

Commodore's Log – May

Cove Sailing Club

The starting gun has sounded. The sailing season is here and what a glorious start to the season. Thank you Gaia.

Following a well attended work party earlier in the month and getting our moorings in with RB Marine and club member Alan Harper duly assisting, the club opened its doors to the sailing season on April 22 with its opening muster. Despite an unfavourable forecast of high winds and clouds the day proved to be a stunner of an April spring day as 5 boats took to the water and engaged in the opening race of the season. Freshly painted and varnished boats jostled on the start line and headed round the loch for a fine afternoon of racing. Sula, Capricorn, Elizabeth, Sabre and Legend 29 (A Hunter Legend 29, would you believe!) rounded the cans, finishing in that order.

Meanwhile a good size crowd settled in around the picnic tables on the patio to watch events unfold and enjoy the sunny afternoon. They were suitably entertained by Al Mitchell who graced the club with his fine voice and music in his first venture at the club. One to be repeated as he was well appreciated during his afternoon sets. Later that evening the Vice Commodore and his gaffer, John and Arlene McNeilage served up a delicious curry to feed the hungry crowd.



Boats getting ready to race



Bridge team setting the course



Sails flying heading down the loch



Al Mitchell serenading the crowd on the patio



Meanwhile at the pirate ship sandbox play continued.

Rumour has it that the festivities went well into the night.

But no rest for the partygoers as Sunday rolled around and our monthly Sunday Scran swooped back into the clubhouse for a lunchtime session. This month's themes were a book swap and outdoor apparel swap. In addition to soup and hot dogs, participants could bring a book to exchange and swap out those outgrown children's wet suits for a bigger size. It was great to see our third Sunday Scran so well attended. We are very grateful to the National Lottery Community Fund for sponsoring these events, which allow us to organise some additional activities for those who attend.



April's Sunday Scran theme swap a book or wetsuit



Lots to chose from for all ages

More news to report before you turn the page however. At the end of March, the club development team completed it's funding application to Sport Scotland Facilities Fund and heard back that the application had been received and checked and would now begin an evaluation process. Congratulations to the team for that effort and we now await feedback and further dialogue with Sport Scotland.

And so a cracking start to the sailing season now turns the corner to May. Racing will continue on Tuesday and Friday nights. Cadets will commence this month and further social occasions will be planned including our May Sunday Scran. Our new webpage will also be launched shortly to provide a source of up to date information.

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

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