

# Commodore's Log – April

## Cove Sailing Club

It's been a busy month. And mostly not related to sailing, but definitely related to the Sailing Club.

Following our AGM in February, we have now launched our membership forms, which are available online. We are looking forward to another wonderful year and your continued or new membership will be most welcome to help float us to the future.

But back to the busy month. We have been socialising a wee bit.

March 11<sup>th</sup> saw a return to a lost tradition at CSC, Italian night. A night of good food, good company and friends. Vice Commodore and wife, John & Arlene McNeilage, turned out a delicious 3 course meal at the club. Two sittings and a relaxed and friendly service from our cadets helped to make it a memorable night for those who braved the weather for a warming Italian feast. Club member Colin Clegg even brought his own gondola for the evening. Let's hope he doesn't try to race it this year. More food themes to follow through the season.



Italian night décor



Well done to Cadets and kitchen crew



Diners enjoying the night  
With gondola at the back

Further into the month, club member and founder of the charity Autism on the Water, Murray MacDonald, gave a talk at the club on the journey that he and his charity have been on to provide opportunities for autistic people a chance to get on the water and experience being afloat. Murray is now based in Helensburgh having moved from Edinburgh at the end of 2022 and is planning a number of events this season, with an already sold out day at Rhu Marina on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and a day out at Cove Sailing Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. More details on that day to follow, but we're hoping for a great day out such as we had with 4 local families last year.



Autism on the water talk at CSC

More information can be found on AOTW's facebook page,  
<https://www.facebook.com/AutismOnTheWater>

Quiz night arrived at the club on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Club cadet member, Kelvin Frood, ably put together a challenging family quiz. He and his fellow quiz master, Simon Lee, challenged six teams of quizzers from around the peninsula. Following four rounds of questions ranging from geography to music from the movies, a final round of airplane making and flying concluded the quiz with Team Pint of Council taking 1<sup>st</sup> prize with a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> between The 3 Mustgetbeers and The NoHoppers. And would you have guessed: Which is the smallest country in the world, or which is the oldest? Not I, that's for sure! Well done to Kelvin and Simon. Without so much as a pause for breath or a pint, other quiz masters have already volunteered to lead our next quiz. Watch this space.



Kelvin and Simon kick off the quiz



Whose airplane flew furthest?



Dan collects 1<sup>st</sup> prize from Simon

Our final event for March, now to become a monthly staple, Sunday Scran, was blessed by a marvellous spring day. Several new residents to the peninsula turned up to enjoy lunch, egg painting and gardening. The Sunday Scran is now generously sponsored by the National Lottery Community Fund and this month's event also saw some early garden preparation in addition to egg painting. Every month will feature a different activity to go along with lunch and next month on 23 April will be our Book Swap Scran. All are welcome and if you have a few books to share and swap please bring them along.



Sunday scranners enjoying lunch



CSC Egg painters



Thank you National Lottery

And so a fun filled March turns now to April, where we plan to submit our Sport Scotland Grant Application and start readying our boats for the water. Our next events are the Opening Muster on Saturday 22 April followed by Sunday Scran and Book Swap on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Come along and join in the shore based activities, some more good food and company, and enjoy the racing which will kick off that day. Weather permitting.

Which reminds me, if you are wanting to rent a club mooring this season, or stow a dinghy in the boat park, it's best to get your reservation in soon as we will be servicing and laying moorings in the first half of April. Contact the club secretary, Alison Robinson on [secretarycovesailingclub@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycovesailingclub@gmail.com)

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