

SAILING SECRETARY REPORT 2024

The sailing season had a few memorable moments. For the first time, to my knowledge, a race was postponed, not primarily because of the lack or surfeit of wind, but because of torrential rain, and the forecast of no let up. Also, during a race at the beginning of July, a weather front came through giving a wind strength that few had experienced. Fortunately there were few mishaps, the sailing skills of the fleet prevailing.

In the evening racing, slightly more 'one round' races were sailed than those of two or three. On one occasion, the race for two of the Classes was abandoned, but the fact that all 18 races were completed, a successful season is behind us.

The weekend races continue to attract less participants, but with an average of six competitors, we are functional.

The Club hosted the RC35 Scottish Championships in early June. The strong W/NW wind provided spectacular racing, exciting much comment from the shoreside watchers, and giving us major coverage in the local Observer newspaper.

As usual, our Polaris Regatta completed the season. Thanks are again due to Alison Currie for her overseeing of the Cadet racing. Ashore and afloat, Polaris was a success, and sincere thanks are due to the ladies in the kitchen, and to my assistants at Lazaretto Point. Thanks are also due to the Patrol Boat drivers, without whom some aspects of racing would not take place.

My thanks must be logged to Jim Maclean, Iain Sinclair and Bob Donaldson, without whom, a myriad of essential functions would have been unachievable.

Bill Aitchison

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