



LARGS SC NEWS - January 2016

Main points this month:

- the [clubhouse reopens](#) after winter maintenance for [quiz night](#) - this [Friday, 15th January](#)
- first [cruising group winter talk](#) - this [Sunday, 17th January](#)
- reports on:
 - the New Year race
 - the great work done by our volunteers, getting the clubhouse ready for the new season
- social programme through to mid March, including:
 - Stuart MacDonald - Fiji and New Zealand - Fri 29th Jan
 - quiz nights 12th February; 11th March
 - Brendan Bocker - sailing to the Med without murder or divorce! - Friday 26th February

Remember there is much more information about the club on our [web site](#), including the new "[Socials](#)" tab added to main menu bar - see the full programme through the winter! Also [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

CLUBHOUSE REOPENING, QUIZ NIGHT THIS FRIDAY etc

Our trusty band of volunteers have been sprucing up the clubhouse for the incoming season, and we **reopen on Friday evening** for the **January quiz**, then on **Sunday**, we have the first of the winter **cruising group talks**.

Later in January (Friday 29th), Stuart MacDonald continues the story of his round the world trip, in "Fiji, New Zealand and Beyond".

More information below, and on the "Socials" tab on the LSC web site:



QUIZ NIGHT - this Friday, 15th January

Many thanks again to Santa Chris, Rudolph Linda and the elves for another great Christmas Special quiz! Much appreciated by a capacity clubhouse!



The regular and very popular winter quiz nights resume **THIS FRIDAY**. Buffet from around 6:30, quiz starts 8 p.m. Come and eat beforehand, and make a full evening of it!



To ensure your food order, please make your buffet reservation with Avril on 01475 670022 (answerphone), or by e-mail to club-steward@largssc.co.uk.

CRUISING GROUP - first WINTER TALK - THIS SUNDAY, 17th JANUARY

The winter talks resume this Sunday, with two talks, starting at 2 p.m., and finishing around 4:30 p.m. Come along from 12 and enjoy a pizza, panini, soup or hot dish and meet the speakers and other club members!



The first talk will be by **Greg Beecroft**, one of the Friends of **Wemyss Bay Station**, who will talk about the station as "An Historic Gem" and review the current renovation programme in the station and the line's long history, providing the link between Glasgow and the seafaring activities on the Clyde.



The second talk will be by **David Frame**, Cumraes Chief Instructor, who will talk about “Largs Channel Experience: the journey to Global Reputation” - his experience of **race management** since the IYRU Youth Worlds in 1991 (at the old LSC club house in John Street!). David has travelled to the opposite side of the planet and back, providing training, expertise and organisational leadership at the world's biggest and most well known sailing events, including the Olympics. Through his talk he explains "what made the difference" and shares some of his stories and his many photos from the experiences that followed.

The **winter talks continue** on **Sunday 14th February**, and **Sunday 13th March**. More later.

CLUBHOUSE MAINTENANCE

Over 20 members of Largs SC and our friends from the Coastal Rowing Club have given considerable time in early January to get the clubhouse spic and span for the new season, under the overall coordination of John Ridley. **MANY thanks** to everyone for their time and efforts (and apologies to anyone missed on the list):

John Connelly
Dennis Cook
Joan Downie
Bill Erskine
David Howie
David Kent

Marilyn Lord
John McAlpine
Billy McCarlie
Janet McCarlie
Ken McClelland
George McCree

Hugh MacLean
Neil Macpherson
Jenny Mearns
Chris Nichol
Liz Pratt
John Reekie

John Ridley
Andrew Smith
Neil Stuart
Alex West
Martin Wilson



Chris Nichol wields the paint roller



Billy McCarlie dust busting



John Reekie and Ken McClelland add more dinghy tie-down points



Balcony pressure wash by Hugh McLean and Niall Macpherson



Well deserved lunch break!

Jobs completed include pressure washing the balcony, more tie downs in the dinghy park, lots of deep cleaning inside, including the ducts and drapes in the Lookout Lounge roof space, inside painting, and so on. The carpets are being shampooed this week.

A major task that first arose during the New Year race was contamination of the fuel for the boilers. Like diesel engines, boilers don't like contaminated fuel. With help from David Kent, about 60 litres of sludge and water was siphoned out from the bottom of the tank, so all is hopefully now in good working order.

Thanks also to LYH for the loan of their tower scaffold, so the air conditioning tubes in the upper lounge space and drapes in roof void could be safely accessed for dust cleaning.

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, so the prizes are now £60, £40, £30, and £20.

The following winners were drawn at the December quiz night:

		December
1	£60	Gerry Bruce
2	£40	Paul and Jean Turner
3	£30	Rob Brown
4	£20	Chris Nichol

Why not join the 50:50 club? Better odds than the National Lottery, or Ernie! It could be YOU next month! You have to be in it to win it! A membership application form and a standing order mandate can be downloaded from the web site's [publications page](#).

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Friday 29th January - Fiji and New Zealand in "Beyond"** - Stuart MacDonald returns with more tales of his trip in "Beyond" filling in the adventures he left out in his last talk. Buffet from 1900. Please book with Avril - e-mail club-steward@largssc.co.uk or telephone 01475 670022.
- **Quiz night - Friday 12th February**
- **Friday 26th February - Sailing to the Med without murder or divorce!** An illustrated talk from a Brendan Bocker on sailing with his wife from the Clyde to Spain. Buffet from 1900. Please book with Avril - e-mail club-steward@largssc.co.uk or telephone 01475 670022.
- **Quiz night - Friday 11th March.**

SAILING

A boisterous New Year sail for the dinghies, a natter in the clubhouse for the cruising group! Plans for the dinghy early series etc. Read on!

NEW YEAR RACE -

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

What a day, three fast races as planned in a very strong and gusty easterly. 14 boats out on the water - 12 for the first race and 11 for the other two, also 4 of our juniors who survived all 3. There were very few who escaped without multiple capsizes in the challenging conditions!

Eventual winners were Sam and Lianne in their GP14, followed by Martin and Bill in the RS200, with Ken third in the Solo. Junior Daniel Nunn put in an admirable performance finishing 5th overall in his Laser4.7, the first time he had ever raced it.





Big thanks to all the volunteers afloat and ashore who made it happen, and David Boden for the photographs. More pictures from David on the Facebook page [here](#), and Fenella Corlett [here](#).

Full results [here](#).

Also many thanks to Leo Compton, John Ridley and Graeme Robertson who managed to get the boilers working in time for the sailors to have a hot shower when they came ashore!



EARLY "WARM UP" SERIES - SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 27th MARCH

The first race series of the new season will be the six Sundays between 21st February and 27th March, and will be sponsored by Barton.

CRUISING - SUMMER PLANS

Marilyn Robertson is suggesting that the summer cruising programme will be confirmed at a planning session over Easter weekend.

Information will also be posted on the cruising page of the web site - see [here](#).

CLUBHOUSE OPENING HOURS

Saturday	1100 - 1700
Sunday	1200 - 1700

We will open on Friday evenings for quiz nights and other functions as required.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

There has been an excellent response to the request for subscription and berthage renewals for 2016, with over 200 transactions recorded in WebCollect, totalling over £30k - funds which are very useful to carry us through the leaner winter months - the bills have to be paid!

Most members seem to be using WebCollect reasonably comfortably, but I've had to help a number of members with issues which mostly would have been answered if they had read the guide I attached to the renewal request e.g. they have opened completely new memberships, rather than renew their current membership. We obviously don't want two entries for one membership, and merging the two entries is quite time consuming. Sometimes this arises because members can't remember the e-mail registered with the club - but it's simple - it's the e-mail address on which you receive e-mail from the club!

Anyway, if you have any problems, please first read the renewal guide (also on the publications page of the web site - see [here](#)), or contact me.

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

LSC web site: www.largssc.co.uk

LSC Facebook: www.facebook.com/largssc

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

LSTA general e-mail: info@lsta.org.uk

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

LSTA Facebook: www.facebook.com/largssta

Scottish Sailing Institute: see [here](#)

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

LYH/LSC **webcam** – see www.largssc.co.uk/web-cam