

THERE IS MUCH MORE TO GLENCOE BOAT CLUB THAN JUST RACING!!!

An outsider looking at GBC might think that the only Club activity is that on Wednesday evenings a number of yachts chase each other around a circuitous course on Loch Leven, sometimes shouting technical – and occasionally rude - words at each other. At the end of the season a winner emerges who proudly receives a revered annual trophy as recompense for blood, sweat and – maybe – tears.

Nothing could be further from the truth!!! GBC runs many other activities all of which will appeal to slightly less competitive members.

One such activity which has a much lower profile is cruising which could maybe be defined as leaving the confines of Loch Leven and passing under the Ballachulish Bridge into the “big sea”. A cruise doesn’t need to be a long distance affair such as an Atlantic crossing – although several of our members have done this – but it could equally be a trip to sample the fleshpots of Tobermory or Dunstaffnage or a night spent at anchor in a quiet and lonely loch. Neither is cruising confined to the “rag and stick” brigade. “Stinkpots” can also participate although fuel does unfortunately cost a bit more than the wind!!

Living as we do on the West Coast of Scotland we are doubly fortunate in having instant access to what many believe to be the best cruising area in the world. The list is endless and facilities – if you want them - are increasing all the time. The new marinas at Lochaline and Mallaig are good examples but do give the fishing boats at Mallaig a wide berth! All you need – apart from your boat – is a decent pilot book, up to date charts and an almanac.

GBC would recommend that before embarking on such an adventure, a little experience and training would probably be appropriate. The Club can help here too! There are plenty of members who would be happy to sail along with a novice member until confidence has built up. Naturally, the Club has a range of practical and theory RYA courses available to members at very competitive rates throughout the year.

For further details, just contact the Commodore on 01855 811654

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR???

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