

SEAS THE DAY

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SPOT THE CHANGES.....

The observant amongst you will notice some changes afoot in the clubhouse. Work is well underway to ensure that there is a welcoming, warm and well thought out clubhouse available to members. A shout out for Jason who has managed to get the ball rolling and to continue to keep kicking it down the park! Exciting times ahead.



A massive FCC welcome to Gordon Rodger, who is the new owner of Tenacity and lives in Shotts. We hope you enjoy your first summer with us, Gordon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

April

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th Standby - Crane In

May

Saturday 3rd – Commodore's Party

June

Saturday 28th – BBQ

July

Saturday 26th - BBQ

October

Weekend of 4th and 5th Crane Out

November

Saturday 8th – Dinner Dance

STOP PRESS: The Forth Clyde Canal will be closed this year and will not reopen until May 2026. If you have any queries speak to Ann Shedden.

ON BOARD WITH THE BARD

The February social event of a Burns Night displayed the amazing talents we have in the club! Liam has a fine pair of lungs and gave us all a couple of tunes on his pipes.



Alan, David, Roger and Kathryn showed their skills of oration. Natalie was a charming Poosie Nancy. The highlight however, must be Neil, and his fine voice!

It was as if Burns himself was in the room with us!

Well done to all who made the evening such fun!



BOB'S TOP CRANE IN TIPS

1. Have your boat ready BEFORE the crane in weekend.
2. Be at the safety briefing
3. Be aware of where you are and where others are.
4. Be aware of objects, large and small.
5. Be ready for a good breakfast and lunch in the clubhouse!

One upside of the recent court case against the 2021 boat thief is the constant 'caught on CCTV' message the media is reporting. Hopefully puts anyone of a similar inclination right off.

I once saw a juggler juggling twenty paddles. It was oar inspiring.



COMMODORE'S CHATTER

With the changes in FCC committee members the character of the committee is also changing. My hope is that the committee is able to put into action the wishes of the club members, alongside the more mundane tasks and that we can effectively communicate what we are doing. However, we won't always get it right and so feedback is very important to us, so please let us know what you are thinking.

Why not come and listen in to what goes on at a committee meeting, our next one is on the 1st May and anyone is welcome to come along.



Getting some sage advice from Phil!



VHF COURSE

A group of us had a very informative and useful day gaining our VHF licences. Our trainer Sarah was impressed by our eye, or should I say ear, for detail as well as the merits of a well-kept pencil case by one of our members!

There were a few things worth flagging in particular.

The MARS database

<https://www.itu.int/mmsapp/ShipStation/list>

allows you to check that your radio licence is correctly recorded. This is mandatory if you have a radio on board and is free, valid for 10 years and available from

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/spectrum/radio-equipment/ships-radio/>

Radio checks should not be done via a coastguard at all. This was really made clear to us all. However, the friendly volunteers at <https://www.coastwatchwestfife.org.uk/resources.html> will happily do this on Channel 68.

Thanks to Alex for organising us and The Bruce Arms for hosting.



SPOTLIGHT ON....

Kathryn Farmer

Kathryn is an active member of the club, organising social events and helping out wherever she can. She can be found on the water on Jambal with her husband, Neil.

First sailing experience: I think it was probably in a dinghy on Linlithgow Loch as a child in the summer holidays, although my memories aren't reliable! But do remember the incredible and privileged experience of being onboard the Sir Malcolm Miller the summer after I graduated, sailing round the Canary Islands.

Perfect boat breakfast: In Scotland, a bacon and egg roll wins every time, but if in warmer climes then yogurt, honey and fruit, but always a large mug of tea.

Cruising or racing: It would have to be cruising for me - enjoying a social club cruise or a sail out with family and friends is perfect for me.

Dream sailing destination: Oooo not sure! Anywhere that's warm and dry, but not too hot, with perfect winds, a cosy berth and good company.

FOR SALE

Jacara – Seadog 30 Ketch

Contact Robert Peebles

£10,000

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

Contact Michael Johnston

Tao – Westerley Centaur
26,

£4500 ***REDUCED**

Contact Alex Hood

Linnet – Hurley 22

£3000 ono

Contact Colin Primrose or
Andrew Wilson

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.