

# Annandale Sailing Club



## Sailing Enjoyment for All

### Welcome to the clubs 60th Sailing Season

#### Commodore's News

Welcome you to a new 2016 sailing season which kicks off on 13th March, the day after Jetty in. This year marks our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which is a significant milestone for ASC, we will have a big social celebration planned for 20<sup>th</sup> of August, and a "Big Sail" planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> September where we hope to get 60 sailors along to the Barts Bash event.

In 2016 we plan to invest in another modern adult crewed boat, to add to our strong fleet of training boats. We may be able to have a older club laser as well.

This year sees the return

of the Scottish GP14 series to ASC which we will run on the same day as the open, and also the return of the Mirrors as well. The Optimists and Toppers will be at another venue as planned (they rotate) and the Laser Academy will return later in the year.

I am looking forward to getting back onto the water very soon and having a great year, see you soon.



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#### Winter Floods

This has to have been one of the wettest winters for years. Many days of rain meant saturated fields and flooded roads. The club house came within an inch of being flooded, with water lapping over the steps. The high water resulted in vast quantities of pond weed being deposited on the club grounds. Thanks to some hard work though, this has been moved away, ready

for the sailing to start. However, there is still a lot of work to be done to get the club ready for the sailing season, so please join us at jetty In day on 12th March to help prep the club boats, put the jetty in and tidy the club grounds.



#### Useful links

- ◆ Annandale Sailing Club  
[www.annansail.co.uk](http://www.annansail.co.uk)
- ◆ RYA Scotland  
[www.ryascotland.org.uk](http://www.ryascotland.org.uk)
- ◆ Laser Class Association  
[www.laser.org.uk](http://www.laser.org.uk)
- ◆ Laser Lakeland Series  
[www.roostersailing.com](http://www.roostersailing.com)

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## Club House Extension

We are considering how we can improve our club facilities.

Currently, the committee are considering options to extend the club house, to improve training facilities and to make the most of the space available. So far extension to the ground floor, to create another training room and a balcony out of the front of the building and an extension to the side of the club house to increase the upstairs room size are two options being investigated. Any views or ideas on this would be welcomed.

The committee agreed to insulate the roof of the clubhouse, to make winter socials and meetings a warmer affair. We have also agreed to install Internet facilities at the club. Initially, this will be purchased on a pay as you go basis. This will mean that if it's not used we don't have to pay, usage can be monitored and initial set up costs can be kept at a minimum.

## Learning to Sail—Saturdays

Our Saturday Morning Learn to Sail course will be run again from 21st May to 2nd July

Run by Lindsay Tosh, one of our Senior instructors, this course is aimed at complete beginners and returning sailors of all ages. The aim is to allow you to learn to sail in a safe and friendly environment. With extremely good value course fees, the learn to sail course is of particu-

**With family membership less than £3.00 a week Learning to sail is not as expensive as you think.**

lar interest to families that want to participate in this healthy, fun activity together and to work towards RYS Level certification.

Participants will be able to further practice their skills, alongside other club members on our Supported Practice evenings. Held on Tuesday evenings between 26th April and 30th August, these are a great opportunity to improve on skills.

## Summer Training Weeks

Two full training weeks are being run 4th—8th July and 8th—12th August.

These courses are run using the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Learn to sail program, which enables sailors to progress through stages from beginner to advanced levels and onto racing.

With a range of boats including Oppies, toppers, Laser Picos,

Mirrors and GP 14s

These courses cater for all age groups and abilities.

Our boats are great for learning and developing skills.

Signing up early helps the Senior Instructors to organize groups and boats to ensure that each attendee gets the most out of their training. So, if you know of anyone who is interested, please get them to sign

up as soon as possible.



## Club Boat Renewal

Our club boats are a vital resource for the club, providing a variety of boats for all ages and abilities to learn to race and sail in. In recent years we have been following a plan for renewal and boat maintenance.

In the last year we have been successful in receiving grant funding to support our plans. This has meant that we have managed to:

Increase our fleet of Picos to 6; Purchase 3 race standard Optimists; Replace old boat covers and buy a new Club Mirror. We have also bought new sails for our training Op-

pies.

We are now considering how to develop our fleet for families and adult training.



**Most Olympic Sailors learn to sail at small clubs like Annandale Sailing Club**

## Open Events

The Annandale Open will be run over two days, Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May. The Scottish GP14s will be joining us to make this a great event.

Our Laser Open meeting will be held on Saturday 30th April. As the second round of the Laser Lakeland Series, we are anticipating a good turn out. We will also be hosting another Laser academy, for those wishing to improve their technique.

This year we are combining the Barts Bash event with a special 60th Anniversary regatta. Our aim is to get 60 people on the water, so if you've not sailed at the club for a while dust off the boat, get those sails out and join in. There has even been talk of sailing in vintage fancy dress, so dig out your blazers and straw botas

The Ladies on the Loch coaching day will be held on Saturday 27th

August. This event is run by ladies, for the ladies. So, if you are interested let Carol Beattie or Elaine Ross know.

All of these events of course need volunteers, so if you are free to help please contact Richard Bryant on 07952295627 or via the website.

## Racing Program Changes

We have a full racing program from March to November.

Again, the club championship will be based on all handicap races throughout the year, except for the one day trophy events. This gives a maximum of 50 races. This year we have extended the number of races that can be discarded. Competitors

will be able to discard up to 20 of their worst results.

The Class Championships will be based on the Thursday evening Class race results. One discard will be awarded for every four races completed.

The Helm Handicap will be run on a coached race basis. Competitors will

have the option of being coached before, during and after the race, if they wish.



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**[www.annansail.co.uk](http://www.annansail.co.uk)**

First Aid Training and CPR  
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tact Helen Coles

Powerboat Level 2 and  
Safety Boat Training con-  
tact Norman Carmichael

## Open Day—Push The Boat Out

Being our 60th Anniversary, we want to push the boat out this year. We hope to be linking in with the RYA publicity machine to be a part of their Push the Boat Out campaign.

For Open Day we would like to have notice boards in the club house, showing what it takes to run a sailing club and also what members and their families get out of being a member. You can help with this by sending your answers to the following three simple questions to Richard Bryant [richardbryant16@gmail.com](mailto:richardbryant16@gmail.com).

**What Activities do you get involved in at the club?**

**What do you enjoy most about the club?**

**What benefits do you think being a member of the club has bought you / your family?**

## Membership

Joining the club is easy. All you have to do is download the application form from our web site. If you can't do that, forms are available from the clubhouse or from the Membership Secretary:

Mrs Steph Bamforth, Cherrytrees, Serrick Road, Nethermill

## Other Winter Activity

### RYA Awards

Congratulations to Rebecca Coles and Norman Carmichael, who both received nominations for the Annual RYA awards. Rebecca for her work with the Optimist Group over the last year, and Norman for his hard work getting people through their Powerboat and Safety Boat qualifications. These are great examples of how people work hard to support Annandale Sailing Club and it's members in it's efforts to promote sailing as a healthy, fun activity in a safe environment.

### New Senior Instructors

In October Norman Carmichael and Richard Bryant qualified as

Senior Instructors. They will be supporting the July and August sailing weeks, with a view to Richard taking over the mantle of Training Officer next year.

David Gemmell will continue to support these courses to ensure a smooth hand over of what is an integral part of sailing club activity.

### Special Thanks

All these events do not just happen by them selves.

There's boats to maintain, events to be organized, food to be bought or made. Training, Coaching and races to organize and run. Grounds and facilities to maintain.

Then there's publicity, people to

talk to and more.

Annandale Sailing Club's committee would like to give a big thank you to all it's members who give up their time to make these things happen.

**HAPPY  
60th to all  
of you.**