



## THE CLYDE YACHT CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

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# NEWSLETTER

**December 2008**

to: All Club and One Design Fleet Secretaries  
cc: Executive Committee, Handicap Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we wave farewell to one of our more momentous years, it is opportune to bring you up-to-date with recent activities and immediate plans. We would also appreciate feedback regarding the details we hold for your Club / Class, and the covering email via which this document is being distributed will further indicate whether we need Racing Mark information as well.

### 1. Seasonally-Laid Racing Marks

The process introduced for the 2008 season is being polished up a bit, and Clydeport has asked us to include, where possible, a descriptive position name for each mark to assist with any problem resolution. Some 2008 inputs already included this information. We have also been asked to extend this process to the Largs Channel, and so **Fairlie Yacht Club and Largs Sailing Club are requested to assist by completing forms**. As well as the "Word" masters for each club, I am including a PDF containing all the input we currently have so that everyone can see how the other clubs have dealt with this. Your feedback is requested by mid-January, so that we can involve Clydeport and QHM in good time to avoid any impacts on Sailing Instruction finalisation.

### 2. Yearbook and Website

Following on from the Owner Survey conducted earlier this year, we have created additional database extracts to assist in indexing the "Boats" list. These have been added to the website and will be updated regularly during the season.

The website has been overhauled again, and new pages have been created to set out the details of Constituent Clubs and One-Design Fleets. These include email and website addresses, and these are "active" on the web pages to facilitate contact. The information can only be as good as that which we receive from you. We are copying to you via the email the data currently held for your Club or Class and would appreciate feedback on updates or corrections.

You may notice that a couple of additional fields have been included, providing the opportunity to expand our “advertising” of your club via a small write-up and any illustration you would like to supply. With the Hon Sec’s personal affiliation with Helensburgh and the Sigma 33, he has taken the liberty of including potential content for these two organisations by way of illustration. You can see how it turns out by looking at the CYCA website - [www.cyca-online.org.uk](http://www.cyca-online.org.uk) - and any feedback or suggestions will be welcome. This not required input, but visitors to the CYCA site might have increased interest in your club and/or class given minor titivation! Words and/or artwork should be emailed to the office, and will be used verbatim as far as is practicable.

The Survey indicated strong support for the Yearbook, and we have been planning to expand production to near to 2,000 copies to be able to include all owners on our database. Although this achieves considerable unit cost reductions through volume, distribution by post remains expensive. We have engaged with current and potential advertisers to see whether this is a viable proposal. If not, the ability to download continually updated content from the website may prove an acceptable alternative.

### 3. The Survey

A number of owners have approached the office asking for a copy of the final Survey package. As we are currently earning some valuable income from selling the survey to clubs all over the world, it is NOT our plan to make the PDF available via the website until some time next year. You may be able to satisfy any demand from your own club members via the copies distributed to you earlier.

### 4. Handicaps

As always, the Handicap Committee looks for club feedback on apparently anomalous handicaps. These are best identified by proper analysis of series results. Clubs not already using HAL’s Racing Results (HRR), which is free to download from [www.halsraceresults.com](http://www.halsraceresults.com) , might consider doing so. The new version which should become available for the 2009 season will include the Results Analysis module analogous to the PY Analyser for preparing “YR2” input to the RYA for Portsmouth Yardstick racing.

### 5. Safety Equipment

The Autumn Delegates Meeting in October accelerated a series of discussions on Safety Equipment Regulations, the problems having been identified during 2008 - inconsistencies in regulations across events, and perceptions of erratic inspection whereby some boats were inspected multiple times and other not at all.

Whilst a level of progress has been made, some sticky issues remain. Guidance from the RYA has been sought.

It is hoped that, once a plateau has been reached, clubs will all join in an overall education programme for owners which will have applicability not just at major regattas. Although the survey highlighted “Cost” as a major disincentive for some potential competitors, it has become clear that “spending money wisely” is every bit as important. It is premature to launch into further details at this stage, but we hope to be able to distribute more information before the start of the 2009 season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# Clubs

## Helensburgh Sailing Club

Club Status

(Full Member)

Club Initials

HSC

Clubhouse Addr #1

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Clubhouse Addr #3

Clubhouse Addr #2

Helensburgh

Clubhouse Addr #4

Post Code

Clubhouse Phone

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no Clubhouse**

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Administrator Name (if any)

Secretary Title

Hon Secretary

Secretary Name

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Rear Commodore Offshore

Mr Tim Flatman

About Club

HSC's traditions are upheld both in Scotland and abroad, with such well-kent names as Mike McIntyre (Star Gold Medal), Emma Richards (solo round the world), and Stephen Park (Team GB Sailing Manager).

The club offers dinghy and keelboat racing, and has an enviable reputation for Youth Training courses run in the summer months.

As well as an extensive Dinghy Park, HSC has a Club Mooring Area with good holding. A new clubhouse, due for completion in May 2009, should see it in good stead for 50 more years.

Clubs Picture Credit

[new clubhouse drawing: Ian MacLeod Architects](#)

Treasurer Title

Treasurer Name

**(below line for CYCA info only - not in Yearbook or on Website)**

Treas Addr #1

Treas Addr #2

Treas Addr #3

Treas Addr #4

Post Code

Treas Phone

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# One-Design Fleets

Class 10

SIGMA 33

Fleet Secretary Name

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About Class

This enduring David Thomas design is nearing 30 years old, but still offers first class racing combined with excellent sea-going cruising capabilities.

Though competitive numbers are well down from their peak in the 1990s, the core Clyde Fleet is boosted with visiting boats from elsewhere on the Scottish West Coast and by visitors from Belfast Lough and Dublin Bay.

Evening racing can be found in the Upper Firth off Helensburgh and the Lower Firth off Largs, and starts are on offer at major events on the Clyde and beyond.

Date Established

16/11/1998

Date Last Updated

18/11/2008

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