SAILING CLUB 2016/2017

The Sailing Club accomplished a lot this year.

Our year began with a very successful Fresher’s week where we hosted another eventful garden party and for the first time this year two Give-it-a-Go days. The two days of Give-it-a-Go were very helpful in allowing us to show people about sailing, but also provide them with a chance to do so on a day where they don’t have to attend other Give-it-a-Go sessions.

Again this year, we had three dinghy teams and a yachting team. Our yachting team had a very successful start to the season coming in first at the Scottish Student Sailing Match Racing Championships. The Yachting year rounded out with a good competitive turnout at the Scottish Student Sailing Yachting Championships. Our Dinghy teams were equally competitive this year with all three teams doing quite well in the Scottish Student Sailing BUSA Qualifying Leagues, with our A team even making it to the BUSA Championship Playoffs held in Glasgow.
After the season had ended, we went full speed into trying to plan the Scottish Student Sailing Dinghy Championships, which we hosted at Loch Ore over the Easter Weekend. The weekend went well with us able to hold many races as well as a ball on the Sunday evening. It was definitely the highest point of our year.

As far as other aspects of the club, we ran a training course in Galloway in our first semester for beginners and had set up to run another one this semester but were unable to fill it. We have additionally been running sailing on Sundays from East Sands in conjunction with the St. Andrews town sailing club. This is free for our members, and one of our biggest ways we make the sport accessible for those who are not on the teams.

The capstone to our year is the annual cruising holiday after exams, which is going to Croatia this year.

All in all, it has been a very successful year for the Sailing Club.