



# Royal Gourock Yacht Club

ASHTON, GOUROCK, PA19 1DA

## NEWSLETTER 27 -2017

Saturday 9 December - Christmas Dinner Dance with DURTY MAC. Charge £7. If you wish dinner please arrange with Rita.

Etchells Dinner - Please see the attached report

2017 Prizegiving - A number of trophies have remained uncollected and will be returned to the Trophy Cabinet. Winners may collect them by contacting the Honorary Secretary. Similarly, a number of glasses for first, second and third places remain unclaimed. Please see the attached Prizegiving list and collect your glasses from the office by 20 December 2017.

### OLD BOAT TECH WANTED

Do you have an unwanted/ broken depth sounder, chart plotter, radar, AIS, radio, transponder etc? Could you donate it to City of Glasgow College for marine electrical students to practise on?  
If so, please contact [fionaballoch3@gmail.com](mailto:fionaballoch3@gmail.com).  
Thank you in advance.

2018 Yearbook: Would you like to advertise your business in next season's Yearbook? Or perhaps you know of a business which might be interested? Please contact the Honorary Secretary with details as soon as possible.

Moorings for sale: The current position is detailed in the attached document. Please contact the office if you have a mooring for sale which is not already listed.

Subscriptions: The 2018 Subscription Notice was issued recently and copies of the form can be downloaded from "Members page" for Members' convenience.



### **QUIZ REPORTS BY ALISON ALLAN**

We've been treated to two contrasting Quiz Nights over the past couple of weeks, both very enjoyable but each very different!

Firstly, apologies to everyone who had to cancel their meals at the Club last Tuesday night. Unfortunately the kitchen was forced to close due to a burst pipe and problems with the water supply, leaving members either cancelling their proposed evening at the Quiz or else resorting to the Fish and Chip shop, with express delivery guaranteed by Tommy!

Pugwash took the helm for this high-scoring quiz with a strong emphasis on music, and despite the depleted number of contestants everyone voted it a most enjoyable evening.

Sunny Jim took over on Tuesday of this week and members were taken on a voyage of discovery as Jim posed questions about far-off destinations that only Jim...or occasionally Pugwash... had ever heard of!

### **REPORT BY HILARY ROBERTSON**

The Ladies Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop held last Saturday evening to raise funds for The Underheugh Ark (a local animal rescue centre) was a sell-out success. The show was hosted by Colours, a company which travels the country holding fund raising fashion shows with clothes from well-known outlets including Viyella, Eastex, Precis and Principles with a swing. A total of £540 was raised for the charity... Many of the ladies enjoyed dinner beforehand and the free glass of fizz and goody bag helped the evening go with a swing. A total of £540 was raised for the charity.



**Sunday 17 December** - Kenny's Christmas Cracker with Santa Claus. Ticket price £5.00. Children go free. If anyone has a child who would like a small gift from Santa, please give names and ages to Rita.

**Early booking recommended.**

**Friday 22 December**- Christmas Carol Concert 20:00 Festive Music and mince pies with Brass Sounds Inverclyde. Festive headwear requested.

Free Admission - collection for RNLI

**Thursday 28 December**- The Wherries Christmas Party.  
20:00. Tickets £10.

**Friday 29 December**- The Wherries Christmas Party. 20:00.  
Tickets £10.

**Sunday 31 December**- Hogmanay Dinner Party with the Drams.  
. 20:00. Reservations £30.

**Monday 01 January**- New Year Day Swim

**Saturday 06 January**- Survivor's Party with Into The Shadows. £7

**Tuesday 09 January**- Quizzes recommence.

**Sunday 20 January** - Kenny's Burns Special

**Saturday 17 February** - Ten Gallon Bratz. £7

Please book early to avoid disappointment



## Etchells Dinner 17.11.17

The annual class dinner was held at RGYC on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – a very enjoyable evening was had by the 34 sailors present.

Geoffrey Howison talked about the progress of the class in the year and the plans for the future. He presented Peter Boyd with the Sandy Souter Trophy , which is for the person judged to have made the biggest contribution to the development of the class during the year. Peter did a fantastic job of organizing the fleet championship , which, as well as being a great weekend of racing, raised the class profile significantly.

Colin MacDonald presented drone footage from the second day of the championship and helpfully pointed out various strengths and weaknesses in the class. He also talked about the Youth boat which is going to be available next season , more details of which will be published later.

Tom Lang then presented the prizes - the Trophy winners this season were :-

**Hero** Primary points 1

Fleet Championship

**Defiance** Primary points 2

Ashton Regatta

Mudhook regatta

KGV Etchells class

Overall evening points

Overall Weekend points

**Diablo** Holiday points

Secondary points

**Ricochet** Fairlie Autumn points

There were also a number of special awards :-

T Bone Trophy – Mark Allen , Gelert

Best Broach (with stupid grin) - Dane Ralston, Hero

Danger - Owner on foredeck – Steve Cowie,Diablo

Eco Warriar – Duncan Munro,Bullet

Precision Sailing - Colin MacDonald,Ricochet / Tom Lang,Defiance

Very suitable prizes for these were kindly donated by Peter Boyd