



# Pentland Firth Yacht Club



## Newsletter

April 2006

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Thurso Lifeboat

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### Newsletter

Welcome to the first newsletter with our new editor. The editor's identity is a secret but if you send any anecdotes, comments or pictures to [vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk) I am confident he will pass them on.

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### Committee

Mark Raffle has resigned as commodore and from the committee. Please accept our thanks for your efforts over the last few years. This does mean that the committee is even more depleted. We remain committed and enthusiastic but members will have to recognise that we cannot organise/do it all and we will focus our efforts on what we believe is important. If you have a view then let us know. Any nominations for commodore, secretary, race secretary, training secretary..... – this year or next very welcome.

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### Racing

We are going to try a different format for sailing this year. The beginners course will be later this year, in early August. Hopefully the weather will be kinder than last year. The program up until mid June is attached. We are focusing on Sundays with morning and afternoon sessions of two races back to back. First starts at 11.00 and 14.00. GBD and OOD crew will swap at lunchtime so no-one misses out and it makes a day trip from Wick worthwhile. We have included two Thursdays a month, (1<sup>st</sup> and last starting in May).

Depending on feedback we will continue or amend the format of the racing after mid June.

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### Dates for your diary

**16 April 2006 – Guard Boat Launch, 0930.**

If you can help please let me know on 896885.

**23 April 2006 – First Aid Course**

Places still available contact Steve Mowat 01847 831378 or [sdmowat@homecall.co.uk](mailto:sdmowat@homecall.co.uk) for details.

**29 April 2006 – Craning In**

For more information contact Alan Doull.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2006 – Club Open Day/ Work Day**

The clubhouse and club boats are in the need of some attention before the season gets into full swing. Please come down with an overall and a willingness to work. The Saturday will be advertised locally and will allow possible sailors to meet the club. Times are 7-9 on Fri and 10-3 on Sat.

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### Saturday 3 June 2006 – Coastguard Raft Race and Fishermans Mission Fayre

Volunteers required to help with this event, both on the water, at the fayre and in the clubhouse. Any sailors fancy making a raft this year?

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### Sat/Sun 22/23 July 2006 – Summer Regatta

Three races each day with a social on the Saturday evening. This is later than usual to allow our returning students to compete and to accommodate a Scottish Laser Grand Prix event.

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### Sat/Sun 2/3 September 2006 – Autumn Regatta

A little earlier in the hope of decent weather and also before some of our younger members return to university.

**Other social events** – Please let us know if there is anything else you would like to see organised as social events.

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### Contacts

**E-mail addresses** – To receive rapid communications, please send yours to [vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk)

**Newsletter contributions** – Send to Malcolm Lord by the means of your choice, but preferably by e-mail to [vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk](mailto:vicecommodore@pfyc.org.uk).

**I'd be pleased to receive comments on anything else you'd like to see in the newsletter. Contributions always welcome.**

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### CLUB Boats

The club boats are in need of some work and will therefore not be available for use until this has been done, potentially after the Work Day in May.

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### OOD and GBDs

If you would like to help run club events then please get in touch. We will encourage others to join the crew as a third pair of hands to help you learn the ropes.

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### membership

Membership is now due, please renew promptly. The treasurer is dusting off his "persuader" to help maintain the clubs balance!

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### CLEANING ROTA

Please add your name to a fortnight on the calendar in the clubhouse – if the dates do not fill up then members will be nominated and informed.

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### CLUB Ties

We hope to have a new batch of club ties available soon, the design is slightly different from that sported by some of our members at the Annual Dinner. If you would like to pre-order let me know. Price to follow.

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### TURNOUT

Please support the club sailing program, if turnout is poor then we will consider a fortnightly event, you have been warned.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	OOD	GBD
	1100 prompt start	1400 prompt start	1930 prompt start		
23-Apr	1st Sunday	-	-	M Lord	E Mowat
		1st Sunday	-	D Lord	A Scott
30-Apr	1st Sunday	-	-	S Mowat	A Grant
		1st Sunday	-	B Newson	J Hughes
04-May	-	-	Thursday	M Lord	E Mowat
07-May	1st Sunday	-	-	R Donn	J Perry
		1st Sunday	-	S Foster	J Foster
14-May	1st Sunday	-	-	D Lord	A Scott
		Ladies Race	-	R Donn	J Perry
21-May	2nd Sunday	-	-	B Newson	J Hughes
		2nd Sunday	-	M Lord	E Mowat
25-May	-	-	Thursday	S Mowat	A Grant
28-May	2nd Sunday	-	-	S Foster	J Foster
		2nd Sunday+Castlehill	-	S Mowat	A Grant
01-Jun	-	-	Thursday	B Newson	J Henderson
04-Jun	2nd Sunday	-	-	R Donn	J Perry
		2nd Sunday	-	S Foster	J Foster
11-Jun	2nd Sunday	-	-	M Lord	E Mowat
		2nd Sunday	-	D Lord	A Scott

If you are not available to when rostered please arrange a substitute, let Andrew Grant know and update the master program in the clubhouse window – otherwise we will phone!

Format for remainder of season depends on feedback from members. Planning events through to the end of October as per last year. See regatta dates in “Dates for your Diary”.