

## Successful May Open Days



**The Commodore in one of the visiting skiffs**

On the 14th 21st and 28th of May the club held open days as part of the RYA Push the Boat Out campaign.

We successfully publicised these widely through local magazines, newspapers, radio and social media which saw us having over 60 visitors coming to try sailing.

For two of the days we had visiting coastal rowing clubs attending, taking people out to try something new, as you can see from the top picture even the Commodore had a go.

Coastal rowing has become a huge new sport, from a standing start about 5 years ago there are now clubs springing up all round the

country getting hundreds of new people afloat for the first time.

The clubs varied selection of boats was well used with the newest edition, the wayfarer, being in great demand.

Pitlochry Scouts were appearing in great numbers each week along with parents so hopefully we may gain some more local members.

Dave Syme's Drascome was another interesting sight and yet another option for visitors to get afloat in and not Dave's usual entry into Sunday's race.

Big thanks to the many members who came along to help and take our visitors afloat, kept them fed, watered and safe.

Special mentions to the Scottish Soup Company and the donation

from Pennies for the community that allowed us to provide lunch each day.



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Is it a bike? is it a plane?

## Ladies Who Launch



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am 8 very cheerful ladies gathered at the club for the first 'Ladies Who Launch' session. Undaunted by the overcast conditions and lack of wind the group settled down for coffee and cake (thank you Alyson) and a chat.

The conditions gradually improved and prevented a seamless transition from coffee to lunch.

Boats were quickly rigged – the Wayfarer, an RS200, a couple of Europes and Lorna's sailing canoe/trimaran/pedalo – and we all set sail, trying out new experiences.

The wind dropped again just in time for lunch and more cake and chat.

Safety cover provided by Graham Logan and Dave Sword was not heavily called upon

The mirror-like water after lunch provided ideal conditions to try out Angie's Stand Up Paddle (SUP) boards and everyone had a go with varying success. I however was the only one to cover myself in glory and water, when in a moment of inattention I started the dreaded off balance walk, whereby one backward step, to regain balance, led to another and so on until I walked backwards into the loch.

At this time there was fierce competition for Lorna's boat, which looked very relaxing as the helm propelled it from a recumbent position.

In typical Loch Tummel fashion, just as most of the sailing boats had been packed away, the wind put

in another appearance and so the trusty Wayfarer was launched '8 up'. No matter that the wind died again, because the boat was amply powered by 'hot air' from the crew.

The general consensus was that it had been a most successful and enjoyable day and that it should

be repeated once a month. The next date has been set for 24<sup>th</sup> June. Come and join us.

## Tummel Week 2016 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July

A week of fun filled activities on and off the water, for all ages.

The sailing will consist of two or three races each day including one round the island (breeze permitting) and there will be other activities such as BBQ, quiz night, board walk, water slide and raft building.

Wednesday is usually a day without organised sailing to allow time for walking, cycling or just relaxing with a book.

Camping is permitted at the club so long as it is pre-booked. Light lunches can be bought each day and evening meals on some of the days. Application form will be available from the club website.

This is a great way to spend a week's holiday in spectacular surroundings and can be enjoyed equally by novice and experienced sailors.

There really is something for everyone whether it's playing in the sand pit, crewing, helming and most important of all delicious home baked cakes!

### Other activities at the club

As I think everyone would agree our club is in one of the most beautiful locations in Scotland, the members are a great bunch and the cake is legendary. Occasionally though, the weather lets us down and it is less than perfect for sailing. As many of us drive a considerable distance to get to the club we can be put off making the journey due to a poor forecast that is often wrong.

### COME ALONG ANYWAY, WE HAVE THE SOLUTION

Over the past two weeks we have had a variety of different crafts on the water that do not rely on the wind.

we have had coastal rowers from 4 clubs with one team looking at membership of Tummel.



One family have a Hobiecat trimaran that can be paddled with your feet like a recumbent bike.

The Drascombe Dabber has been both regularly raced and cruised, complete with oars to get home if the wind drops.



There are always many members canoeing and kayaking on the loch even the newest craze to hit the UK stand up paddle boarding (SUPing) has hit LTSC

Many of our members are keen cyclists and there are plenty of great routes from the club, whether it is following the Etape route or just heading to the nearest coffee shop, there is a route for all.

The bookshelf is filled with books and there are usually current newspapers around.

Shortly on the bookshelf there will be a box of wool knitting needles and crochet hooks and members and visitors will be encouraged to knit a 15cmx15cm square. these will all be joined together to make a throw for the soft seats.

So hopefully whatever the forecast, your trip to the club will fun and worthwhile.

## Recipe of the month Peppermint Slab

Ingredients:

4oz (125g) margarine 4oz (125g) caster sugar  
1 small tin condensed milk 8oz (250g) digestive biscuits  
Approx. 4oz (125g) icing sugar  
Approx. 15ml peppermint essence  
150g dark chocolate cake covering  
Green food colouring (optional)

Method:

1. Mix margarine, sugar and condensed milk in a pan and bring slowly to the boil.

Simmer for 3 to 4mins

2. Crush the digestive biscuits (in a polythene bag) and add to the boiled mixture.

3. Press into a lightly greased baking tin and put in fridge to set fully.

4. Mix icing sugar and peppermint essence (and food colouring – optional) to form a stiff paste

The amount of icing and essence is a matter of taste, and one or two drops of water may be required.

5. Spread onto base with a wet pallet knife.

6. Melt cake covering in microwave, 1 min at a time, until liquid and spread on top

Leave to set.

# Team Tummel Camp 2016

This year the camp will be literally at the start of the school summer holidays on Saturday the 2nd July 10am, until Monday the 3rd around 3pm. As in last years those camping are encouraged to gather from the Friday evening (the last day for the local schools) ready for the early start.

Similar format with the children being grouped at from complete beginners to race improvers and 'bring a friend' again encouraged.

Costs will be around the £35, simply based on the costs of the food (all included) divided by the number of participants (helpers food include). Reminder that all children must have a responsible adult present at all times and that everybody can play a role from driving a rib to making lunch.

Last date for entries will be Tuesday the 28th July to allow for shopping and planning of groups, a registration form will be available via the club website.

## Dates for the diary

- July 2,3 & 4<sup>th</sup> Team Tummel Kids Camp
- July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Tummel Week
- August 13<sup>th</sup> RYA Club Championship
- September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Regatta



*The club secretary struggling with a high tech boat at last year's Team Tummel Camp.*

