

Commodore's Log – June

Cove Sailing Club



On 3rd May, 1923, nine gentlemen met at 'Grafton', Cove. They noted that: "The Cove & Kilcreggan Regatta had been a Clyde fixture for 26 successive years and...almost without a break for over 50 years and also there had now been built a new class of sailing dinghies most of which were owned at Cove." The Chairman, Mr Anderson, thought "too much could not be done to foster the sport of Yacht and Open Boat Sailing." It was agreed, "the time was now propitious for starting a club."

The club was called the Loch Long Sailing Club and the design of its burgee (see photo) was agreed at a meeting on 23rd July 1923. In 1971, when Loch Long Sailing Club and Cove & Kilcreggan Sailing Club merged, it was agreed to use the LLSC burgee for the new Cove Sailing Club. The Centenary of the burgee has arrived.



Thanks to John McMurtrie for unearthing this lovely piece of history, especially on the anniversary of its creation. The burgee and club flag still fly proudly over the club reflecting many years of sailing and water sports in the community. Long may that continue.

When asked how he remembered this, John replied, "Fortunately, I didn't have to rely on my memory as I have the 1st LLSC Minute Book!"

And heralding a new generation of sailors at Cove, the Cadets have started their season with a full contingent of eager youngsters keen to get wet and learn some skills. A few evenings and Saturdays of light winds have helped to get them on and in the water.



Cadets rigging up



Off we go!



Rafting up for some water fun



Learning the basics

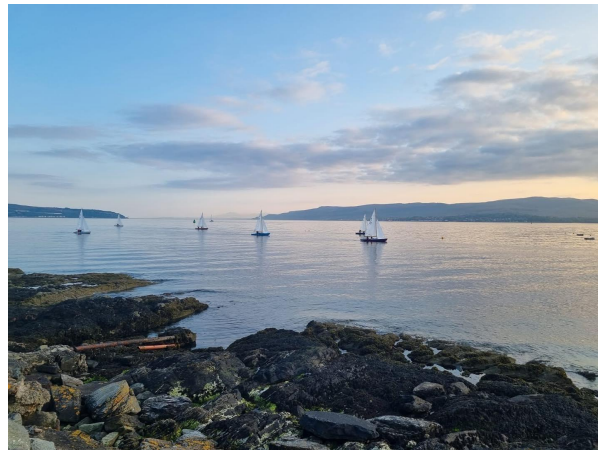


Cadets teaching cadets



The next generation raring to go!

And so to the Loch Long fleet. Heralding their 86th year since No.1 first floated out on the loch, the first few races have seen strong competition among the 7 boats currently afloat. A variety of wind directions have aided the bridge team in setting out challenging courses for the Tuesday and Friday night races. The Big Regatta, generously sponsored by RB Marine of Rosneath will be held on 10 June. Racing will start at 11:30. Food and fun, games and music will be in attendance. We hope you will be too. More details soon on the social media.



A gentle breeze to test the concentration of the helms



Spinnaker run to the Cove mark before the final leg to the finish.
Sula and Tarka vying for the lead

On the social side, Sunday Scrans are going very well and thanks to our sponsors, The National Community Lottery, different activities have been enabled at each Scran. In May, the Sunday Slime Scran was a sell out success, over 60 people came, many who had never been to the club before. In addition to the monthly lunch, the Slime Workshops were a great success and many other activities for the younger generation kept everyone busy and happy. The lovely weather was a great bonus. Champion of

the Scrans and our club secretary, Alison Robinson, is delighted with the way the scrans have been adopted. She said, " It's great to see the community coming together enjoying some food, conversation and watching the children enjoy the activities. The adults have been busy planting vegetables in the garden which we hope to harvest later in the year."



Slime workshop begins



Water fun on the patio



Sand play with foraged rocks and things

Dates of future Sunday Scrans can be found on our website.

In May we also enjoyed the company of a group of kayakers who used the club for an overnight stay on their way round the Argyll Paddle route. They enjoyed the luxurious comfort of the clubhouse floor instead of a sandy beach.



And so to June. Come join us for the Annual picnic at Ardentenny Beach on 3 June. A good warm up before the Cove and Kilcreggan 10K run on Sunday 4 June. If you have a boat, departure from the club is at 11 o'clock. If you are driving round, departure time to suit your self.

Our new webpage has now launched and can be found here and includes our annual calendar with all our key dates shown. <https://www.covesailingclub.co.uk/>

Contact the club secretary, Alison Robinson on secretarycovesailingclub@gmail.com

Get in touch, details on the webpage, www.covesailingclub.co.uk

Enjoy the weather
Get outdoors get wet!

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