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Yet another poor start to the season

The start of the 2025 season was again a bit of a disappointment, with driving rain and high winds.

Pursuit races:

The races planned for May and June just never happened, this means that the 2025 series cannot be calculated. It may be possible to run the remaining two races 23rd August and 20th September but will be fun races only.

Kessock Regatta:

This was again a very successful event and the weather was kind to the sailors on that day.

Moray Firth Cruiser Race:

This was initially scheduled for 24th May but the forecast was so severe that it was cancelled. It is my understanding that it is now scheduled for 30th August. I am sure reminders for the event will be sent out by IBC in good time for the event.

Commodore's Cruise:

On Friday 27th June, 4 boats mustered in Seaport Marina, Baccarat, Moonshadow, Sulaire and Moonshine. Due to forecast, we spent two nights in Seaport and on the Sunday we locked up and through Tomnahurich and Dochgarroch and out into Loch Ness for 1300. It would not be until Tuesday 1st July at 1500 before we had sea water again beneath our Hull. After a night in Linnhe Marine we met up with Tennessee Waltz and Lazybones in Oban Town Marina. The forecast then got worse and most of us spent three days being battered by the winds in Oban. Baccarat did leave Oban on the Thursday and spent some time cruising a little further afield. All the others started heading home on the Saturday and decided to take our time returning through the canal. We waited at Banavie for Baccarat to catch us up. Another disappointing cruise.

Cromarty Regatta:

This scheduled for 6th September and I will be sending out the Notice of race/ Sailing instructions and entry form in the very near future. It would be nice to see a good turn out for our own regatta.

Black Isle Challenge Race:

This is taking place 13th September, the week after our regatta and details will be sent out soon by Diarmid and his colleagues at Fortrose.

Important information for Compound users

1. Annual applications for compound spaces must be submitted before Crane out Day
2. Your vessel must have a valid insurance certificate
3. Cradles/ trailers must be maintained and repaired as a vital safety concern.

If you have a vessel that requires craning out and require storage in the compound please ensure that your cradle / trailer is fit for purpose and ready for inspection.

The deadline for this will be the **15th September**.

Copies of the boat parking policy, charges and application forms can be downloaded from the website:

<https://www.cromartyboatclub.org/moorings/compound>

Anyone interested in a Boat Jumble?

It has been suggested several times to me that the club should have a boat jumble. It would be interesting to find out what you think. Please send me a short reply stating yes or no. If there is enough interest I will be happy to organise the event.

There is also a for sale/wanted page on the website, if you wish to sell anything then let me have details and pics if possible.

Ronald Young has posted some items for sale that may be of interest to members, take a quick look:

Finally:

I am always struggling to find interesting articles to put in the newsletter (as you can see by this very short version!) All members are encouraged to submit articles on any subject regarding sailing, cruising, racing etc.

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