some informal keelboat training and a couple of topics suggested were 'man overboard drills' and 'night navigation'. Glenn Scott has offered to run some man overboard training. If you'd like to be added to the list for this please drop me a note. Full details to follow.

Gill Wright

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Vacant Position!

1. "Mainsheet" Editor

As has been noted elsewhere, James (and Sarah) is standing down as Editor of the Mainsheet, following publication of this Edition. If anyone is interested in that job, please contact clivefranks@dalgetybaysc.org, either to take over completely, or to assist me, as part of an editorial team. Further details can be provided on application.

2. Social Secretary

This currently vacant position is as an ordinary Officer of the Club, to assist the Rear Commodore (Social), and to stand in as that Officer's proxy on Management Committee Meetings, if the Rear Commodore (Social) is unavailable. For further information, please contact Sandy at rearcommodoresocial@dalgetybaysc.org.

Marketing and communications

If the above cartoon is stating the obvious, please remember that if there is anything that you want published in the Mainsheet, then please feel free to submit it to me, Clive Franks at marketing@dalgetybaysc.org



Sadly this will be the last Edition with James as Editor. James has found monthly publication to be a heavy burden - and whilst I speculate, I know that James is assisted at least to a degree by Sarah, and as her job is moving to Glasgow shortly, I suspect that this may be a factor, given that both James and Sarah will have a lot more commuting than they had a little while ago. Anyway, I want to thank both James and Sarah very much indeed for all that they have done. I know that the "Newsletter" becoming the "Mainsheet" was controversial in certain quarters: what I can say, and I think that everyone agrees, is that the quality of production is now first class. I am sure that all of us wish James and Sarah well - and of course, both remain Club Members, and doubtless both will continue to contribute in other ways!

I would also like to thank my fellow Officers on the Management Committee for regularly contributing copy of such quality. Inevitably, there is bound to be some overlap, but I would rather that there was some duplication than anything important getting missed out.

At the time of dictation of this, the day after the EGM, we are on the point of going to Press with the Handbook. In the interests of containing costs the Handbook will follow the same format in previous years, but hopefully with incisive action being taken by the Management Committee in the wake of the EGM, allowing the Club to retrench financially and to build a sound economic plan for the future, some consideration can be given by the time of the AGM in November to producing something "glossier" for the future.

Thanks also to Mike Dalrymple for the very great assistance he has been to me on a variety of fronts involving the Club's communication. His input into the Handbook has been very significant as has been his updating of the website and the slow but careful construction of an entirely new website which, hopefully, will be available in the months to follow.

Clive Franks
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Regatta: Sponsorship

In a time of deep Recession, when not many people are opening their wallets, it is pleasing to be able to report that the Regatta has received sponsorship, and indeed the sponsor's cheque is already in the bank!

On 29th April 2008, Alf Stewart MBE, the owner and sole director of Alfred Stewart

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Properties Ltd, died. Confirmation to his Estate was obtained in November 2008, and replacement Directors were appointed. Fortunately, one of them has close links with DBSC, and via that connection Alfred Stewart Properties Ltd ("ASP") has sponsored the Regatta. These funds have been well received, and will assist greatly with the running of the Event.

100 Club

The March Prizewinners, drawn by Sarah Key, are as follows:

First: £25 - Jim Prescott
 Second: £12 - Keith Whiting
 Third: £5 - Bess Homer

Lionel Booth: 1939-2009

(and still going, God help us)

Lionel, one of the stalwarts of the Club, was 70 on 6th February 2009. At that time he was sunning himself in New Zealand, and in his absence a group of his friends, all DBSC members, plotted a surprise birthday party for him on his return.

In many senses this was a fraught activity, not assisted when someone, who shall remain nameless, barged up to him at the RNLI do the week before, saying "Lionel, Betty and I can come to your SURPRISE birthday party" (the individual involved was led away and soundly coshed about the head, and a spurious explanation was given to the bold Lionel, who fortunately swallowed it whole!).

Anyway, on Saturday 4th April Lionel was successfully manoeuvred down to DBSC on yet another pretext, and after wishing Roger Tebbutt a very happy birthday, it then dawned upon him that, in fact, he had been hoodwinked down to his own birthday celebration!



Lionel, still not realising that he's been had



Lionel, doing his famous Englebert Humperdink impersonation