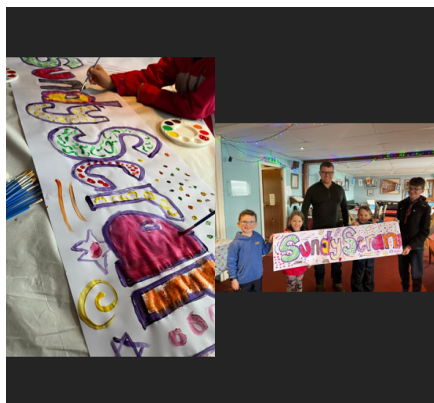


Commodore's Log – March

Cove Sailing Club

A hint of spring has hit the air recently and whets ones whistle for the start of another season of watersports and social activity. On the 19th of February the club's first Sunday Scran was launched providing a warm space and some good food for all those who came. Our young attendees utilised their creative talents to create a banner for the day which will now grace the entrance on future scrans. The Sunday Scran will be a monthly addition to our calendar and the next one will be on March 26th. Hot off the press, we have had confirmation that a grant funding to support this initiative has been awarded to us from the National Lottery Community Fund, for which we are very grateful. We intend to expand our offering including family activities. So, if you fancy a Sunday morning walk followed by a hearty lunch and some fun, please join us. Watch out for the notice on our Facebook page.



SUNDAY SCRAN Artists creating their banner

The club formally kicked off its year with the annual AGM held on 24th February. For three years in a row now the club has offered an in person and online opportunity to attend the AGM. The technology worked and all were briefed on the successes of 2022, of which there were a few, and the plans for 2023, of which there are also quite a few!

We do need your help though. Our current Treasurer is standing down due to work pressures so we are on the look out for a new Treasurer. If you are interested please get in touch. It is a key role and one that will play a good part in our operational and development activities.

Most of the 2022 successes were faithfully recorded in this monthly blog, so I won't repeat them here other than to say, we got sailing, the cadets learned a lot and had some fun, we started an Unexpected Garden and had many a festive food and artistic event, we had a gale blown out regatta at the bar, a well attended Loch Long week and we ended the year in the black thanks to generous donations from our members, reduced spending and well attended events to support our income. We ended the year continuing our engagement with Sport Scotland and our RYA representative and building our grant application for our clubhouse development with Sport Scotland.

The annual calendar of events is listed at the end of this log, so you can get an early indication of what is planned. Our traditional events; The Opening Muster, Summer Picnic, Regatta and Loch Long Week will have a similar flavour to last year and we hope you will join us.

We also intend to continue on with our garden project and any and all volunteers are welcome to help us. A 'Get your Garden Ready' day will be held later in March so

watch this space. We have been fortunate to receive nine apple treelings as part of last years project which will be planted up to provide some lovely spring blossoms to the site and eventually a harvest of apples. Who knows, our next innovation may be cider pressing!!

So if you are a gardener, or not and want to participate in that, let us know. You do not need to be a club member. We see this as a contribution to the community and available to anyone.



Apple treelings for planting at CSC

So, our season is starting and we do hope to have a wonderful year. We could use your help.

You don't need to go on the water to give a helping hand. A Treasurer, Fundraisers, IT/social media wizards, management gurus, youth trainers, chefs and bakers, event organisation planners, electricians, plumbers, joiners, gardeners and helpers of all things are all welcome. We'd love to have you. If you are interested in learning more get in touch with me or a member of the committee.

If you haven't joined before, now is our traditional membership signup time. Membership is reasonable and forms will be available on the website shortly. In light of current financial pressures we have kept our membership fees the same as last year. And we're not just about sailing. If you row, powerboat, paddleboard, kite surf, kayak or swim, or enjoy helping to organise and expand the social activities of the club we'd love to welcome you. We are involved in the current Community Consultation and look forward to the input to the recent survey as it relates to community desires on water access, sports activities and safeguarding the environment.

Even just sitting out on the shore side with a warm fire burning to enjoy the sunset can be had, as one of our member's recently tried. The Clubhouse and Patio are available for private functions. There are not many better views in this part of town!



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

Best wishes for a safer and more fun 2023.

Hope to see you out there

Wells Grogan

Commodore Cove Sailing Club

CSC 2023 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Comments
04-Mar-23	RYA Conference	Affiliated Club Conference
11-Mar-23	Social	Italian Night
18 & 26 /03/202	Work Party	Clubhouse, pier and grounds spruce up Including Unexpected Garden
24-Mar-23	Pie & Quiz night	19:00 Family Fun night
26-Mar-23	Sunday Scran	11-13:00
26-Mar-23	Work Party	Work party and Garden Ready Day
22-Apr-23	Opening Muster	Opening Muster Racing season commences
May	Cadet Training	Training commences
20-May-23	Discover Sailing	Event with Autism on the Water (AOTW).
May	Racing	Loch Long series Tuesday and Friday nights
26-May-23	Scottish Series	From 26 May - 1 June
03-Jun-23	Cove Annual Regatta	Racing commences 11 am, shore side social events
04-Jun-23	C&K 10K run/walk	Car parking at CSC for entrants
10-Jun-23	Ardentinny Picnic	
June	Racing	Loch Long series Tuesday and Friday nights
July	Racing	Loch Long series Tue and Fri nights
	Cadet Regatta	Date to be advised
23-28 Jul 2023	Loch Long Week 2023	On and off water events
24-Jul-23	LLW	BBQ,
25-Jul-23	LLW	Ceildh
27-Jul-23	LLW	Class Dinner
August	Racing continues	Tuesday and Friday evenings
	Social event	To be Advised
08-Sep-23	Polaris Regatta	Hosted by HLSC
09-Sep-23	Polaris Regatta	
Sep	CSC Social Event	Harvest Festival
27-Oct-23	Prizegiving	Supper and awards ceremony
17-Nov-23	Social Night	
15-Dec-23	Social Night	Christmas cocktails