



# LARGS SC NEWS - August 2015

Headlines / dates for your diaries:

- [Quiz night](#) - Friday 14th August
- [Cruise in company](#) - Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th August  
Extended cruise from Sunday 30th August
- [Largs Regatta Week](#) - our premier event - Sat 22nd - Sat 29th August:
  - Cumbraes weekend - racing Saturday 22nd, marquee party Saturday evening; round Cumbraes on Sunday 23rd
  - midweek racing - Tue/Wed/Thu evening
  - regatta dinner Friday 28th
  - two handed and dinghy races Saturday 29th
- [Dinghy park to be cleared in marquee area by Wednesday 19th August](#)
- [Help required with LRW preparation, please](#) - work parties:
  - Tuesday 18th August, 1000-1200 - race gear preparation
  - Friday 21st August, 1000-1200 - marquee preparation
- [mast rack](#) - need to identify masts by end August, or they will be scrapped or sold.
- [Clyde sightings](#) - humpback whale, and a superyacht!
- [web site](#) and [Facebook](#) page - lots of added content and activity in recent weeks - have a look!

[Scroll down](#) for much more detail on all these topics, and more.

Gordon Cochrane

Membership Secretary

## LARGS REGATTA WEEK - Saturday 22nd - Saturday 29th AUGUST

This is the club's major event for keelboats, dinghies and catamarans, and afloat, is in three main parts:

### Peelports Cumbraes Weekend - August 22nd / 23rd:

#### Saturday 22nd:

- **keelboats** "round the cans" to the north of Great Cumbrae; **dinghies and catamarans** will race in Largs Channel, in two fleet areas; the **Clyde Etchells Championships**.

*Note that entries (keelboats, dinghies and catamarans) have to be received by Friday 14th August or a late entry fee will be applied. Late entry fees (£10) go to the RNLI.*

*Dinghy / catamaran competitors - we expect a large entry (e.g. 30 Lasers) as some fleets are coming as part of their traveller series, and we can only accept a total number limited by safety boat cover. Entries may be accepted on the day, but strictly on a first come first served basis. Get your entry in now!*

- **Firth of Clyde Rowing Club Regatta**
- **Prizegiving** - 5 p.m.
- **BBQ** - 6 p.m.
- **Ragaels live band in marquee** 8 p.m. - all welcome
- **Kids Dropzone** - 5-8pm for competing families/club members (games/crafts/film). Parents must remain on LYH premises. Organisers are PVG disclosed.

#### Sunday 23rd:

- **racing for keelboats and dinghies** (weather permitting) will be round the Island(s) of Cumbrae; Clyde Etchells Championships on separate course

#### Both days:

- RNLI Lifejacket Clinic, MCA, Border Force etc displays in the courtyard.

### Tuesday 25th to Thursday 27th:

- **Peelports 100 Guineas** - evening races - dinghies and keelboats - cash prizes!
- apres race **supper** available all evenings

#### Friday 28th August:

- **Regatta Dinner** - Australian flavour BBQ! After dinner speakers are well known yacht surveyor Jim McIlwraith and Euroyacht's Angus Scott, recently returned from the 2015 Azores and back two handed race. Hear their tales and tips for the Scottish Two Handed Race on Saturday.

Starts 7 p.m. Tickets £14 from LYH and LSC.

#### Saturday 29th August:

- Scottish Two Handed race - keelboats - around Arran, or Holy Isle
- Hems Kalis dinghy series



ENTRY FREE TO ALL COMPETITORS, BERTH HOLDERS AND FRIENDS

# Marquee Party

## Saturday 22 August

Celebrate Largs Regatta Week with the fabulous *Ragaels Rock Ceilidh Band*

BAR AND BBQ FROM 6pm  
RAGAELS LIVE BAND FROM 8pm

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# Regatta Dinner

## Friday 28 August

LARGS SAILING CLUB - 7pm

*Enjoy a fabulous dinner with an Australian flavour*

AFTER DINNER SPEAKERS  
Angus Scott and Jim McIlwraith  
RETURNED SUCCESSFULLY FROM THE AZORES-AND-BACK 2015 TWO-HANDED RACE

Tickets £14 available from Largs Yacht Haven and Largs Sailing Club

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For full details of all the above events see: [www.largsregattaweek.co.uk](http://www.largsregattaweek.co.uk).



### **FIRTH OF CLYDE COASTAL ROWING CLUB REGATTA - SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST**

The FoCCRC (see [here](#)) will be holding their second Annual Regatta on Saturday 22nd August from 11am to 4pm. Launching from our Championship Slipway, races will take place from just off the Pencil, northwards for 1km (approximately to Cairnie's Quay), and back to the Pencil. There will also be shorter sprint races. The best view of the racing from the shore will be from around the Pencil.

The club anticipates 8 boats will compete and these will include two clubs from the East Coast where coastal rowing is equally popular.

The club welcomes any prospective members to come along on the day and find out more about this growing and increasing popular activity.

### **PREPARATION FOR REGATTA WEEK - HELP REQUIRED, PLEASE!**

These major events don't just happen - there is a lot of preparation work to be done! The Championship Slipway has already been scraped and cleaned by a great team of volunteers, including four of our cadets, and help from our group associates, the Rowing Club:



Bill Forsyth, Greg Amatt, Stuart Moss, Ray Kennedy, Matt Mochar, Martin Wilson, Chris Evans, Jim Colquhoun, Hugh Maclean, Adam Lansdown, David Howie, Kirsteen McDiarmid, Anna McDiarmid. Not on the photo - Ben McDiarmid, Campbell Mackenzie, Corin Mackenzie.

Two main tasks remain:

- **Race gear work party - Tuesday 18th August, 1000-1200** - set out, arrange and take the marks, ground tackle etc for the three race areas to the pontoons
- **Marquee setup work party - Friday 21st August, 1000-1200** - furniture, lighting, decoration etc

Please let [Freddie Moran](#) or [David Kent](#) know when you can come - just one session would be great! Many hands make light work - and maybe Julia might bribe you with coffee and donuts - seemed to bring out the slipway volunteers!

### **DINGHY PARK - CLEARANCE FOR LRW MARQUEE**

A marquee will be erected for the Cumbraes Weekend, arriving on Thursday 20th August, and removed on Tuesday 25th August.

**Dinghy park (rows H and J) have to be cleared before Thursday 20th. The marquee guys start early in the morning, so boats will need to be cleared by the Wednesday evening. After sailing will be OK.**

**Please move your own boat - then you know it is moved and secured to your satisfaction. Please do not rely on our volunteers!**

### **LEARN TO RACE!**

Come along and learn to race dinghies in a supported environment!

LSTA cadets and adults are welcome on Wednesday evenings where they will receive tuition and join in with club races whilst being supported by coaches from the water. If you can sail a simple triangular course in a dinghy then you have everything you need to get started and we'll teach you the rest.

We meet every Wednesday at the club at 6:15pm. The cost is just £10 for the rest of the season to cover fuel used on the support boats.

For more information please call Johnathan Briggs on 07971 188358

### **MAST RACK IN DINGHY PARK**

The mast rack in the dinghy park needs repair. To do this, **we intend to clear the rack at the end of August, and scrap any unidentified masts.**

**Anyone who has a mast on this rack should label it clearly by mid August, or it will either be scrapped or sold, for the benefit of club funds.**

### **CRUISING GROUP - CRUISE IN COMPANY THIS WEEKEND; EXTENDED CRUISE**

**The next cruise in company is over this coming weekend, 15-16 August.**

The cruise leaders are Ann and myself on Night Owl. Plan A is likely to be anchoring at the head of Loch Riddon (usually a very peaceful spot), and bbq ashore (so bring bbq stuff), but all that will be reviewed at the meeting in the clubhouse on Saturday morning - 0930 - we go where wind and weather dictate sensible!



If you want any further details before Saturday, contact me on [largssc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:largssc.membership@gmail.com), or ring us on 01475 670337.

The **second extended cruise of the season is from Sunday 30th August to Sunday 6th September**. In previous years, we have gone "round" the Mull of Kintyre, using the Crinan Canal as required, and taking in Gigha, Rathlin, Ballycastle etc. An option mooted for this year is through the canal to Loch Melfort, which several of us visited for the first time this summer. There are excellent moorings off the pier, and the Shower of Herrings restaurant is very good. However, the route will again be determined by wind and weather, and the collective views of the participants. Perhaps register interest with our cruising group convenor, Marilyn Robertson, [corshyecan@gmail.com](mailto:corshyecan@gmail.com). Provisionally, meet in the clubhouse at 0930 on Sunday 30th August. (Note the Two Handed breakfast and prizegiving is that morning, so the meeting might be in the HK Room).

### **50:50 CLUB - EXTRA PRIZES!**

As we have new members for the 50:50 club, more money is available for prizes. We now award a fourth prize, and the prizes are now £60, £40, £30, and £20.

**The next draw will be at the quiz night on Friday 14th August.**

***Why not join the 50:50 club? It could be YOU next month! You have to be in it to win it!***

Membership application form and a standing order mandate can be downloaded from the web site's [publications page](#).

### **QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 14th AUGUST**

We are running quiz nights through the summer as a trial, and this is the final summer quiz with special questions for our younger members.

Usual format - Teams of about 6 people with a special prize for cadet teams; buffet around 6.45 p.m., followed by the quiz at 8 p.m.

Buffet reservation to Steven, please - 01475 670022 or e-mail [club-steward@largssc.co.uk](mailto:club-steward@largssc.co.uk).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

- Friday 14th August - quiz night
- Sat / Sun 15th / 16th August - cruise in company. Meet in clubhouse 0930 Saturday.
- Tue 18th August, 1000-1200 - work party - race gear preparation
- Fri 21st August, 1000-1200 - work party - marquee preparation
- Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd August - Cumraes Weekend. Includes Marquee Party on Saturday evening. Rowing Club regatta Saturday. RNLI lifejacket clinic, MCA etc exhibitions on both days.
- Tuesday 25th - Thursday August - Peelports 100 Guineas - evening races
- Friday 28th August - Regatta Dinner
- Saturday 29th August:
  - Scottish Two Handed race - keelboats - around Arran, or Holy Isle
  - Hems Kalis dinghy series
- Sunday 30th August - extended cruise in company
- Friday 11th September - quiz night
- Sat / Sun 26th / 27th September - cruise in company. Meet in clubhouse 0930 Saturday

## SIGHTINGS ON THE CLYDE!

Two unusual sightings on the Clyde! The crew of Ocean Youth Trust Scotland's boat Alba Venturer watched a **humpback whale** for about 45 minutes earlier in July, just outside Tarbert! See the video [here](#).



More current is the huge **superyacht J Class replica, Lionheart**, which was anchored off Fairhaven on Cumbrae last night (Tuesday 11th). The J Class were (very rich!) gentlemen's yachts, with their heyday in the 1920's and 30's, competing for the America's Cup. Lionheart is a modern replica, with the hull design of a previous J Class boat. She came past Largs on Saturday morning (left photograph below), dwarfing everything around, at 40 metres long, and a 50m mast!



We went past her during the FYC racing last night - the dots in the water alongside are the Castle Craig Canoe Club kayakers, the yacht is a Moody 336!



Closer up, she is astonishingly slim - and just look at the boom's size and polish!

## **CLUBHOUSE OPENING HOURS**

We are now on full summer hours, as below:

Monday		1700 - 2200
Tuesday		1900 - 2300
Wednesday	1200 - 1400	1700 - 2300
Thursday	1200 - 1400	1700 - 2300
Friday	1200 - 1400	1700 - 2300*
Saturday	1100 - - -	- - - 2300*
Sunday	1100** - - -	- - - 2000*

*Notes: \* - may close earlier if no members present*

*\*\* - no alcohol served before 1230*

Members can also book the clubhouse for anything from a business meeting to a wedding - talk to Julia and Steven.

## **WEB SITE // FACEBOOK**

A reminder that there is much more information (and current information!) on many of the above topics on our [web site](#), and on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/largssc](http://www.facebook.com/largssc).

Gordon Cochrane

Membership Secretary

## **Links // Contacting the Club, the LSTA, and other links:**

LSC office: 01475 670000

LSC Lookout Lounge / Bar: 01475 670022

LSC general e-mail: [secretary@largssc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@largssc.co.uk)

LSC web site: [www.largssc.co.uk](http://www.largssc.co.uk)

LSC Facebook: [www.facebook.com/largssc](http://www.facebook.com/largssc)

FoC Coastal Rowing Club: see [here](#)

LSTA general e-mail: [info@lsta.org.uk](mailto:info@lsta.org.uk)

LSTA web site: <http://www.lsta.org.uk/>

LSTA Facebook: [www.facebook.com/largssta](http://www.facebook.com/largssta)

Scottish Sailing Institute: see [here](#)

SSI **webcam (new)** - see [here](#)

LYH/LSC **webcam** – see [www.largssc.co.uk/web-cam](http://www.largssc.co.uk/web-cam)