



Annual Dinner and Prize Winners

The annual dinner took place in the Thurso Club, a good night was had by all despite the bad weather and the band not making it through from Wick, a Disco was cobbled together and the party went on. Prize winners (right) are listed below:

- 1st Sunday (Fast) Lady Anne Trophy
M. Lord
- 1st Sunday (Slow) Nutshell Trophy
G. Foster.
- 2nd Sunday (Fast) Mackay Cup
B&G Newson.
- 2nd Sunday (Slow) Town Improvements
Cup D. Scott.
- 3rd Sunday (Fast) St. Clair Challenge
Bowl D. Lord.
- 3rd Sunday (Slow) Enterprise Cup
D. Scott.
- Thursday Series (Fast) Sprague Cup
D. Lord.
- Thursday Series (Slow) Sibster Cup
D. Scott.
- Phimster Pursuit Phimster Cup
S & J Foster.
- Castlehill Race Cameron Cup C. Ryan.
- River Race, Dounreay Cup G. Foster.
- Father Neptune Trophy G. Henstridge.

Endeavour Award

Endeavour Award was presented to Alan Thompson.



Racing Red Badge Awards

RYA Red Badge awards were presented at the dinner dance to: Glen Foster, Dan Rae, Iain Thomson, Douglas Canavon, David Scott, Alan Thomson and Mathew Phimister

Regatta Dates 2002

- Midsummer, 22nd / 23rd June.
- End of Season, 21st / 22nd Sept.

Skiathos

On these gloomy winter days I often turn my mind back to sunny days spent cruising the sunlit blue seas of the Aegean. In June we flew out to Skiathos in the Sporades Islands to charter Sophia, a 34ft Jenneau Sun Odyssey, for two weeks lazy island hopping. The airport runway at Skiathos is scarily short, being built across a narrow neck of land, and with brakes screeching, the plane stopped just short of the sea. We grabbed a taxi down to the harbour and were dropped off at the Fresh Bar, where the yotties hang out. While the crew sat back and enjoyed a beer, we sent our skipper, Mark, off to find Sophia or her owner Panos. A few minutes later he'd found them both on a nearby pontoon where Panos was replacing the linen and replenishing the drinks cabinet with ouzo and metaxa. Sheana and I bought some provisions while Mark and Bill had a blether with Panos over a beer before he left to catch the Dolphin hydrofoil to Volos where he is a schoolteacher. We cast off and had a brisk sail east to the little port of Glossa on the island of Skopelos, where we watched a beautiful sunset from a waterfront taverna and feasted on grilled swordfish and prawns with some good local wine. The days continued in the same vein - some nights were spent in a deserted bay where we'd have dinner on board listening to the goats bleating on shore and fish splashing in the darkness. Others were spent tied up to the quay in a lively little village where the shops and bars were open 'til all hours. The sailing was fun - plenty of wind most days, once reaching the bottom of a force 7. James (aged 4) loved it and quickly got the hang of steering, and his grandpa wished he'd gone there forty years ago! (We celebrated his 73rd birthday in Skiathos town during a thunderstorm). We were woken early on our last morning by the strange sound of men's voices shouting in unison. I looked out through the hatch and saw a couple of hundred guys in white outfits doing martial arts exercises on the beach only a few yards from

where we were anchored! It turned out to be a worldwide convention for martial arts experts, which was taking place that weekend. We set off home feeling bronzed fit and relaxed after an ideal holiday. This summer we'll be cruising the Orkney Isles rather than the Greek Isles, but I'm sure we'll be back one day - it's a very addictive lifestyle!

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Compound Cleanup

Note any unclaimed redundant/scrap equipment will be removed from the compound please remove or tag anything you want to keep, you have till the end of march.

50th Anniversary Preparations

Mark Raffle is coordinating the clubs 50th Anniversary next year. If you have any ideas or want to help contact Mark number above.

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