

# **NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2017**

# EASTER WEEKEND ROWING

Let's try to get a boat out for four consecutive days this weekend – there are sessions every day from Friday to Monday. It's great to see lots of sign-up already, with the first full boat for a 730am row on Easter Monday! Full list of sessions: Good Friday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) 345pm-515pm & 55pm-645pm Easter Saturday (April 15<sup>th</sup>) 4pm-530pm & 530pm-7pm Easter Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>) 7am-820am & 5-7pm Easter Monday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) 730am-9am & 545pm-715pm





A team of 14 rowers had a wonderful day in the sun at Boatie Blest's regatta at Port Seton. It was great to see so many Eskmuthers enjoying their first regatta. We struggled to compete, but 4 teams taking part (the home club, North

Berwick, Anstruther & Broughty Ferry) are among the top 10 or so clubs in the world. They are all very competitive and while we are committed to improving our performance – and learning from experiences like this - we are very focused on the social side of the club. One of the best experiences of the day of the Port Seton regatta was rowing home on the most glorious evening – and then being rescued by a mystery man in a 4x4 from way down the beach!

Thanks to Kate Allan for some fabulous pictures.



### **NEXT REGATTAS**

[See full 2017 list <u>here</u>] Sat 27th May - Newhaven - Forth Midsummer Challenge Sat 10th June - Rowporty Regatta-Portobello beach From now on, we will charge a £5 regatta fee, to go into a pot to pay for fuel costs incurred by club members who tow the boats.

BREAKING NEWS: Go to Discussions on Big Tent to sign up for all 2017 regattas!

# TASTER SESSION – APRIL 23, 11am-1pm

Some of you might have joined the club through taster sessions, which are always fun. We provide a cox and two rowers and take out two new rowers at a time, for short slots of 10-15 minutes. We do this from the Back Sands (behind The Quay) and need lots of club members to cox, row, collect details and chat to potential new recruits. Please add your name to the event on Big Tent - and please try to get a friend, family member or work colleague to come along and have a go.

# COXING TRAINING, Saturday April 22 – 1030am-1230pm

We need more people to cox the boat to ensure we can get out when regular coxes are away, so come along and find out that it's not as hard as you might think!



# TASTER SESSIONS FOR YOUNGER ROWERS Friday April 21 & April 28

After the success of Audacious Women (16 rowers and 4 potential new recruits), George & Gaynor have arranged two sessions with the local active schools coordinator to give older Musselburgh Grammar School pupils a chance to row. We need club members to cox and row. We have a reasonable number for the 21<sup>st</sup> but need a few more for the 28<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will be from 1pm-3pm approx.

### AGM/NEW COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM –great turn-out. The new committee is: Chair – Gaynor Allen Club Captain – Georgina Brown Secretary – Katie Swann Treasurer – Helen Greene Membership Sec – David Lee General committee members – Sandra Macaskill, Pauline Crerar, Kate Allan.

# CONTACTING THE CLUB

The email account <u>eskmuthe@gmail.com</u> is monitored regularly but if you want to speak to someone, **call David on 07802 206695** in the first instance. If you don't already, please follow us on Facebook and like and share and comment – and follow us on Twitter too @eskmuthe – re-tweet, like and spread the word!

### **REPAIRS TO STEEDIE**

We can't get both boats out as we are waiting for a new gudgeon for Steedie. The gudgeon is the fitting on the outside of the boat at the cox's end which the pins on the rudder slot into. It's on order and we should have Steedie back at sea soon.

### Thanks again to Kate for the fabulous pictures from Port Seton regatta