



Gairloch Boat Club

Newsletter September 2024

First item: We need a newsletter compiler/editor/publisher! We recognise that communication in the club can always be improved, and it's been suggested that a newsletter would be a great addition to that process.

If anyone in the club can take on this dead easy task, we would love to hear from you.

Who are we?

Trustees

- **Chairman:** Alistair Swift (alistairswift@hotmail.com)
- **Treasurer:** Janet Deaville (treasurer gbc@hotmail.com)
- **Secretary:** Phil Youell (secretary gbc7@gmail.com)
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- Morven MacLean (morven.mac31@btinternet.com)
- Fiona Tippet (gbcschoolsliason@hotmail.com)

Development Plan

A member asked recently "What do we get for what we pay in our subscriptions?" Good question! The charts on the following pages give an indication of what goes in and what comes out of our coffers. This question came up during an ad-hoc Development Plan meeting. The Development Plan is a way of plotting GBC's course for the future. Expect to hear more about this!

Another finance related item is Gift Aid – where charities can benefit from claiming back 25p in every pound donated. GBC are in the process of investigating this.

Regatta, Sat 14th September 2024

Planning for the mini regatta has been taking place to ensure a fun day for those taking part.

Mutual interests

Links to other boat clubs are being developed to help us learn from others' experiences. We've been in touch with Loch Broom (Ullapool) sailing club, who are going down the same route as we have in becoming a charity (SCIO)

Charity

We have just filed our annual return to OSCR, the Scottish Charity Regulator, and it can be seen on our website. <https://www.gairlochboatclub.org.uk>

Our RNLI fundraising was finished last weekend when we handed over a cheque for £1217 to the crew of the Portree lifeboat at the Kyle Maritime Event.

Boat Park and Clubhouse

The boat park is in line to be tidied up, with excess equipment removed and a plan prepared showing who has what equipment where.

We've offered the use of the clubhouse to the Sitooterie volunteers in inclement weather, so that they can have a cup of tea in the dry.

Royal Yachting Association Scotland (RYAS)

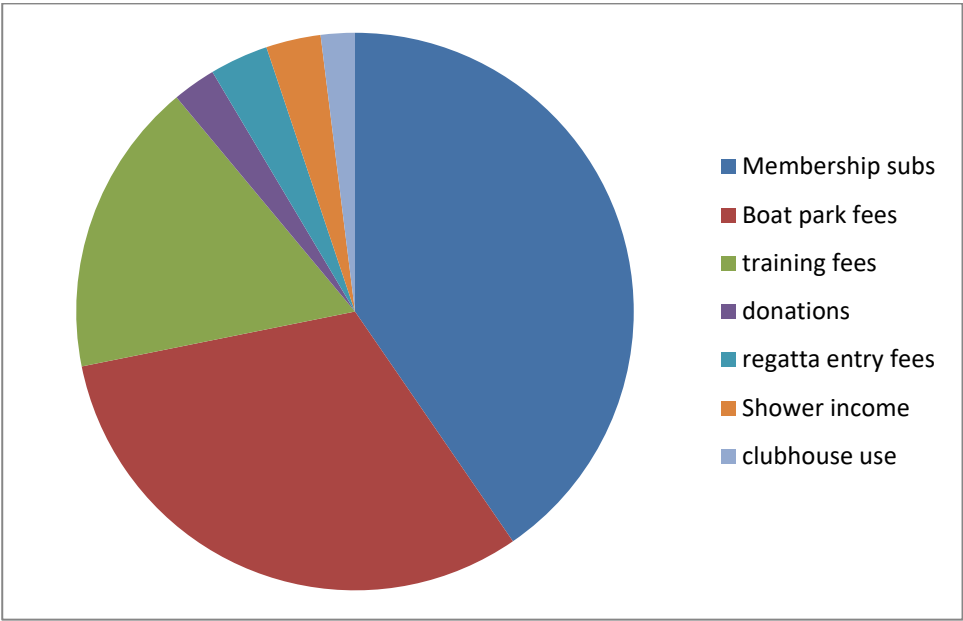
We get advice and support from the RYAS. We've attended conferences run by them, one of which is coming up in November in Dundee. Future newsletter item!

Member Benefits

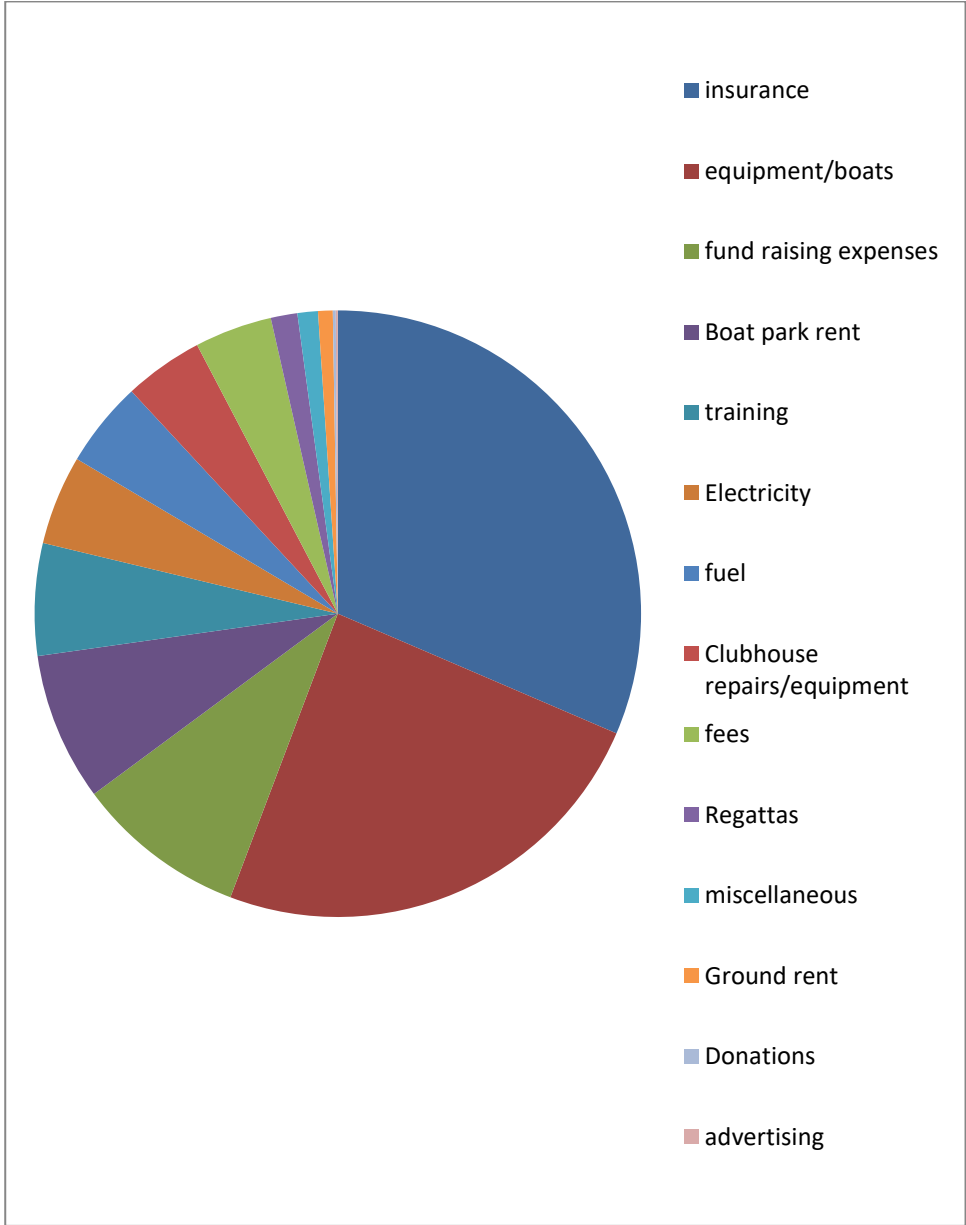
These are some of the benefits of club membership:

- Use of club sailing dinghies, club personal flotation devices, access to experienced sailors for advice.
- Safety cover during organised events and sailing sessions
- Access to training
- Clubhouse changing rooms, meeting room, kitchen, toilets, showers, storage
- Boat storage area
- Social events

Where our income comes from



Where our expenditure goes



Alistair Swift, GBC Chairman

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