



photo by Tatyana Shingurova

## Commodores Comment

Remarkably it is that time of year again. The summer series have all been completed and the diehards are still sailing in what is called the autumn series. I could easily be a continuation of summer or the beginning of winter. As a committee we approached Dunecht Estate to see if we could hold this series on the Loch of Skene, but for a number of reasons permission was not forthcoming.

It seems to me that we were very lucky with the conditions at Stonehaven this season. There certainly seems to have been wind and even some sun. Unfortunately the racing turnout has been low especially on Sundays. There have been some Sundays with perfect conditions with only a handful of boats out. We need to find out what the cause of this is and how to persuade members to get out on the water. Ditta is sending out a survey to members this week to try and answer this and other questions

(<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FNTFFTR>). The survey should not take more than 5 minutes to complete and the results will be discussed at the upcoming AGM

One factor in reduced turnouts is the fact that a number of active sailors do the national and international circuit. This is something that has to be encouraged as it gets the club noticed and pushes up standards. The RS400 fleet have been busy in the Scottish series with Bob and Nadia doing well. John Colgrave and I have been busy in the Solo Scottish series and I went to the nationals. Donald Smith went to Garda for the Moth worlds sailing against the Olympians and Americas Cup Aces.

The most travelled has been Rory Rose. I may have missed something out but he helmed or crewed in the nationals of the 29ers, RS200 and RS400. He sailed his foiling WASPZ to victory in the Scottish championships at Loch Lomond but the highlight was his 11<sup>th</sup> in the Waszp World's on Lake Garda.

I suppose we must be glad that the Blaze fleet don't have a Scottish series as we can rely on them not to be away travelling. It seems that we will have to work hard to keep active numbers up as I have heard of 2 members who are stopping racing.

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Please could as many of you as possible come for the AGM on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup>. We always struggle to be quorate. It is your club and we need your input. David Parkin

## A harbor scene in winter. Several sailboats are moored in the water. The boats are white with blue stripes and are covered in snow. The background shows a steep, snow-covered hillside with some buildings and a small boat with a red cabin.

## Last sail of the season

AGM: 7pm. Stonehaven club house

7:30 Station Hotel, Stonehaven,  
End of Season Bash

Work Party: help the club hibernate.  
10am onwards.

After an excellent season at Skene with lots of participation by members, it has been a disappointing season at Stonehaven by comparison. The conditions have been invariably windy and the turn-out has been generally low. In fact Ditta and her team have had better attendance for the 'Novice Racing' on Monday evenings than we have had for general racing on Sundays. If someone has a solution for this situation let me know.

So, now is your chance to get some fresh air in your lungs and come down and get involved and have some fun sailing – it won't do you any harm! John Deacon

**Remaining dates: October 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th, 12th**

**Sailing starts at** 1.00pm 1.00 1.00pm. 1.00pm. 1.00pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Bob and Nadia Yeamans  
2<sup>nd</sup> John Colegrave  
3<sup>rd</sup> John Deacon

Only three people did six of the 11 races to qualify.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Grant
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Francis Neill
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ian Pittendreich

Only four people did 12 of the 24 races to qualify.



## AGM



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### AGM - Wednesday 8th Nov 7pm

The ASYC Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 1900 hrs on Wednesday 8th November 2017 in the Stonehaven clubhouse. At this meeting, along with other club business, the Management Committee of the club for 2017/18 will be voted in.

The Management Committee's purpose is to manage the affairs of the club according to our constitution and comprises Commodore, Vice-Commodore and 5-8 ordinary committee members. Membership of the committee entails attending monthly committee meetings and participating in the active running of the club, please consider putting your name forward and encourage others to do so too.

### End of Season Bash Fr 17th Nov

is at the STATION HOTEL FUNCTION ROOM,  
STONEHAVEN  
(next to the station unsurprisingly)

#### FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM – MIDNIGHT.

Last train to Aberdeen is 11.40pm

There will be a supper (veggie available on request) with a sweet.

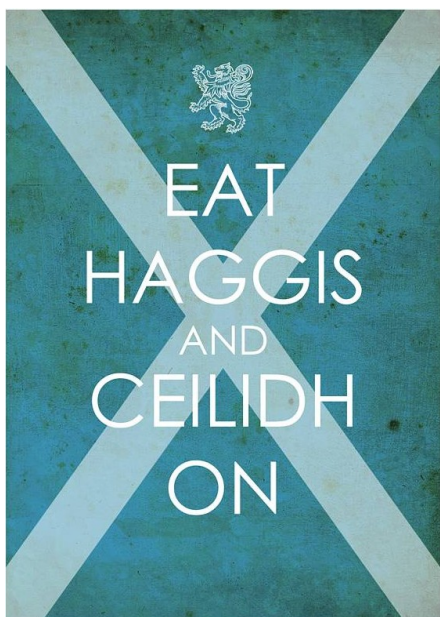
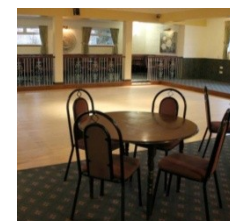
#### A CEILIDH WITH 'CLATTERIN' KIST'

ADULTS £20.00

CHILDREN (very welcome) £10.00

Book your place by sending the money electronically to: [phil.rose@apachecorp.com](mailto:phil.rose@apachecorp.com)  
sort code 80-05-14 account no. 06033285

We need 50 people to break even so please email [john\\_deacon2011@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john_deacon2011@hotmail.co.uk) **ASAP** to book.



### Work Party Saturday 18th Nov 10 till 1ish

Time to put the club into hibernation for the winter and pack all club and private boats into our many sheds, pack away and clean the RIBs, repair the club house and sheds, move all the club sails, rudders etc away from little nibblers temptation and, and...

Soup and Sarnies supplied for free at lunch time. Everyone (kids included) are invited.

Apply for a space in the sheds for your Precious by emailing [colin\\_k\\_davies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:colin_k_davies@yahoo.co.uk) . You DO need to attend the work party to get your boat under cover.

Colin will be in touch to confirm what tools to bring.



## Commodore's Trophy 2017

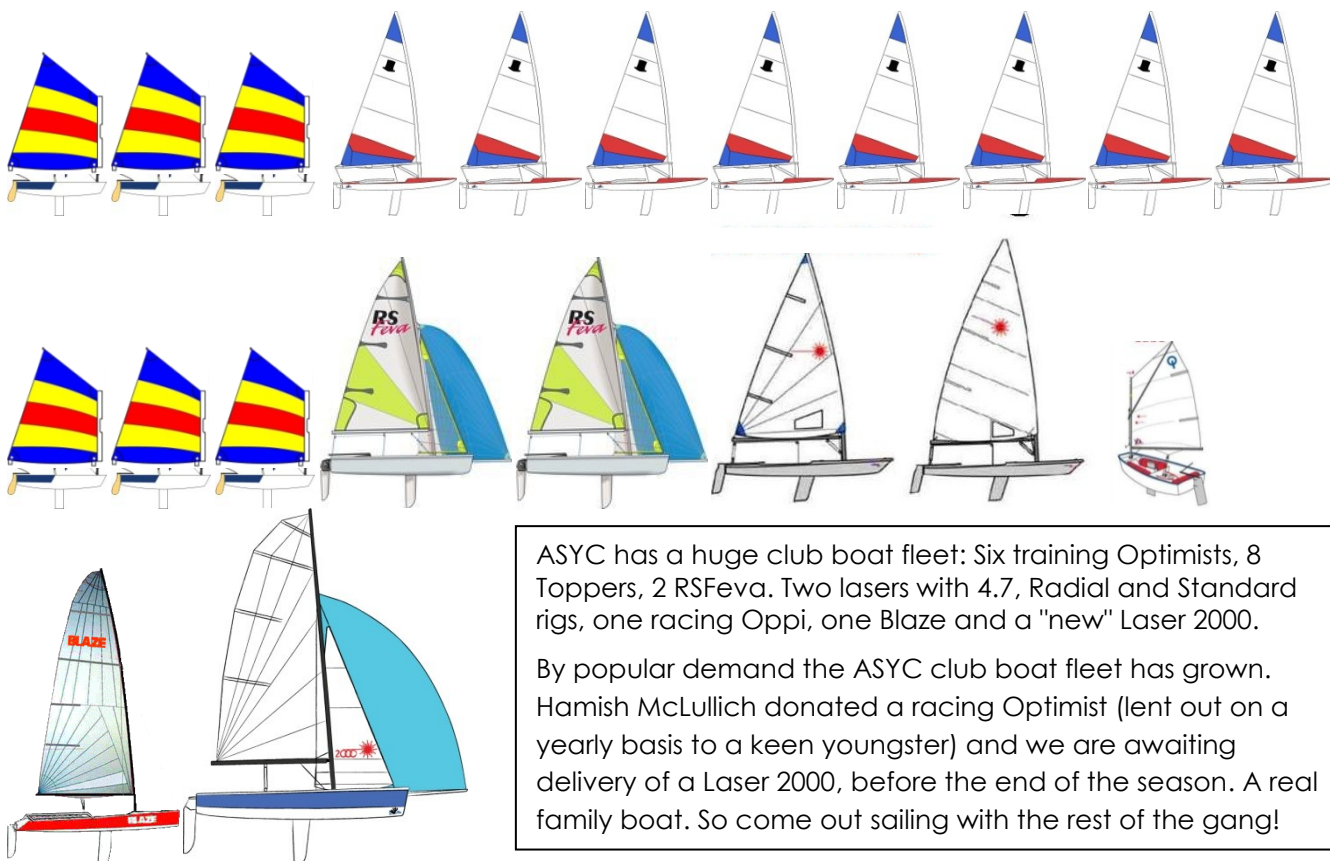


On Sunday September 17 we had the last of the season's stand alone races. A select bunch of 8 boats raced in "perfect" Stonehaven conditions of a 15 – 18 knot NE wind with waves to match. I upset some by giving them a 90 minute pursuit race which would tell whose body and boats were up to it! I set a figure of 8 course with a beat the full width of the bay, with a run followed by a close and broad reach which gave something for everyone.

The PN system worked well with the winner being in doubt until 2 minutes from the finish when after a big gust on the close reach Ian Pittendreigh in his Blaze overtook John Colgrave's Solo. John then capsized on the final run giving second place to Andrew Grant's Blaze but he recovered to be third. By the shouts of delight from the sailors going downwind a great day was had, but they were all very tired at the end. Mention should be made of Tatiana who finished despite the conditions and a few capsizes along the way.

David Parkin

## Club Boat fleet



ASYC has a huge club boat fleet: Six training Optimists, 8 Toppers, 2 RSFeva. Two lasers with 4.7, Radial and Standard rigs, one racing Oppi, one Blaze and a "new" Laser 2000.

By popular demand the ASYC club boat fleet has grown. Hamish McLulich donated a racing Optimist (lent out on a yearly basis to a keen youngster) and we are awaiting delivery of a Laser 2000, before the end of the season. A real family boat. So come out sailing with the rest of the gang!



## ASYC Junior Summer week



The fabulous, famous, most fun of all, summer week took place on 17 - 21st July. The weather was weird, the kids brilliant, the many volunteers even better.



Day 1: Forecast: Howling. The wind mills on Meikle Carewe wind farm were milling furiously - we had just about no wind at all in the bay. Little swell, but dolphins and jelly fish to boot. After games in the morning we took a hike to Dunnottar Castle. We were joined by some of the more experienced sailors with Connor Kennedy, Angus Hasler and Tom White who have "outgrown" the Junior lessons.



Day 2: Forecast: Howling, In the end completely ran out of wind - so many, many water games, even the instructors got very wet indeed. Played fruit salad: Quote of the day: "Excuse me, are you a banana too?"

From here the swell built, even if we never had a huge amount of wind. Still, fun was had by all. Sailing in the harbour (or getting sea sick out in the bay) in the morning. Making knot boards and drift wood boats in the afternoons. On Friday we topped it all off with games in the harbour, powerboat rides and a giant game of boat football before having a bonfire on the beach, making dampers and toasting Marshmallows.



A big Thank You to all the helpers: Robyn, Ditta, Katie McCabe, Anna, Rona, Felix, Hannah , Hamish McLulich, with additional help from Ian and Alison, Mark & Susan, Jarred and with much help from many other parents. The 20 kids and all us instructors had a whale (or rather dolphin) time of a week. Bring on next year.

Many RYA sailing certificates were awarded - highly deserved. Now onwards to compete.

## Juniors go Forth (on Loch Lomond)



Many, many congratulations to all 12 ASYC Juniors who made the big trek to Loch Lomond to compete at the Scottish club Trophy and Zone Championships (over 130 boats in all). Weather was light winds on Saturday and Sunday with lots of rain on Sunday too, not that this dampened the spirits. Finlay, Lewis, Hazel, Heather, Shona, Heather, Matthew P, Alastair and Joe competed at the RYA Club Trophy, doing themselves and the club proud. It does warm the cockles of senior instructors Robyn and Ditta to see everyone have a blast and improving greatly over the weekend. You did yourself and the club proud. I was sooooo chuffed to see you all on Loch Lomond competing. The Zone Champs took place at the same time and place with Matthew McLulich, Connor and Sophie Kennedy competing on behalf of ASYC too. Hope to see you all out for the few remaining club racing sessions on Sunday afternoon. Bring on more.    Ditta



## Novice racing Monday night



Monday night sailing during the summer months has been eventful. A huge variety of boats turned out, from club Oppi to a 49er, we had it all. It has been fabulous watching the youngsters and their parents sail out on an evening and test the waters - accompanied by a small group of adult club members who enjoyed the gentle evenings. We have had whole dolphin pods visiting, managed frantic little races with up to 12 boats and even had a sneaky excursion down the coast in the RIBs one night when the winds failed to blow.

Well done to all who ventured out and a big Thank You to all who helped me run the races.

These sessions are set to continue at Skene - in conjunction with AST - in the spring and I for one can't wait.

Ditta

## Sail repairs

Do you have sails with holes?

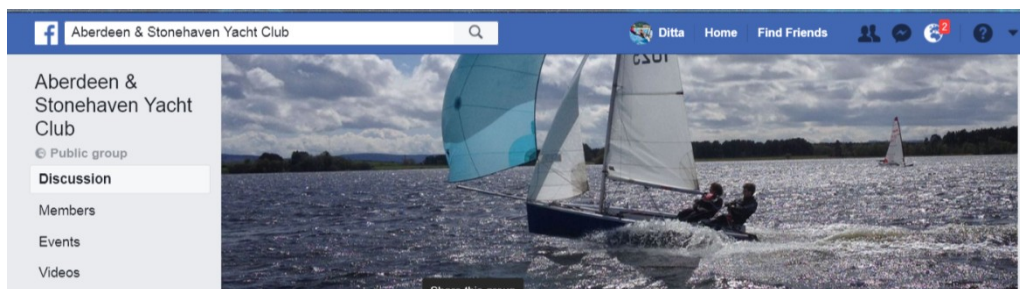
The let former club member Ed Bissett and Jacqueline Miles give you a hand. Bissett and Ross, Sail and Tarpaulin Manufacturers are professional sail repairers who have been mending club sails for many years - even after they stopped racing in their Fireball. For expert - competition winning - repairs and a quote contact Bissett & Ross on 01224-580659 or visit them on Riverside Drive, Aberdeen, AB11 7SL



## Boats for Sale


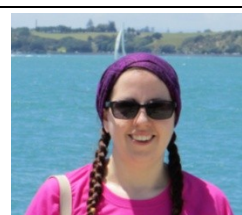
- If you are looking to buy a boat - try out one of our many club boats or even ask a fellow club member for a ride. Most will be happy to take you out and let you try their steed. There are many different types of boat to choose from - to suit all levels of experience, weight and agility .
- **Mirror** - previously owned by one of your members. Garaged with trailer in good condition and light use - has helped teach me and my son to sail!. Contact frankcharleson@btinternet.com for more information.
- If you would like to sell a boat - why not advertise it on the:

**Aberdeen & Stonehaven Yacht Club Facebook page. It's a pretty busy site and good for finding out what is happening at the club.**





## Your Club Committee 2016/17

	David Parkin Commodore Solo Commodore @asyc.org.uk		Francis Neill Vice- Commodore Blaze		Bob Yeamans Secretary RS400 Secretary @asyc.org.uk
	Phil Rose Treasurer Blaze		John Deacon Sailing Secretary Blaze Sailing @asyc.org.uk		Colin Davies House & Grounds Blaze, RS400, GP14, Quiddich broomsticks & more
	Nadia Yeamans Social Sec RS400	Situation vacant Membership  Membership @asyc.org.uk			Ditta Neumann Principal & Training RS200 Training @asyc.org.uk

## New members - Welcome

Over the summer we have been delighted to welcome many new sailors to the sailing club. We hope to be able to see you all out on the water soon. Please contact any club committee member if there is anything we can do to help you get afloat.

A big welcome to:

Tom Hardinges

Brandon Marshall

Juliette & Pete Jennings & family

Jamie Hilton and partner

and many, many more have been in contact. We hope to tempt you out on the water soon. You are very much invited to come to any sailing and social event.

**Please do not forget to fill out the Survey -  
deadline Friday 27th Oct 2017**

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