



TROON CRUISING CLUB

RACING REPORT 2015



The weather played no small part in influencing the participation during the season but, with the exception of the Inshore Championship, we managed to hold sufficient races to determine winners.

Wednesday Wackies

Following on from last year's success of the rolling handicap system we continued to adopt it this season to good effect. It provided us with closer racing and 4 different medal winners. To balance the racing in terms of varying the points of sail we introduced a temporary racing mark at Gailies; this enabled us to race on a roughly triangular course, increasing the chances for beats and runs as well as the standard reaches. I got a call from Jonathan the first week after Stuart Powrie, Jane and I laid the mark saying it was gone, fortunately for me, not Hydra, it was a navigation error on their part and the mark has remained all season. In terms of turnout we improved on last year and had 11 boats out in one race. The medal bbq nights were again a success and a chance to get like-minded folk together for a social blether and a burger. Thanks to Stuart Powrie for working out the monthly handicap adjustments, to Jimmy Short for ensuring we always had an OOD and to Jane for helping out on the burger nights.

Wednesday monthly medals were awarded to Hydra, Seascope, Hunter's Moon and Penn Player. The Inshaw Plate for the season winner of the Wacky races was awarded to Gavin Dickie with Hydra.

Fast Cruising

As a stepping stone towards racing or at least to spark a bit of fun we developed a Fast Cruising Award last season. This allowed boats to complete the course to muster destination when it suited but with generally low turnout of cruisers to musters this was only competed for at the opening muster and was won by Andrew Duffin on Rosie B, crewed by the Commodore!

Inshore Series

We trialled this series for boats of handicaps in excess of 20, however these meetings including our 60th Anniversary Trophy were hit badly by weather and we only managed 1 race which was insufficient to determine a series winner. We may try again next year.

RNLI 2nd Incitatus 1st Argento

Offshore Series

We managed to run 7 races from the 11 on the programme for weekend destinations and generally managed more numbers to the musters than cruisers. On some occasions such was the dedication of some crews that they raced to the finish destination then sailed straight back home again for other commitments.

<i>Blue Peter</i>	3 rd Green Kestrel	2 nd Hydra	1 st Hoodlum
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<i>Lamlash</i>	3 rd Green Kestrel	2 nd Hydra	1 st Hoodlum
<i>Mullach Mhor</i>	2 nd Green Kestrel	1 st Hoodlum	
<i>Hamilton Rock</i>	3 rd Hoodlum	2 nd Green Kestrel	1 st Hydra
<i>Carradale Challenge</i>	1 st Green Kestrel		
<i>Round Arran</i>	1 st Green Kestrel		
<i>UFG</i>	2 nd Green Kestrel	1 st Hydra	

The Offshore Championship for combined eligible weekend races was in the end tied on points and only determined on countback. The runner up was Green Kestrel and the winner was Hydra.

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Spring and Autumn Series

Both were closely contested affairs but again we lost several days to weather, some being lack of wind, however there were sufficient races in both to determine winners. Unfortunately there were too many days taken by strong winds in the Frostbite Series to award a winner but well done to Stuart Powrie for winning those that were run.

<i>Spring Series</i>	3 rd Incitatus	2 nd Green Kestrel	1 st Hunter's Moon
<i>Autumn Series</i>	3 rd Hydra	2 nd Hunter's Moon	1 st Incitatus

Clyde & Beyond

Away from Club Racing, two of our boats also competed further afield.

Hoodlum competed in West Highland Week in CYCA2 Restricted Sail and came second to last year's overall winner Sunrise in a class of 9.

Hydra competed in the Scottish 2 Handed and placed third in her class of 7 amidst some windy conditions and large swell.

Well done to these boats flying the flag for the club and apologies to any I may have been unaware of.

Club Champion

This again was closely fought with the winner not determined until the very last race of the season.

The runner up was Hydra with the winner of the 2015 Club Championship being Stuart Powrie on Green Kestrel, congratulations Stuart!

Sub Committee

Finally I would just like to thank the 2015 racing sub-committee of Robin Ferguson, Jonathan Dickie, Jimmy Short and Stuart Powrie for their efforts throughout the season and the three years I have been racing secretary. I wish Jonathan all the best as he builds on the great work he has done on the racing website and takes the reins of racing secretary for 2016.

Arran Cameron
Hon Racing Secretary