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PENTLAND FIRTH YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER March 2018



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Commodore's Message

Spring is coming even if it is a little late this year. The time has come to try and remember where you put the sailing gear and the bits for the boat. Over the winter the guard boat engine has been given the once over and is slowly being put back together in preparation for the launch which is planned for the evening of Sunday 15th April. A new coat of antifouling has been applied. The trolley has four operational wheels once again which should make the journey to the harbour easier than it was in the autumn when we took the boat out of the water.

The 2018 Sailing Season

At the end of this newsletter you will find the draft sailing programme which is proposed for the first part of the sailing year – you will see that the guard boat crews are dominated by a few names and there are a number of question marks. The club racing is simply not sustainable unless we have more sailors and volunteers to do their turn on the rescue boat. Please think about what you can do to help and don't be shy coming forward.

You will see that we have "Come and Try" days in May and a training course in June pencilled in. These events will depend on whether there is sufficient interest in the community in learning to sail – if you know anyone who might be interested please let Malcolm have their details. The club now has its full RYA recognition as a training centre, all we lack now is the students to do the learning. Guy has also qualified as an SRC Assessor so we can train and assess for the VHF radio certificate. First aid training will be organised shortly if you are interested, contact Malcolm.

You will also see that the popular "Topper Races" have been included in the early part of the programme. There are no boat fees for these events and they are always fun and involve close racing – none of this handicap racing where you don't know how well you have done until the results have been processed. If the weather is not suitable we will put off the other racing to allow single class races to take place. If they are successful we might have a "Mirror Races" day as well.

We are now an RYA Joining Point. Members or others wanting to join the RYA should do so via our Principal (Guy Newson) and the club will be credited an award according to type of membership e.g. £10 for family; £7.50 for individual etc.

A Few Keys Dates

The clubhouse needs a bit of attention as the external woodwork has been neglected for the last few years, it is planned to give it the once over starting on Sunday 1st April at 14.00. If you are free come down prepared to do some painting and if you have a set of ladders/steps all the better. Hopefully we can make a good start that day (weather permitting) and get it finished during the early summer.

The next key date is 15th April when the plan is to get then club boats ready for action and complete the guard boat preparation. Again 14.00 is the time at the clubhouse. The plan is to launch the guardboat on the Sunday evening (high tide is 9.37pm), the plan is to be at the clubhouse at 8.00pm.

The frst sailing is planned for the following weekend and this will be the Topper Races.



Membership

If you have not already joined the club please do so as soon as possible, remember that if you have a boat in the compound you need to pay the storage fee as well as the club membership fee.

COMMITTEE

Contact details:

Commodore	Dave Lord	896885
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Treasurer	Barbara Newson	821285
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Training Sec	Malcolm Lord	896885
Member	Marjory Lord	896885
Member	Maja Redlowski	07465055739

PFYC Sailing / Training / Social Programme 2018 Issue 2

All events are subject to change. In particular the training course will depend on whether we have participants and subsequent programme will depend on volunteers to do guard boat duties and the needs of any new sailors recruited. An updated programme will be issued periodically.

Sunday morning sessions meet **10.00am** at the clubhouse and afternoon sessions start **14:00 on the water**.

If you intend to sail, **please be at the clubhouse at least one hour before the start time on the water** so that the guardboat crew can launch in good time.

Note – Start times for special events may differ. These will be notified in advance.

Discards – one for every three races sailed in a series.

If you cannot make your guardboat session, please make arrangements to swap with someone else. Please also notify pentlandfirthyc@gmail.com

Proposal – guardboat crews should go on the water (weather permitting) if two boats are present.

A race counts if a course is set, a guardboat crew is present, and two or more boats start.

April	Day	OOD	Assistant	Event	
1st	Sunday pm	***	***	Clubhouse / compound maintenance	Meet 14.00 at the clubhouse
15th	Sunday pm	***	***	Guard Boat/Club Boat preparation	Meet 14.00 at the clubhouse
15th	Sunday	***	***	Guard Boat Launch	Meet at 20.00 High Tide is 21.37 (4.64m)
22nd	Sunday pm	Martin	?	Topper Races	
29th	Sunday pm	Dave	Marjory	Races 1, 2, 3 – Spring Series	

May	Day	OOD	Assistant	Event	
6th	Sunday pm	Malcolm	Maja	Races 4, 5, 6 – Spring Series	
13th	Sunday pm			'Push the boat out' Taster session	
20st	Sunday pm	?	?	Races 7,8,9 – Spring Series	
27th	Sunday pm			'Push the boat out' Taster session (Reserve date)	

June	Day	OOD	Assistant	Event	
2nd	Saturday	**	**	Level 1/2 Training	
3rd	Sunday	**	**	Level 1/2 Training	
9th	Saturday	**	**	Level 1/2 Training	
10th	Sunday	**	**	Level 1/2 Training	
16th	Saturday	**	**	Level 1/2 Training	
17th	Sunday am	**	**	Level 1/2 Assessment	
	Sunday pm	Martin	Dave	Races 10, 11, 12– Spring Series	
24th	Sunday am	Dave	Marjory	Town Improvements Race	

	Sunday pm	Malcolm	Maja	Races 13,14,15– Spring Series	
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July	Day	OOD	Assistant	Event	
1st	Sunday pm			Rest Day – Free Sailing	
8th	Sunday pm	?	?	PHIMSTER PURSUIT	
15th	Sunday am	Dave	Martin	River Race	High tide 11.16 (4.7m)
21st	Saturday			Regatta	
22nd	Sunday			Regatta	
29th	Sunday pm	Malcolm	Maja	Races 1, 2, 3 – Summer Series	

