

CO's Newsletter

As we are now getting into a very busy couple of months I have several important dates that you need to be aware of.

- Thursday 1st May. ASC Pulling at Tall Ship. Most Thursdays from now. Need to be there by 1830. Parent's assistance required with transport please.
- Sunday 4th May. Sail training at Helensburgh.
- Monday 5th May.** **Enrolling and Presentation Night.** A new format which we hope to continue in the future. Adam Ingram MP and local councillor Michael McCann will be attending. **Parents of all Cadets are invited**, in particular the parents of new Cadets and those crossing the deck from the Junior Section. **Sandwiches would be appreciated.**
- Tuesday 6th May. Loch Activities starting. 6:00 prompt at the Loch. Please encourage your children to attend regularly.
- Saturday 10th May.** **Parents and Supporters Community Event.** Calderglen Country Park. Banks of the Calder, at Torrance Linn, tidy up. 10:00am start. BBQ afterwards.
- Saturday 10th May. 6 Cadets to Newcastle. TS. John Jerwood trip.
- Friday 16th May. Royal Marine Band Concert at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in support of the Seafarer Charity. Bus leaves TA at **1730**. 12 cadets. No. 1 Uniform.
- Saturday 17th May. Sail training at Helensburgh.
- Saturday 24th May. District Pulling Competition at Tall Ship.
- Sunday 25th May. District Canoeing Competition. Hillend Reservoir, by Plains.
- Monday 26th May.** **UNIT CLOSED for Bank Holiday.**
- Saturday 31st May. Field Gun and Semaphore display at local school. TBC.
- Sunday 1st June. District Sailing Competition. Helensburgh.
- Sunday 8th June. Area Pulling Competition. Greenock.
- Monday 9th June.** **Unit Management Committee meeting.**
- Saturday 14th June. Calderglen Country Fair. Semaphore Display and P& SA stall.
- Saturday 14th June. Honda RYA RIB Youth Challenge. Port Edgar Sailing School. South Queensferry.
- Saturday 14th June. Giant Sleepover. Juniors and Cadets up to 12 year old. Clydebank Unit.
- Monday 16th June.** **Parents and Supporters Association meeting at Unit.**
- Saturday 21st June. Area Sailing Competition. Northern Ireland.
- Saturday 21st June. Field Gun & Semaphore Display at HMS Gannet Gala Day.
- Sunday 22nd June. Area Canoeing at Linlithgow.
- Fri –Sun. 18-20 July. Clyde River Festival. We need as many Cadets as possible for this. If you are going to be on Holiday please let me know.
- Saturday 19th July. Northern Area Summer Camp. Garelochhead.

As you can see an extremely busy period. Remember that there are courses available for Cadets throughout the country during the School Holidays. Please apply early to avoid disappointment. The information is available at www.scheadquarters.com/Training/Onshore-Training-Program
The cost is now £55 per week and needs to be paid in advance.

It has been noticed that many Cadets seem to think that once the Schools are on Holiday the Unit is also. **This is not the case.** The Unit staff may have time off during this period but we try to stagger it, if we can, thus allowing your children to have something to do during the School shutdown. There is nothing more disheartening than keeping the Unit open when only a few Cadets turn up. **If the Unit is closed I will let you know.**

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