

SEAS THE DAY

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SIX NATIONS

We have had a thrilling series of rugby matches to watch and where better to do so than in our lovely clubhouse, surrounded by like-minded folk.

We had gasps and cries, pints and pies and kicks and tries. Allegiances were proudly on display although one well known face decided to hedge his bets!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 18th and 19th: Crane In

May 9th: Commodore's Party

June 27th and 28th: FCC Regatta and Raft Race

October 10th and 11th: Crane Out

November 7th: Dinner Dance

November 26th: AGM

** We have a new Social Events WhatsApp group coming. This will hopefully help us all by keeping FCC info in groups we can easily access.

Welcome to Thomas Yeung who has bought Panache. Thomas is moving to Scotland from Suffolk. Thomas brings an extensive knowledge of sailing and is also keen to get involved with Sailability.

CHARLESTOWN HARBOUR

The residents living in Charlestown had, unsurprisingly, reached the end of their tether with the neglected and sinking boats in Charlestown Harbour.

The Community Council was asked for help and so started a series of meetings to find a solution. Discussions were far reaching and the attendees included politicians, councillors, Forth Ports, SEPA, Fife Countryside and Coastal Trust, CLP Action, local residents and the Broomhall Estate, along with ourselves.

We were invited to attend as we have the expertise with boats and the particular stretch of water.

Removing the boats from the harbour was always the objective and after a year of talking, a plan is being formed to mount a crane out operation sometime in the summer months. As a club we have plenty of experience with craning boats and once a date is fixed, we will be asking for volunteers to help.

There is a real sadness to watching the state of the boats in the harbour deteriorate as they have.



Photo: Tom McCann

COMMODORE'S CHATTER

An on-going theme of committee discussions is attracting new members to our Club; we ideally hope that the number of members joining at least equals the number leaving.

Improvements to our clubhouse and many improvements to the pier facilities, hopefully make the Club more attractive. Improvements to our social media sites will hopefully spread the word about who we are. The Regatta raft race is being organised as a fun event for the community, but we also hope that it might raise the profile of FCC. Our offer to help in the removal of the boats from Charlestown harbour just might help prospective new members gain awareness of our Club.

There is always more we can do. The level of our membership fees is of course a factor and restructuring our fees is something that is often spoken about. Sometimes prospective new members ask about training, which to date we have felt we are too small a club to offer. However, we are looking at the benefits of obtaining a Club yacht.

There is one aspect that we can all help with and that is spreading the word, that FCC is the 'best little sailing club in the world'

What is a pirate's favourite letter of the alphabet?

You might think it's the R but it's actually the C!





SPOTLIGHT ON....

Anne Shedden

Anne is often found around Rojo Amore doing a lot of work getting her ready for the season ahead. She also sits on the FYCA committee.

First Sailing Experience: On a trailer sailing boat launched from the beach at Troon. I was 21 years old and a friend, who had sailed with the university sailing club, persuaded me and a couple of friends to book a flotilla sailing holiday in Greece. My wise ol' dad thought it would be safer if I had a basic idea of what sailing involved before I went so a friend of his took me out from Troon a couple of times. It was a good preparation, and I thoroughly enjoyed the flotilla holiday.

Best FCC sailing experience: My first race on my own boat. I bought Rojo with the intention of doing short family cruises. However, when I joined FCC and discovered there was a race for Hunter boats, I felt both obliged and excited to have a go. It was very different from anything I had done before and took me right outside my comfort zone.

East coast or west coast? Most of my sailing has been on the west coast which I love. I hope to do more on the east coast and make good memories here too.

Dream destination: Probably the Caribbean.

FOR SALE

Seadog 30 Ketch Motor Sailer

'Jacarah' For Sale – £10,000 Contact Robert Peebles on 07766585739 for further information/viewing

Further details on club website.

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

IT'S NOT LONG NOW!

IN A MATTER OF DAYS, THE BOATS WILL BE BACK IN THE WATER AND THINGS WILL FEEL GOOD!

THE COMMITTEE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL SAILING SEASON WHETHER YOU ARE POTTERING ABOUT ON YOUR OWN, JOINING A CRUISE OR PARTICIPATING IN A RACE.

IF YOU NEED CREW OR A BIT OF ADVICE ABOARD CONTACT ERIK THOMSON OR RAB RENOUF AND THEY WILL HELP OUT.