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Newsletter



Message from the Chair:

A very Happy New Year to you all - I hope you have survived the onslaught of wind, rain, food drink and TV. It feels a bit as if more rows were cancelled last year than took place, but the Year got off to a good start, as I saw a crew out off the pier on the 2nd. Let's hope this continues. Rows are in the system for every weekend in January, so please get yourselves signed up.

If you haven't rowed for a while, then please think about coming along for a row; or meet us in the clubhouse on a Saturday morning for a coffee. There is often cake!

And if you feel that you have had too much cake recently, then maybe Jacqueline's challenge is the thing for you. You're not too late to sign up. I've a 5k walk and 1 k swim done already.

Here's to a successful and fun 2024, best wishes, Lucie p.s. don't you just love the Big Bobble Hat!

Membership.

Thanks to everyone for renewing their membership; our numbers now stand at around 70, and we have a few potential new members enquiring about taster sessions.

Jacqueline's January Challenge.

Would you like to take part in a 31km challenge in January? You can run, swim, walk, or row, or mix it up; as long as you complete 31km by 31st January. This is a self-monitored activity, just add your name in the events tab, and keep your own log.

Social events

John will be continuing with the Village Inn quizzes on the third Wednesday of every month, with the first of the year on the 17th of January, 7.30pm for an 8pm start. All welcome, bring your friends. The social team are working on the plans for events for the rest of the year, more to follow.....

"Soup and Safety" 24th February, 12.00-3,00 pm, in the HK room upstairs in Largs Sailing Club.

The training and safety team have pulled together an informal afternoon to provide a refresher on safety aspects of rowing, Soup and crusty bread will be on offer at 1pm, so please sign up on the events page, and let Jacqueline know if you have any dietary requirements. All members are very welcome, so come along and catch up with your fellow members, over a bowl of lentil soup.

“Wish list” meeting

At the AGM we agreed to hold a full member meeting to discuss and suggest future purchases that we might need to make, and how to fund them. We are going to hold this on Wednesday 13th March, in the Sailing Club, 7.30. Please sign up on the events page, and come along with your ideas.

FOCCR members Championship, Saturday 13th April, 10.00 am Fairlie Beach.

This event was very successful last year- the lovely sunny day certainly helped. If you are interested in attending then please sign up on the regatta tab in “Outings”. As well as being great fun, this is an opportunity to find out more about what it’s like taking part in a regatta. All welcome

FOCCR Regatta, 11th and 12 May

After the 2 unsuccessful attempts to hold our regatta last year, we have decided to bring the date forward a few months this year, to give us a better chance of good weather. So put the date in your diary, and look out for more information nearer the time. The regatta takes a lot of planning, and a lot of work, so there will be plenty of opportunity to take part, and contribute. You still have plenty time to get some training in.

Other Club Regattas

As we find out about other club regattas, they will be posted on the events page on the website, so keep your eyes on the system, and sign up to the venues that interest you.

Weekly rowing sessions.

Over the winter there will be regular weekly rowing sessions posted for Saturdays. We will move to mid week rows in the Spring. However if there is a break in the weather mid week, and you fancy a row, then feel free to post one, up, and message out to see who else is interested, and find a cox to come with you. The plan is for Saltire to be given a mini make-over, but we will hopefully be back to both boats in February.

Remember for ongoing up-to-date information read the Minutes of each Committee Meeting, posted monthly on the website, and come for a coffee on Saturday mornings.

