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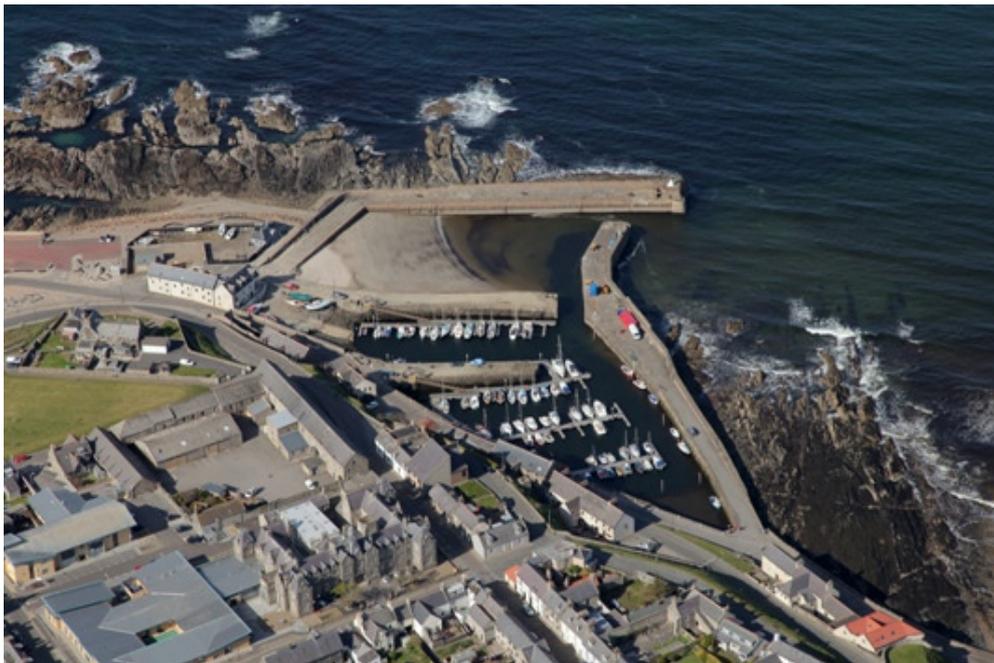
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## **Autumn Newsletter 2012**

Hello All,

It's that time again. The Summer Season here at Banff Harbour Marina is almost at an end – time has really flown this year it doesn't seem possible for 6 months to go by so quickly! We haven't had the best of weather for sailing this summer, but as ever you all have made the best of the opportunities as they arose. There have been some good sails to Gamrie, Portsoy, Rosehearty, Whitehills and various Regattas. Well done to everyone who got out there!



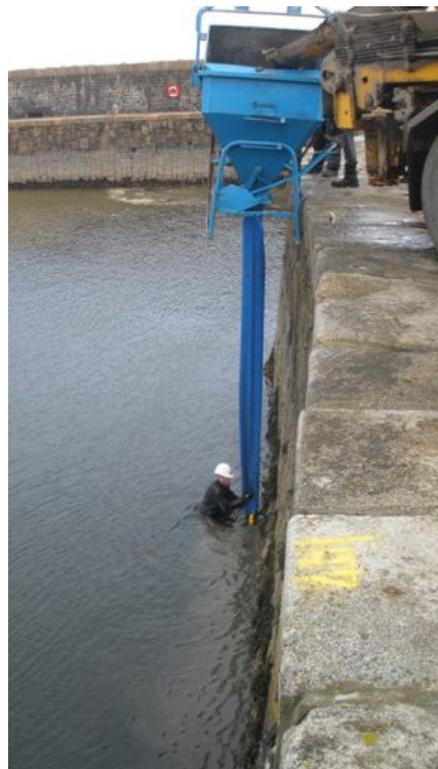
Some other sailors managed to wander further afield, the Caledonian Canal, Stonehaven, Wick, Lossiemouth, Helmsdale, Lybster, and one even managed to get to Orkney.

Whilst speaking of opportunities to get out and enjoy a sail Banff Sailing Club are holding their Regatta on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September followed by the now traditional hog roast (save some crackling for me!) at the clubhouse on the Quayside, everybody is as always welcome – tickets are available from the Sailing Club (Tel: 01261 815296).

Just to let you all know I have been in receipt of a couple of letters of thanks – one from the Macduff Lifeboat thanking you all for your efforts in fundraising on the open day (over £300) and also from the Banff Bay Swim thanking all who helped out.

A number of improvements have been carried out around the harbour during the summer months; the lights along the East Pier have been removed and replaced with new (but identical) columns and lamps, the old ones were beginning to suffer quite badly and the electricians were finding it difficult to keep them all in service all the time, hopefully these new lights should improve matters somewhat. Also a reinforcing sill has been placed around the base of the East Pier in the channel. This was to repair some erosion that had been noted during a recent dive survey.

As the winter season nears my thoughts turn to hard standing storage – could I ask that any of you who wish to store your boats out of the water and in the harbour compounds this winter please let me know before the end of September? This will allow me to arrange spaces, thank you for your assistance with this matter. You are reminded that trailers should be clearly marked in order to allow identification and stored as per instructions so as not to cause inconvenience to other users, space is as always during the winter months, likely to be at a premium, thank you.



On another serious note we have had a number of breaches of the rules relating to the gate codes for accessing the pontoons resulting in quick code changes, these are awkward and inconvenient for everybody so please be sure only to give the code to one other responsible person and no one else, this is for the security of your vessels and breaches of this rule are the source of numerous complaints to this office! Also you are reminded of the harbours byelaws and rules and regulations (all available on-line at [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/harbours](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/harbours)) especially those relating to the safety of you and your guests whilst at the harbour – this should ensure everyone has a safe as well as fun time whilst at the harbour.

Final Instalments of berth fees for those choosing to pay via this method are due on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, and a reminder to you all that I will be changing to my winter hours at the end of October, but if you need me and I am not in the office then I will as always be available on my mobile, as well as staff at Cape House being happy to assist where possible.

All that leaves for me to say is fingers crossed for an 'Indian Summer' and some fine days sailing for well into the Autumn – you never know it might happen!

A final reminder that 'Project Kraken' is still ongoing so:

'If you suspect it. **REPORT** it.' Call **0800 789 321**

