

# A sail on the Forth

Sunday, May 21st, 1983

At last! Success comes to local boys!

Went with Dave to Grangemouth for our third annual attempt to sail on Waverley on the Forth and this time it happened.

(The first time the boat was so crowded we did not get on. The second time we got on but the boat did not sail due to adverse weather conditions)

Weather was dull, but dry and calm. A fire engine turned up on the quayside just as we were leaving but it did not seem to have any connection with Waverley. Called at Burntisland before crossing to Granton. The weather cleared a bit as we went across. A good crowd at Granton.

Waverley fouled the pier trying to spin on the paddle box, but ultimately away successfully. The weather continued to improve as we steamed on down to the Bass Rock (in the bar). Came up just before North Berwick. The rock is magnificent. Millions of birds sitting around or giving flying displays. Shot off half a film going round.

Weather held fair back to Edinburgh (we were in the bar again) but then became dull again. Slightly delayed at the Grangemouth locks, but got back to the Keys about 2200.