Sailability Scotland SCIO Tack-Tick March 2018

 \checkmark This is our first Tack-Tick news sheet of 2018. It has some information of what has happened so far and what is coming up.

✓ The AGM this year was kindly hosted by the <u>Seagull Trust</u> at Falkirk and many thanks to them for letting use their facilities. In case you do not know, they operate 10 boats and offer cruises on the canals in Scotland. The cruises are diverse and you could visit the Falkirk Wheel to cruise on the Great Glen Way. A very friendly bunch of people.

✓ On the agenda at the AGM included a proposal to change the membership structure. As an overview, we removed Group membership and left individual memberships, the full voting category is now known as an Active Member. The membership fee for 2018 will remains the same at **only £15**. There was a good discussion on this change and it was voted through by the majority. It is good news for clubs and groups, we want to continue liaising and working with them however they no longer have to pay a membership fee to feel able. They are always welcome



to remain on our mailing list, lease boats and to make a donation if they so choose!

✓ Great news! Mr B Tunnock CBE has funded our 2018 entry fees. This means our members will not have to pay any entry fees; Late fees and any other extras are not included. At most regatta's you can now just turn up, register and sail for free. If you are required to enter and pay online in advance, then when you turn

up at the venue and register to race, you will be refunded the entry fee by Sailability Scotland SCIO. <u>Solway YC</u> for SOCC, T3 are using this method. Many thanks to Mr Tunnock CBE for supporting our members.

✓ The first race of the new series is about a month (14/15 April) away at <u>Castle</u> <u>Semple SC</u>. If you have not been there before, it is a welcoming sailing club just around the corner from the main <u>Castle Semple visitor centre</u>. The centre is available for changing. However, the car park can get busy because it serves a country park



as well as the centre. Boats will be stored at the Sailing Club. If you wish to arrive and store your boat on Friday, please contact Dik to arrange this. We are meeting on Friday evening, around 7.30, for a meal at The Loch House which is just outside Lochwinnoch, before the A737. All are welcome to join us, please contact Dik to book a table.

✓ The annual awards for 2017 top sailors will be made at the Castle Semple T1 regatta.

✓ Remember we have boats you can lease. It will be your dedicated boat, you can adjust it to suit your needs and sail it where you choose. If you are a club or group we recommend you lease two boats as it helps for training and racing. Please contact us (see below) if you are interested and would like more details.



✓ If you would like to contact <u>Sailability Scotland SCIO</u> you can either send an email to the chairman (Dik) at <u>richard@search-south.com</u> or send an email to <u>sailabilityscotland2012@gmail.com</u>



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