



## NEWSLETTER (Winter 2007)

### NEW YACHT PURCHASE

Able2Sail are proud to announce the ordering of their new yacht.

It will be a very well equipped Bavaria 46, slightly bigger than Pamina, the yacht we have chartered for the last two years. It will be coded to Maritime Coastguard Agency standards and licensed to carry up to 14 people. She will be built in Germany and transported by road before fitting out at Kip Marina.



Much of the work will be sub-contracted out to local companies.

This could take up to a month as there is a considerable amount of work to be done, not least the installation of electronics and safety equipment.

Although basically a standard yacht, adaptations will be made including hoisting points, improved access and easy to use electric toilets. Further adaptations will be on-going as we learn the more specialised needs of some of our passengers.

We expect to take delivery of the yacht in February and hope that she may be in the water by April. Updates of her progress will be available on our website- [www.able2sail.org.uk](http://www.able2sail.org.uk).

The purchase of our yacht would not be possible without donations from all our sponsors. We would like to



publicly thank these organisations for their support and the opportunity they have provided us with. More information on our sponsorship and funding can be found later in the newsletter.

### OFFICIAL YACHT LAUNCH

We hope to have our official yacht launch between April and May 2008. We will keep you posted online as events transpire and letter confirmation will be posted when we have a definite date.

### YACHT NAMES

Bearing in mind that we are taking delivery of our new yacht as soon as February, we are all searching our creative sides to think of a name for her.

If you have any ideas please contact our Chairperson, Gerry Campbell, on 07737 028437 or email [contactus@able2sail.org.uk](mailto:contactus@able2sail.org.uk)

### FUNDING

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have received £113,000 funding from the Big Lottery Fund. This, along with generous funding from other organisations including Spifox, Sport Scotland, The Robertson Trust, The Toby Trust and The Foundation for Sport and the Arts, has enabled us to purchase our own yacht for Season 2008.



Every penny that is donated to Able2Sail is invested in to our sailing programme and does its bit to provide wonderful sailing experiences to those that may not have had the opportunity if not for each persons generosity.

We would all like to say a massive thank you to everyone that has supported us since our inception. Without the support we have received, we could not have provided such wonderful experiences to so many individuals.

### CEILIDH REVIEW

Wow, I think half of us are still dizzy from all the spinning, reeling and lively dancing at Partick Burgh Halls on November 9th- scene of the Able2Sail 2007 fundraising ceilidh.

What a night it was, with guests from as far afield as France and Latvia joining us locals for dancing, singing and (sensible???) drinking in a great venue and atmosphere.

Huge thanks must go out to the band 'Kilter' who impressed everyone in...

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...attendance with their vim and vigour. From all the classics to their own take on some popular songs (my favourite being Leona Lewis from X-Factor's 'Bleeding Love') they really got the crowd up on their feet enjoying themselves!



Thanks also to friend of Able2Sail Tommy for his cameo appearance during the night.

Also a big thank you to everyone that donated prizes for the raffle. These generated more excitement on the night with so many excellent prizes available to win.

See you all next year!

### COLLEGE COURSES

Brains as well as beauty are attributes of many of the Able2Sail team, with a number of our volunteers going back to college in September to study for their Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper qualifications.

With exams looming in the run up to Christmas, Laura Carrick, Joan Smith and Gillian Bruce are preparing for their first Day Skippers exams while our hardworking Chairperson Gerry Campbell and Margaret Reilly are brushing up on their skills for the Coastal Skipper exams.

Good luck everyone!

### UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

Just a quick update for how you can get in contact with us at Able2Sail-

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