

Sailability Scotland SCIO Tack-Tick August 2018

✓ **We have new email addresses**, kind of. For too long we have been using our personal email addresses but I am pleased to say that we have migrated to Google's G-Suite. You can reach the committee on the following email addresses:

info@sailabilityscotland.org.uk remains our general email address. The following addresses are self explanatory and are active.

chairman@sailabilityscotland.org.uk

secretary@sailabilityscotland.org.uk

treasurer@sailabilityscotland.org.uk

✓ The forth regatta (T4) was hosted by the Loch Earn Sailing Club and supported by Mr Boyd Tunnock MBE was another great success. We had one boat from England which was sailed by Graham Hall who was the overall winner and the first Scottish boat was sailed by Craig Moffett.

✓ I would like to thank Marion Edwards for writing such a great race report for [Yachts & Yachting](#).

✓ New member Jim Donaldson sent in photographs taken from his Challenger



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✓ The next regatta, **T5** is being hosted by **Clyde Cruising Club** on the weekend 25/26 August. Please drop me a line at info@sailabilityscotland.org.uk if you intend to be racing, as having an idea on how many people might be there will really help with budgeting. If you are a member of Sailability Scotland SCIO or CCC then we will reimburse your entry fee courtesy of Mr Boyd Tunnock MBE.

✓ If you need a boat to race in any travellers or weekend events through the year, there is a possibility to 'hire' one for the weekend at a cost of £10 plus transportation to the regatta and back.

[Request a boat](#)

✓ September sees the T6, the final regatta of the series, being hosted by Lochaber Yacht Club. Your committee is exploring the idea of helping with towing costs as we appreciate it is a long way north. Please register your interest before the end of August if you would like to be [considered for assistance](#).

✓ We currently have four Challengers available for members to use and they are constantly being upgraded by Duncan, Alex and Ronnie. If you have an issue with a Challenger, these are the chaps to speak to and they usually attend the regattas.

✓ Have you thought about racing further afield? Would you like to race in England or Wales next year? [Register your interest](#).

✓ If you would like to contact [Sailability Scotland SCIO](#) you can send an email to info@sailabilityscotland.org.uk

✓ * * * **Challenger for sale** * * *

Moira Campbell is selling a Challenger and you can find details of the boat in [Boats and Outboards](#).

✓ Finally for this issue is article by Marion who comes up to Scotland with Graham:

Daisy's Scottish Travels: Summer 2018 by Marion Edwards

Daisy (and Graham Hall) first raced in Scotland in 2009 and since then they (and me) have returned for two or three regattas each year and this year was no different. You may have read the official reports of [SOCC](#) and [Loch Earn](#) but official reports never tell the whole story.



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This year we had to go to SOCC at The Solway Yacht Club because (a) last year we received such a warm welcome at the club we felt we had to support them at their second attempt to run SOCC and (b) there were trophies to return. Like everyone else, we heaved a sigh of relief when the wind dropped and AP was lowered on the Saturday and racing could commence. While Graham may have won the regatta, my personal triumph was writing a Y&Y report, which has received no complaints, without seeing any of the racing!

On Sunday evening we only travelled as far as Penrith Travelodge and in the morning we headed off to the excellent Stainmore Cafe (a truck stop high on the A66) for breakfast. We then went to Grafham where we left Daisy for the English Championships the following weekend. Having regattas on consecutive weekends is far from ideal but sometimes needs must.

In July it looked as if we were going to have another pair of back to back regattas with the Welsh Championships at Llyn Brenig followed by Loch Earn so we decided the only way to do this was to have a holiday between the events! Unfortunately Llyn Brenig was cancelled so we made a leisurely journey to Loch Earn and assembled Daisy the Monday beforehand. We then went off to Inverness, Gairloch (in memory of Judi), Ullapool and Thurso and enjoyed the truly exceptional weather.

The fixed starting line at Loch Earn allowed me to take some photographs of the fleet for the Y&Y report. Cameras and water do not mix so combining the roles of shore crew and photographer is difficult and I seldom have my camera on me at critical moments. I missed the crucial shot of Craig crossing the finishing line before Graham and also the one of Duncan doing the same on the last race. I was left wondering what results Duncan might have achieved if he'd had a better sail for the whole weekend not just Sunday. This time we spend Sunday night at the Travelodge at Scotch Corner before heading back down the A1 this time to Rutland where we put Daisy together ready for the Multiclass regatta.

Over the years we have made many friends "north of the border" and our season would be the poorer if we did not make at least one of the Travellers Series regattas, so we hope to be back next year. Dik and I are also trying to schedule the 2019 Welsh Championships so there is a clear weekend before and after it for both Scottish and English sailors in the hope that we can have a meeting there of the English and Scottish fleets as used to happen.



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