

# SEAS THE DAY

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## TREASURER UPDATE

We say a big thank you and goodbye to Eva as our trusty treasurer for the last eleven years. Safe to say she has run a tight ship!

Keeping our finances afloat going forward is Stefan Johnson. This should be straightforward for a former banker and current member of the Royal Navy, bringing together finance and floating as it does! You may also recognise Stefan from The Bruce Arms where, as the publican, he encourages everyone to sink pints!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

### February

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Burns Night

### March

Quiz Night tbc

### April

Weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Crane In

### June

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – BBQ

### July

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - BBQ

### October

Weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Crane Out

### November

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Dance



## TOWARDS NEW AWARDS

One lucky club member has been offered the opportunity of a lifetime. Peter Gargett is currently cataloguing the marvellous horde of FCC trophies. Many trophies have associated stories, some are still awarded annually whilst others languish in the cabinets. Some trophies have clear criteria whilst others need to be defined more clearly.

Peter would appreciate any information regarding trophies – please do share your knowledge. The committee welcomes any suggestions for repurposing trophies. The new ‘Spirit of Sailing’ award will be one of these.

The ‘Getting The Wrong Mast’ Award has already been earmarked for next year!

## BANKING FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Tired of worrying about forgetting to pay your dues?

Worried about the email of reminding?

Terrified of the chance that your name is mentioned in dispatches?

Fear no more!

We are investigating introducing a Go Cardless option, allowing members to use an automatic payment system similar to direct debit. If you are interested, please contact Stefan Johnson directly on either his mobile 07974 424068 or email him at [treasurerfcc@hotmail.com](mailto:treasurerfcc@hotmail.com)

## VICTOR HOTEL FOXTROT OF COURSE!

Alex Tebbutt is kindly organising a Marine Radio course through Port Edgar. The cost will be £70 and will most likely be held on a Saturday.

If you are interested, please let Alex know and keep an eye out on the FCC Crew, Cruise and Maintenance WhatsApp group.

**A boat carrying red paint crashed into a boat carrying blue paint and the crew were marooned.**



## COMMODORE'S CHATTER

A quick update on a few of the committee's winter projects.

We've taken the first steps in renovating the upstairs of the club house with a plasterer due on the 24<sup>th</sup> March to be followed by the addition of extra radiators. The cost for this work is approx. £2000 for the plastering and another £2000 for the improvements to the heating system. This is a significant expenditure so please let any committee member know if you have any objections. No decisions yet have been made on the bar/kitchen area or replacement seating. If you have a view about this please let Jason McIntyre know.

FCC has been asked by the Community Council for input about twinning Limekilns with a village in the Dordogne. The village is called Gensac and has been chosen because there are already cultural ties between the villages. For more information contact Malcolm Hamilton at [mh@interactscotland.co.uk](mailto:mh@interactscotland.co.uk).

Finally, the new FYCA racing handicaps have been published on the FYCA website. If anyone is interested in interclub racing, like the Kelpie Cup, all our boats have very competitive numbers.

Cheers,

Roger

## FOR SALE

**Artemis** – Hunter 23,

Contact Murdoch  
Macgregor

**Jacara** – Seadog 30 Ketch

Contact Robert Peebles  
£10,000

**Sloopy** – Halmatic 880  
(Project boat!) £3500 ono

Contact Michael Johnston

**Tao** – Westerley Centaur 26,  
£6000

Contact Alex Hood

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

If you wish anything to be  
put in For Sale in April,  
please let Karen Hart know.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON....**

### **ALAN COLQUHOUN**

**Alan is a member of the committee and is most often seen aboard Fyne Thyme with his brother, Bob.**

#### **First sailing experience:**

That I remember (5yrs old) is on my Father's 40ft converted fishing boat the Mistral where we went set off from Dumbarton doon the wat'r through the Kyle's of Bute to summer in Tarbert and loch Fyne area. I was on boats from birth though.

#### **Best meal on a boat:**

Steak curry made by the chef from a 5 star Glasgow hotel during a fishing trip in the later 70s early 80s they were a regular group we took out. Normally restricted to 12 people but we always allowed them an extra person the chef.

#### **Favourite local harbour:**

I enjoy anchoring off rather than a harbour Inchcolm is always a favourite. But if pushed for a harbour I've had lots of good times at Brucehaven so that has to rank highly.

#### **Dream boat:**

If I had unlimited funds then an Aquabell 40 would be high on the list it has power and high luxury with fantastic go anywhere sea keeping capabilities.

## WHAT'S UP?

We have several WhatsApp groups on the go. Whilst no one likes to be bombarded by endless notifications, the groups are a handy way of sharing information quickly.

If you would like to be added to any of the following, please let Alan Carter know.

#### WhatsApp groups

- FCC Crew, Cruise & Maintenance Group
- FCC Racing Group
- FCC Clubhouse Refurb