

# LARGS SC NEWS – April 2019

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## Club news

### New catering provider

As part of our long-term development strategy, the club executive has taken the decision to outsource its bar and catering operations and has sought a third-party catering business to provide, at their own cost, food and drink services to members and to the sailing events that the club hosts. We have recently announced that Bosuns Table will become that provider from mid-April 2019.

As many of you know, catering has always presented a management and delivery challenge to us as a sailing club, and we feel that this new arrangement will allow the club to get on with sailing matters while experts concentrate on catering! Importantly, outsourcing catering in this way is part of our agreed strategy to develop the upper floor facilities as separate businesses operating on a self-supporting basis with no cross-subsidy from the club, but with a return to the club for the use of the asset. The team at Bosuns Table will take on staffing and service provision from the bar and kitchen at their own cost; they are looking forward to the opportunities our fantastic facility provides and hope to welcome more of you into the club as they develop their menus and activities. Marshona Pendrill, owner of Bosuns Table said: “We are delighted to be helping the club to continue to provide catering. As in our marina café, we will be providing homemade food with fresh produce that is sourced locally. A smaller selection will be provided to start with, increasing in range as we progress forward with the club. We welcome your support which will help us to increase and diversify the catering provision at Largs Sailing Club”.



The new catering operation will be fully functioning for the 2019 season, which sees the club hosting a variety of sailing events, for which we will receive a percentage of bar and catering sales income from Bosuns Table. We look forward to working with the Bosuns Table team to bring a buzz and lively atmosphere back into the clubhouse. Marilyn Robertson, Vice Commodore said: “It has been great developing this partnership with Bosuns Table over the past weeks, seeing how they could provide a reliable, good quality service to our members. This will allow the club executive to concentrate on growing our on the water activities in line with member’s expectations”

There will be a season launch weekend towards the end of April, when new menus and staff will be introduced to you all and information about this will be distributed in the usual way. Meanwhile, the club would like to thank all past members of staff, most recently Avril Leslie and her team, who have worked so hard to deliver in house catering, as well as numerous volunteers and club members who have supported them.

Finally, a gentle reminder: Bosuns Table are still part of the LSC members discount scheme (see [here](#) for the latest list) and will offer food at a similarly competitive rate in the club. But of course, you have to be a member of the club to take advantage of these, and there are a number of members who haven't yet renewed for 2019. Reminders will be going out in the next few days.....

## Club's young sailors' success at RYAS Spring Championships

The RYA Scotland Spring Championships took place at Loch Tummel Sailing Club, 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and many of our young sailors from Largs Sailing Club enjoyed success and gained valuable competitive experience at this popular event.

All results can be found at <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing-events/scotland-spring-champs/Pages/event-overview.aspx>



Special congratulations go to Jamie Briggs and Max Vella, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Topper class. Also, massive “well dones” to Topper sailors Elise Fitzgerald, Finlay Herrington, Emma Vella, Finley Briggs, Callum Russell, Katie McNicol and Charlie McNicol; and Optimist sailors Ruariri Herrington and Cara Russell.

Also a big thank you to Clare Russell who kept the LSC racing Facebook page up to date with the event.

## Local news

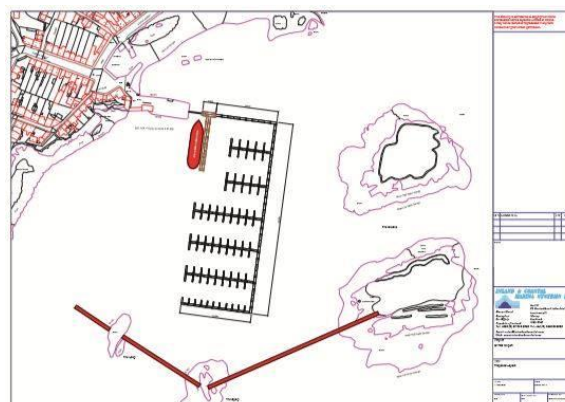
### Proposed marina facilities at Millport

Several club members responded to a request for feedback on a proposal by North Ayrshire Council for marina facilities at Millport:

<https://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/Documents/EconomyCommunities/millport-marine-tourism-development.pdf>

The plans, which include a berth for the Waverley, are extensive:

Most agree that a step ashore facility, even for dinghies, would be an excellent development, so watch this space and see how this progresses.



## Road closures

In an ongoing programme of road resurfacing works, the A78 between Largs and Skelmorlie will be closed for 2 weekends from Friday April 5



This means that the regular quiz night has been rescheduled to Friday April 19<sup>th</sup> to allow the brains of Skelmorlie to compete!

## On the Water, club activities

### Frostbite series dinghy racing (from Bill Forsyth)

The first race of the 2019 frostbite open series, sponsored by Harken, got off to a windy start on 3 March, with over 17 boats on the water and between the 2 fleets, the racing was close throughout the morning. With very positive feedback regarding the new course layout of short and long courses, and the early start time, most sailors were looking forward to the next few weekends, but Mother Nature had a hand to play and they were cancelled due to extreme conditions. The last few races saw the top three places in each class battling down to the last day, with things extremely tight in the short course fleet and the single-handed D Zero's trading places with the larger Osprey dinghy on corrected time.

The final three races on Sunday 31 March were sailed in almost perfect conditions with sunglasses put to good use. Full series results can be found at:

<http://www.largssc.co.uk/sites/default/files/Frostbite%20Open%20Series%202019.htm>

The overall winners were Fleet 1: Allan Henderson (PSC) in his Osprey and Fleet 2: Stuart Gibson (CCC) in his SOLO

As ever it was great to share the water with many visitors from other clubs, and we are very grateful for the sponsorship and fantastic prizes provided by Harken.

Next up is the Sunday spring series starting on 7<sup>th</sup> April, closely followed by the start of our midweek Wednesday early series on April 10<sup>th</sup>

### Cruising update (from the cruising group sub-committee)

Spring has sprung, the clocks have gone forward, and we hope that your thoughts are turning to getting out on the water again for the new season. Or maybe you carried on cruising through the winter?

#### Winter Talks, Cruising Log

The excellent series of winter talks concluded in March with two main items - the presentation of the cruising log trophy for 2018 to Sue Brook on *Inclination*, chosen as the winning log from other excellent entries from *Alligin*, *Arctic Tern*, and *Time Bandit*, and a general discussion on boat maintenance, particularly engine cooling, and diesel bug, coordinated by Leo Compton.

See Inclination's winning log [here](#) - it's a great read!

Many thanks to Marilyn Lord for organising these talks, and the many club members who contributed. We will aim to organise a similar series next winter. A volunteer, please?

### [Cruising Group organisation](#)

Although we have lacked an overall coordinator in the last couple of seasons (still open to volunteers!), the cruising group have remained active, organising the 2017 and 2018 cruise in company programmes, social functions, and winter talks.

The current subcommittee is listed below, and can be contacted using [this link](#) on the cruising page (<http://www.largssc.co.uk/cruising>) of the Largs SC web site.

*Bethany* - Hilary Talbot, Johnathan Alldis

*Inclination* - Colin and Sue Brook

*Memsahib* - Stan and Vivienne Petrie

*Night Owl* - Ann and Gordon Cochrane

*Sunshine* - Garry and Kelly Smith

New members for the committee are welcome, to share the organisation of the group's activities. A key to encouraging members to volunteer is that a role should be time limited, and Colin Brook has offered to coordinate the summer cruise in company programme for 2019. Thanks Colin! Ann Cochrane will do this in 2020.

### [Summer 2019 cruise in company programme](#)

Doreen and Andrew Smith (*Dawn Magic*) will lead the opening cruise over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, 4th-6th May 2019, to Holy Loch. More details are on the web site (see <http://www.largssc.co.uk/node/517>) but in outline, meet 0930 in the clubhouse on Saturday morning, then sail/motor to Holy Loch. Group meal in the Holy Loch Inn on the Saturday evening. Walk on Sunday, with BBQ in the evening (byo food and BBQ), then home (or onwards) on Monday. As it's the Bank Holiday weekend, booking for the marina, and the Holy Loch Inn is essential, both to get the group discount from the marina, and for the table arrangement at the Holy Loch Inn. Book with Doreen and Andrew at [dawnmagic1@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmagic1@gmail.com).

Further cruises in company are being arranged, provisionally:

- 4-6 May (Bank Holiday weekend) - *Dawn Magic*, Andrew and Doreen Smith
- 25-27 May (Bank Holiday weekend) - TBN
- 6-7 July (Tarbert Seafood Festival) - TBN
- 20-21 July - *Night Owl*, Ann and Gordon Cochrane
- 3-5 August (Scottish Bank Holiday weekend) - *Memsahib*, Stan and Vivienne Petrie
- 24-25 August (UK except Scotland Bank Holiday weekend) - *Inclination*, Colin and Sue Brook (may extend to week long cruise)
- 28-29 September - closing muster - *Sunshine*, Garry and Kelly

Any volunteers to lead the late May and early July cruises, please?

The latest programme will always be on the [cruising page](#) of the LSC web site, and in the [web calendar](#), plus Facebook etc.



## Focus on Major Events

2019 is going to be a big year for the club with a very full calendar of visiting major sailing events:

### May 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> D-Zero weekend

*Devoti Sailing*  
D-Zero & Optimist  
**dzero.co.uk**

The inaugural Scottish D-Zero Championship, Vortex Scottish Open, Musto and RS200 travellers are sharing what has since 2016 been a fantastic weekend of class racing on well-laid courses with great race management. Both the D-Zeros and Musto Skiffs will be holding national championships at the club over 2019 and 2020 and this race weekend is a great chance for visitors to get more experience of the fantastic venue and waters. Sponsored by

the UK Dealer, Dzero.co.uk, the inaugural Scottish D-Zero Championship reflects the considerable growth of the class in Scotland with two major fleets in Largs and Prestwick and numbers growing on the East Coast. The Largs Open Event held since 2016 has grown in popularity and last year's event attracted a number of sailors from the south and north of England and we'd hope to see even more visiting boats eager to test themselves on the waters of the 2020 National Championships.

Notice of Race and Sailing instructions can be found at:

<http://www.largssc.co.uk/sites/default/files/DZero%20Scottish%20Champs%20promo%20-%20rev%20Mar2019.pdf>.

### July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laser UK National Championships

We look forward to welcoming the Laser fleet to Largs for their 2019 Nationals. Racing commences on the Sunday with two races each day over 6 days on a single race track either North of the Cumbraes, or in the Largs Channel, under David Kent's watchful eye as PRO.



Notice of Race can be found at:

<http://www.largssc.co.uk/sites/default/files/attachment%201.pdf>

## 🚢 August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>: Topper UK National Championships



LSC welcomes the Toppers to Largs for their 2019 Nationals. With almost 200 boats expected we will be sailing on 2 race tracks, with the racing commencing on Sunday 4th.

More information at: <https://gbrtopper.ourclubadmin.com/mini-event.php?event=573>

## 🚢 September 5 – 8<sup>th</sup>: Musto Skiff UK Nationals

LSC welcomes the Musto Skiffs to Largs for their UK Nationals 2019 in September. Planning is well underway to make this a memorable event with the 4 days of racing commencing on Thursday 5th.



Notice of Race can be found here:

<http://www.largssc.co.uk/sites/default/files/GBR%20Largs%20NOR%20FINAL.pdf>



Big thanks to all who attended the recent club Volunteer morning. We signed up some new helpers and are now pretty much organised with all critical volunteer slots allocated for the Laser and Topper Nationals. There is still some work to be done on finding rib crews, but Mark Layers and Safety drivers are in place.

There are some vacancies for the Musto Skiff Nationals Thurs 5 Sept to Sun 8 Sept which we will work on over the coming weeks. We are particularly looking for Rib Drivers and crew. Please contact John Connelly at [John.connelly@aztec.org.uk](mailto:John.connelly@aztec.org.uk) if you can help out.

The Major Events page of the club website is regularly updated, thanks to Freddie Moran, so visit to keep up to date with events details: <http://www.largssc.co.uk/events>

## .....and finally: some important dates for your diaries:

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>: Spring series club racing begins. Two races back to back on Sunday mornings, until May 12<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>: Early Series Evening dinghy racing. Every week on Wednesday evenings until May 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>: Quiz Night. Food from 7pm, quiz starts at 8pm. Booking details to follow!

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup>: Fairlie Yacht Club keelboat racing, the weekly evening race nights start! Runs until Tuesday August 20<sup>th</sup>.

May 4 – 6<sup>th</sup>: Cruise in Company to Holy Loch. For details see <http://www.largssc.co.uk/node/517>

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>: Quiz Night. Food from 7pm, quiz starts at 8pm. Booking details to follow!

August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>: Largs Regatta Festival will take place and more information can be found at: <https://www.yachthavens.com/largs/news-and-events/largs-regatta-festival-2019-takes-a-new-course/#.XKsAeZhKjIU> There will be much more about this and the associated evening dinghy series and two handed race the following weekend in a future club enews

Also, note a series of powerboat courses:

We are running two Safety Boat courses in the next few months.

- The first one is just one day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, and is enough to cover our club racing and club events. There is no charge for this, but we do expect participants to volunteer to help at club racing and club events by way of payback. Participants must already hold PB2 qualification.
- The second course is for two full days, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June and is the official RYA Safety Boat course. It requires the candidate to already have a certain level of power boating experience, along with a PB2 certificate. The cost for this is £80 for members and £200 for non-members.

### POWERBOAT LEVEL 2

Please note we have some spaces left on a PB 2 course to be run on Monday/Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April. The cost is £120 to club members and £180 to non-members. This is a RYA recognised qualification.