



707 Class Association Update April 2020

A 707 sailor brings his boat up to a restaurant quay to eat lunch.

The dockhand says, "I'm sorry, sir, but I can't let you dine here today. This establishment has a tie policy, and you are not wearing one."

"Of course I don't have a tie on," replied the sailor, "I'm on a boat!"

"Well, go down below and put one on," said the dockhand.

"I don't HAVE one!" shouted the sailor.

The dockhand, not wanting to turn away a customer, said: "Well, why don't you just find something that approximates a tie. That should be OK."

After some time, the sailor comes out wearing a pair of jumper cables. "This is all I could find to put around my neck," he said.

Sighing, the deck hand said: "OK, I'll let you in with those, but just don't start anything.

And you thought things were already bad enough - These jokes aren't going to get any better..

Well, the season looked like being a classic with more boats than ever and enthusiasm from all quarters.

The first half of the season has been canned and we're in the lap of the Gods to see if we have any chance of sailing later in the year. Royal Northern and Clyde YC are still extremely keen to host the Scottish Nationals in October – but surely we'll get some sailing before then?

It's going to be difficult for us not to be on the water for months, but worse things are happening, so let's just grin and bear it. I'm going to raise a subject each 707 Update that will give you something to do or think about, or laugh about..



Rammie's keel partly stripped back to bare metal.

Pimp that boat – keel rust.

Even when dry-sailing a number of boats seem to suffer from rusty streaks at the keel to hull joint, and even bursting through in other areas .

We've tried everything on Rammie but now resorted to a total stripdown. The keel had obviously been coated with epoxy paint at some time in the past and then antifouling.

However, a grinder with flappy disks has proven to be just right for the job to take it back to bare metal.

We are applying two-part Primocon.

If there are any blemishes we will fill them prior to new antifouling.

Membership

Is it reasonable for you to pay Membership when we might not get any sailing this season? My personal view is that, this year, it is entirely up to you (unless of course we actually get an event when you will have to be a Member anyway). Hopefully, this will all be over and we'll get at least some racing at the end of the season, but none of us are holding our breath.

We are still working on improving 707 sailing, website, planning for future events and even thinking about another addition to our Fleet as Leeds University have been enthused by the winter sailing at Scarborough and wanted a boat to sail most of the races this season – what a shame they won't get that chance this year. Membership is after all only £30. See the new website www.sail707.com for the form and payment details. And only £10 to be a crew member.

Finally:

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair and each spike was a different colour ... green, red, orange, blue, and yellow.

After a while the young man noticed that the captain was staring at him.

"What's the matter old timer, never done anything wild in your life?"

The old captain replied, "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"

Be Happy!

