

INTRODUCTION

This season will see some new members joining the club and new boats on the moorings, I wish to extend a warm welcome to you all and hope you enjoy our fine club.

Racing:

The racing season starts off on Tuesday the 2nd of May with the first Primary Points Series race. We will have the same format for the Primary Points Series as last year with the Etchells having two sets of four races and the Piper and Handicap classes having one eight race series. The Etchells will again be first off in the start sequence.

The Ashton Regatta on Saturday 3rd of June will once again be supported by the Clyde Piper fleet though last year's turnout of 26 Pipers will hard to beat. Let's ensure we support our own Regatta and have all the club Pipers out and as many Etchells and Handicap boats as possible competing.

The Holiday Points Series will continue to be held on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We hope to increase the numbers racing in this quiet period by encouraging our younger members and Cadets to take out any non-booked club Pipers.

Our annual Pursuit race, the Yorkshire Building Society race, has been moved back a week in the calendar to Friday 18th August to prevent a clash with the Piper OD race weekend.

This season on the Clyde sees the start of a class of boats RC35. These are 35 feet Racer/Cruisers with IRC handicaps which are in a small fixed band. We are delighted to be hosting one of their events alongside our own KGV Regatta.

Let's see as many of you as possible taking to the water this season and coming down and enjoying your club.

Ian Marshall
Rear Commodore/Honorary Sailing Secretary

Cruising:

The cruising musters this season will follow the same format as last season, however hopefully the weather this season will be kinder and all three planned musters will take place. Last season only the last of the three musters took place with 8 boats making their way to Port Bannatyne, where the crews came together for a social event culminating in a enjoyable meal in a local hostelry.

As the yearbook goes to press the current cruising group members are being canvassed for preferred dates and destinations. The majority decision will decide what dates the musters will take place and what the destinations will be. There will be three proposed musters early, mid and late season each with a destination suitable for a BBQ and, wherever possible, a shore based option for beverages and dining.

Arrangements between cruisers is done by email, however, dates and details of musters will again be broadcast to all members in the RGYC newsletter. If you are a boat owner and not currently part of the group, or a non-boat owner interested in cruising, please let me know as there are frequently owners with spare berths looking for an extra pair of hands. Come along and try cruising and enjoy the good company in what is a friendly, relaxed and sociable gathering.

Bill Crawford
Cruising Convener