



## Banff Harbour Newsletter – December 2007

It's December already....

-I hope you have written all your cards and wrapped all your gifts-

It may be winter but Banff Harbour Marina is still a VERY busy place for harbour users, council staff and visitors alike.

I am sure you are all keen to hear if a new Harbourmaster has been appointed to fill the position left vacant as a result of Ian's resignation at the end of October, well no decision yet, but interviews are underway and should hopefully be finished by the end of this week, so watch this space.

Speaking of Ian, he is well and doing fine enjoying life in Edinburgh, he has found plenty of walks for his dog 'Cooper' all he needs to do now is remember to take his mobile phone with him when he goes out! The clue is in its name Ian!



The day-to-day business of the Marina is still ongoing with some people even finding a few nice days, between storms, to get a sail up. Well done if that applies to you!

Speaking of storms I hope you will join me in thanking all the Council Staff who have spent some very cold and wet days over the last month around the harbour trying to minimise the damage caused by the weather and worked extremely well in some very difficult conditions.

Unfortunately some damage was caused to vessels and trailers as a result of the weather so as a reminder to you all please make sure to take all sensible precautions possible to keep your boat safe, as well as this please be considerate neighbours and remember to check that you tie down noisy halyards and the like as they can be quite disruptive to the quayside residents. An important related issue is to ensure that the harbourmaster has up to date contact details so as you can be called in an emergency should the need arise.



Not only boats but also the Harbour itself received a battering from the recent storms. The Harbourmaster's Office needed to be washed down, the pontoons have been inspected by Solent Marine to ensure they withstood the weather and in the most recent storms we lost the light from the top of lighthouse not to mention

the tons of seaweed deposited on the beach, does anyone require any fertilizer? Bring your own bucket!

The compounds are beginning to fill up now with still at least another couple of 'crane days' to come so please ensure that your boats, cradles and trailers are placed as per Ian's plan and that the walkways are kept clear for access at all times. Also, I have been asked to remind you that all vessels stored in compound berths only have 7 days grace to 'step' their masts once they have been placed in there.

Finally all that remains for me to do is wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. – Or should that read Happy Hogmanay!

The Harbour Staff