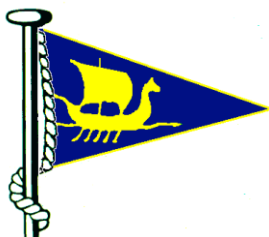


Largs Sailing Club - founded 1936



We are currently researching the club's history, and the local weekly newspaper of 29th August 1936 has the article reproduced right, from the Largs Museum's microfilm files of old "Wee Papers". This reads:

"This young club, which only came into existence this summer, is flourishing even beyond expectations. There are now 60 names in the register, and promise of more for next season.

The object of the club is to encourage sailing and racing in small boats in the vicinity of Largs, which was at one time a renowned centre for this healthy sport.

The boats of the club are divided into two classes, the Snipes, a one design class, and a handicap class of all other boats under twenty feet in length.

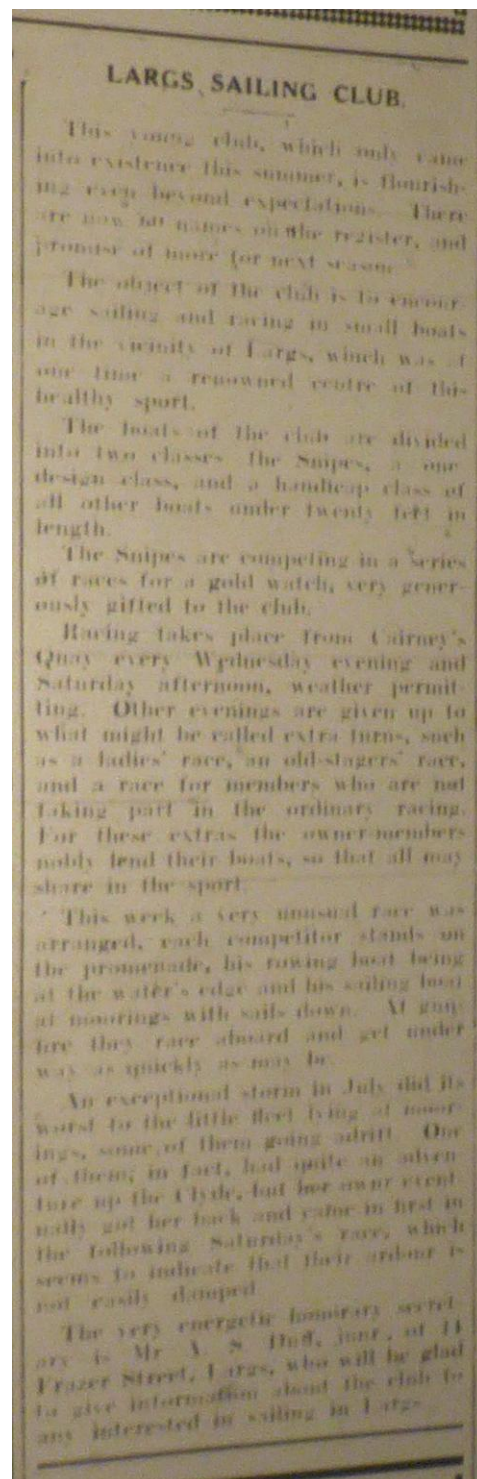
The Snipes are competing in a series of races for a gold watch, very generously gifted to the club.

Racing takes place from Cairney's Quay every Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon, weather permitting. Other evenings are given up to what might be called extra turns, such as a ladies race, an old-stagers race, and a race for members who are not taking part in the ordinary racing. For these extras, the owner members nobly lend their boats, so that all may share in the sport.

This week, a very unusual race was arranged, each competitor stands on the promenade, his rowing boat being at the water's edge, and his sailing boat at moorings with sails down. At gunfire, they race aboard and get under way as quickly as may be.

An exceptional storm in July did its worst to the little boat fleet lying at moorings, some of them going adrift. One of them, in fact, had quite an adventure up the Clyde, but her owner eventually got her back, and came in first in the following Saturday's race, which seems to indicate that their ardour is not easily damped.

The very energetic honorary secretary is Mr A.S. Duff, junr, of 14 Fraser Street, Largs, who will be glad to give information about the club to anyone interested in sailing in Largs."



Research continue e.g. Julia has the original treasurer's cash book, whose first entry is May 1936, in the office. More as time permits!

Gordon Cochrane, Membership Secretary, 12.8.16.