



# Pentland Firth Yacht Club



## Newsletter

June 2006

Website: [www.pfyc.org.uk](http://www.pfyc.org.uk)



Thurso Lifeboat

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### Newsletter

Welcome to the June newsletter. The season is progressing well and turnouts for the dinghy racing have been good. Perhaps they will improve further as summer arrives – perhaps we will get all ten Lasers on the water for the travellers!

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### Committee

Still seeking additional committee members. Anyone interested in taking a more active role please do let us know – this year or next very welcome. Feedback welcomed – are we focussing on the right things?

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### Racing

The format of the racing with four races on a Sunday has received a good response. We are persisting with the Thursdays on a first and last in the month basis. We may add additional events over the summer depending on interest – let us know and watch the noticeboard/email.

For the Sundays the races will start prompt at 1100 and 1400 i.e. warnings at 1055 and 1355 whether boats are there or not – to avoid delays in the subsequent races. See program on next page.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### Sun 18 June 2006 – River Race

This is a popular event, dinghies race to Thurso river and battle upstream to almost the first bridge before returning to the bay. Start will be 1430, HW is at 1511 (BST).

#### Sun 2 July 2006 – Phimster Pursuit Race

The clubs annual pursuit race. When all the boats sail the same distance but have a staggered start with slower boats starting first and faster boats starting later.

#### 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.

#### 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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### Pontoons

As many of you will know representatives of the Pentland Firth Yacht Club have, for some time, been working with the Scrabster Harbour Trust to determine the feasibility and

implementation of the placement of pontoon facilities at Scrabster. This joint project would provide pontoons for both pleasure craft and small commercial craft in the harbour inner basin.

I have now been informed by the Scrabster Harbour Trust that they no longer wish to continue with the pontoon project as part of their harbour development plans. This decision effectively closes down our pontoon project. The Trust may, at some point in the future, reconsider the provision of pontoon.

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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 now available for use. Thanks to those who helped with this and in tidying the clubhouse/compound on the work day. The club boats are available for club members to use for a small donation.

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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 overdue, please renew promptly. If you have not paid then we reserve the right to remove your boat from the compound if someone else needs the space. You have been warned. Reminders have been issued, please renew.

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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 a 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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### Website

The following website has been recommended to me:  
[www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com)

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	OOD	GBD
	1100 prompt start	1400 prompt start	1930 prompt start		
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
18-Jun	3rd Sunday	-	-	S Mowat	A Grant
		River Race (HT 1511)	-	M Raffle	J Hughes
25-Jun	3rd Sunday	-	-	M Lord	E Mowat
		3rd Sunday		R Donn	J Perry
29-Jun	-	-	Thursday	S Foster	J Foster
02-Jul	3rd Sunday	-	-	D Lord	A Scott
	-	Phimster	-	R Donn	J Perry
06-Jul	-	-	Thursday	B Newson	J Hughes
09-Jul	3rd Sunday	-	-	M Lord	E Mowat
		3rd Sunday	-	S Mowat	A Grant
16-Jul	3rd Sunday	-	-	S Foster	J Foster
		3rd Sunday	-	D Lord	A Scott
22-Jul	Summer Regatta	Summer Regatta	-		
23-Jul	Summer Regatta	Summer Regatta	-		
27-Jul	-	-	Thursday	R Donn	J Perry
30-Jul	4th Sunday	-	-	M Lord	E Mowat
		4th Sunday		D Lord	A Scott
03-Aug	-	-	Beginners course		
05-Aug	Beginners course	Beginners course	-		
06-Aug	Beginners course	4th Sunday	-		
09-Aug			Town Improvements Race		
10-Aug	-	-	Beginners course		
12-Aug	Beginners course	Beginners course			
13-Aug	Beginners course	4th Sunday	-		
17-Aug	-	-	Thursday		
20-Aug	4th Sunday	-	-		
		4th Sunday			
24-Aug	-	-	Thursday		
27-Aug		Topper Race	-		
02-Sep	Autumn Regatta	Autumn Regatta	-		
03-Sep	Autumn Regatta	Autumn Regatta	-		
10-Sep	-	Frostbite	-		
17-Sep	-	Frostbite	-		
24-Sep	-	Frostbite	-		
01-Oct	-	Frostbite	-		
08-Oct	-	Frostbite	-		
15-Oct	-	Frostbite	-		
22-Oct	-	Frostbite	-		
29-Oct	-	Halloween	-		

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!