

Success on and off the water at Troon Cruising Club.



Over 120 members of the public enjoyed their free opportunity to take to the water at Troon Cruising Club's Family Gala Day on Saturday 27th July assisted and supported by almost 50 of the club's members over the course of the day.



The rain stayed away for most of the day resulting in a constant stream of sailing boats, power boats, dinghies and kayaks leaving from and returning to the club's pontoon all afternoon, loaded full of excited adults and children with trips out into the bay proving very popular.

Alongside the Sea Safety & Charity stalls, nautical demonstrations and Boat Jumble the BBQ and clubhouse "cafe" were a big

hit with

refreshments & home-baking being enjoyed alongside colourful displays of the club's activities & information about the club and how to become a member.



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The Pirates & Mermaids Corner, together with an inflatable pirate ship and an appearance from Captain Jack Sparrow, provided an imaginative distraction for the younger visitors who thoroughly enjoyed the pirate and mermaid tattoos, face painting, treasure hunt and free ice lollies provided by the Co-op Muirhead.

The morning racing associated with the event was run in very light conditions but was hotly contested affair with several boats vying for the race wins. Crystal Clear and Green Kestrel having taken series wins so far this season had struggled with more recent form while Storm and Petra both sporting smoother underwater profiles and Petra her new sails had take first and second the last two local races.

Two short races were completed close to Barassie Bay with C McGaughey and crew on Crystal Clear taking first in both races while Gary and Caroline Muir showed clean starts and pace upwind to take two second places.



The fleet from Crystal Clear with Petra with some pace and ahead and to leeward while Storm and green kestrel had to gybe round the pin having been early at the start



Hamish Abblott on board Crystal Clear flying the kite from in front of the mast in light conditions before taking people out in the Bahia dinghy for the afternoon

Chic and Nicky from sail doctor presented the prize sponsored by their company saildoctor.co.uk and G&C Muir on Petra taking second overall and the prize sponsored by Kyle chandlers of Irvine,(www.kylechandlers.co.uk)



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If anyone would like to consider joining please pop into the club or consult the website as detailed above.

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