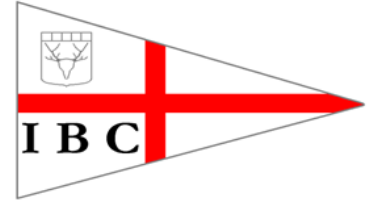


*Invergordon Boating Club*  
**SPRING NEWSLETTER**

May, 2024



# A great start to the season

## Open Day and Dinghy Course

The 2024 sailing season was kicked off with a successful open day which attracted a steady stream of people who came for the 'Discover Sailing' sessions as well as Skiff rowing tasters provided by the Strathpeffer Rowing Club. A big thank you to them for coming along and being a part of the open day. Wonderful baking and sandwiches provided by our very helpful volunteers went down well amongst the visitors. Thank you to our members who volunteered on the day which made everything run smoothly. The fantastic weather also helped!



Following the open day, 11 keen new sailors (adults and juniors) started the RYA level 1 course which ran over two days. The first day provided nice light winds which was ideal for learning, the second day involved more exciting conditions. The new members were not put off at all and enjoyed the thrill of the stronger winds. All involved demonstrated more than what is required for level 1 and everyone is keen to continue the sport.

Alternative Tuesday evenings from the 11th June will be for 'beginners and improvers' in the hope that by the autumn series, new sailors will have built up the confidence to take part in the weekly races.



Remember you can view the calendar on the [club website](#).

## Spring Series

The spring keel and dinghy series is already about to come to a close. After a very cold start, the weather improved which has made dinghy sailing much more appealing! Thank you to John Edmonson who continually works hard to compile all the results which will be posted soon. Thank you also to those who volunteered to do OOD and safety boat on these evenings, without which we would not be able to race. Please check if you are down for any duties in our handbook [here](#).



## Safety Boat Training

A big thank you to Martyn Crawshaw who, as well as running the dinghy course, offered safety boat training for those who volunteer for the safety boat duties throughout the season. We managed to give 12 people a two hour training session which involved boat handling, towing and capsize recovery. This was really appreciated by all as it provided a refresher for some and an introduction for others. Most importantly it will help to keep us all safe when dinghy sailing



## Upcoming events

Dinghy regatta: Please note that the dinghy regatta has been postponed until the 21st July.

Sunday splash about - 30th June

Possible midsummer dinghy sail - TBC

## Member Boats Tags

If you are a boat owner and have paid your membership then you should have received a red tag with a sticker to put onto your boat. Please also attach one to any trailers you own. This will help us to identify who owns what and who has paid their membership for 2024. If you have not received your tag then please contact Phil Tomalin [ibcmembership7@gmail.com](mailto:ibcmembership7@gmail.com).

## Clothing

If you would like some Invergordon Boating Club clothing, I can arrange the following items which would be in navy blue. These prices are for screen printed, I can also organise embroidered items but just waiting for a price for these. If you would like to order then message me on 07739905119. Other items are available too such as hats, aprons, jackets, bags.... Just let me know what you fancy and I'll get a price.

Item	Price
T-shirt	£13
Polo shirt	£15
Hoodie	£20
Sweatshirt	£20

Embroidered items are also available. I am going to set this up with Tain Print and Embroidery. Their prices are very reasonable.

## Easyfundraising

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online! Over 7,000 brands will donate, so you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. These donations really help us out so please sign up if you haven't yet. It's easy and FREE! You can get started at

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