



Pentland Firth Yacht Club

Newsletter

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Website: www.pentlandfirthyachtclub.org.uk



Welcome to second newsletter of 2009.

This committee is as follows:

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Committee Member	Guy Newson	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat/Sun 18/19 July — PFYC Regatta and Tasar Traveller (Date changed to avoid clash with North of Scotland Dinghy Championship)

YAHOO GROUP

See the last newsletter for details of how to join the group. It would be good if we could share our photos from events. If you would like to share your photos this can be done within the Yahoo Group. Login at

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/pentlandfirthyac/> In the menu at the left click on photos. Then "Add photo" at the right, select album to use, suggest "Sailing 2009" then select the files you want to upload. Each batch can be up to 100 MB but it takes a while..... All photos are published when approved by a moderator — if you drop John/Malcolm an email this will speed up approval. Keep an eye out for the latest images.

Club info is held in the Files section (click on menu at the left), this area will expand and may move to a members only area of the club website in the future.

TRAINING

The club has hosted some training session in the closed season. For an insight into spinnaker sailing with a big boat bias, visit <http://www.joost.com/2190003/t/Spinnaker-Sailing#id=2190003>

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An RYA Club Race Officer course is being organised by Findhorn Yacht Club, in Findhorn and if you are interested in attending, let Julie know, scheduled for 16 May. This is a one day certificated course and provides a good introduction to race organisation.

CLUB HOUSE SECURITY

There has been a theft from the locked clubhouse recently. Please remember that valuables should not be left in the clubhouse. Please do remember to lockup if the clubhouse is to be unattended.

WEBSITE

The club website has moved — see the new address at the top of the page. Thanks to Roy for many years of hosting the side — and thanks to Barbara for taking on this crucial role.

BEGINNERS SAILING

Beginners sailing sessions have been organised for the second Sunday of each month, 9.30 till 12. Places are limited for sailing with an experienced sailor must be booked in advance. The first session is now full, if you have not been approached but are interested in the later sessions please contact David.

HARBOUR USERS GROUP

This group is run by the Scrabster Harbour Trust and meets quarterly. The club is represented by Dave Sprague and he can be reached on 892930.

CLUBHOUSE CLEANING ROTA

There is a blank rota on the pillar at the end of the kitchen in the clubhouse. Please volunteer for a week, all cleaning materials are provided.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Please remember that dues for this year are now due. To remain part of the club you need to submit these by the end of the month. We hope that you will rejoin and look forward to seeing you on and off the water.

GUARD BOAT

There have been a few modifications to the boat over the winter. A short notice pointing these out is posted in the clubhouse and on the boat. The most obvious is the addition of a prop guard on the outboard.

DVD OF LASER TRAVELLER 2007

Orders for personal copies of this DVD screened in March are now being taken. The film lasts around 50 minutes and features all of the sailors participating, and includes handy menus to select sections. Available to order for only £10 from a committee member.