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A million pounds

by Barry MacNeaney, Commodore

The Editor of Mainsheet decided, wisely, not to send this edition to the printers until we had definite news about the negotiations with Banks and Builders for the construction of our platform extension. Therefore, I am delighted to announce that the contracts have been agreed and the builders will shortly be on site. So subject to reasonable weather, the National Yacht Club will have 3,300 square metres of hard standing by June 1999.

The main contractors for the project are Charles Brand Ltd., the company that built the facilities for the Royal St. George and the consulting engineers are Kirk McClure Morton whose man on the spot is Roger Cagney that well known 1720 sailor! This development will benefit all Club members especially those who sail. I am aware that there will be some disruption to our sailing programme and that the dinghy sailors who frostbite feel particularly hard done by. But the club is spending almost a million pounds to facilitate all classes of sailors and they must accept the temporary limitations on their sport.

Those who have seen the George platform will have noticed that it is full!! There is no spare space for winter storage and dry sailing. This will happen at the National as well so now is the time to talk to friends who have expressed an interest in sailing or buying a boat or joining a yacht club. Make sure they join sooner rather than later as not only will our membership list be closed but also we expect an increase in boats, both dinghy

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'98 - IN REVIEW

by Sailing Secretary Noel Casey

The sailing season for the National Yacht Club commenced with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club's Baily Bowl, hosted by the National Yacht Club and this was the first event in May.

Regatta 1998

The weather was less than kind for a regatta with less than 2 knots from a direction that was shifting by over 90 degrees. With a forecast for force 4-5 "later", it was difficult for race officers to set a course. Despite this course cards B & C (one design keelboats and dinghies) got a race. Cruisers had a frustrating day and after many postponements a race for Classes 0 and 1 eventually got away, and racing for everyone else was abandoned. There were no finishers in Class 0 or 1.



Adam Winkleman 1789 covers Derek Hughes, 1773

The cruiser part of the Regatta was re-sailed on Sunday, August 2. Considering the day at the start of the August holidays a significant

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A Happy Christmas to all NYC members and safe sailing in '99



DECEMBER 10, 1998

Hi there Junior Section, When you read this we shall have almost cleared Christmas and we will be heading for a new sailing season. We would like to thank you, both sailors and parents, for a wonderful turnout at the Junior Dinner Prize Giving and Disco. By such a turnout, year after year, you have made it one of the highlights on the entertainments calendar in the National Yacht Club. We hope you have enjoyed our three years as Junior Organisers and we wish the Section, both sailing and administration, every success over the coming years.

We have an extremely viable Junior Section with over 100 participants during the nine week course. Most of the sailors are grouped in the middle regions of the 5 Level Course. Level 5 itself usually has a small grouping, most of whom have aspirations towards instructorship. For those of you interested in statistics, 123 sat the Level 5 and, between both exams, 121 passed. A total of 85 reached instructor standard. In the National all passed Level 5 and 5 sailors are going forward for instructorship; Johnathon Coate, James Kirwan, Niamh Mitton, Rebecca Killian and Aaron O'Grady.

To the above group and their parents we must advise that the Department of Telecommunications are amending the VHF examination to meet certain international requirements. This means that the VHF Restricted license is changing from January 1 1999. The ISA have advised all instructor candidates requiring the license may wait until the Department have sorted out the details for its replacement. The ISA have undertaken to let the Junior Organisers know as soon as they are aware, that we can proceed. The ISA have informed us that this will not affect any gradings on the basis that when all is sorted out those requiring the license will obtain it.

We wish to point out to all our instructors that it is an ISA requirement that for upgrading they require a minimum period of at least one 3 week course sailed away from home waters. By the time you read this, the Christmas Up Grading Conference will have passed and we hope all those seeking an upgrade are successful. We should also remind all our existing instructors to make sure that they return the Registration Form to Sophie or Fiona at the ISA now. If you are not on the register you will not get employment at home or abroad.

For those of you interested in follow-on-boats as recommended by the ISA, these boats are as follows; 420, Laser and Laser Radial.

We are aware that during the season some rather serious accidents were reported to the ISA, fortunately none involving the National Yacht Club. Those of you reading this Newsletter and operating powerboats should be fully aware that these machines used carelessly or to show off are lethal weapons. It is a strict rule of Junior Section and National Yacht Club that no-one can drive these boats unless they have the minimum requirement of an ISA Powerboat Level 2 Certificate. Our new platform manager Colm Dempsey is now responsible for organising and training and the first

batch of new recruits for next season have already passed through this course. It is essential to the running of events that we have a relatively large pool of trained drivers available all year. The response has always been excellent and we wish to thank all our drivers and future drivers for their involvement and commitment to the sailing events in Dun Laoghaire.

It will shortly be CV time as the various clubs will be endeavouring to formulate their teams for next season, so therefore in the next weeks, please make sure you apply countrywide for positions. You will note from above, it is mandatory that you work away for at least 3 weeks to gain advancement from C to B and B to A. Our advice is to try and obtain employment as early in your instructing careers as possible. We therefore recommend that anyone offered work away from Dun Laoghaire should accept the positions. Should there be any queries, please feel free to telephone either me or Mary at any time.

Due to extension of the platform, the Junior Course dates for summer 1999 are as follows:-

- June 28 - July 16
- July 19 - August 6
- August 9 - August 27

Date for Parents Meeting will follow later in the year.

Thank you for your support over the years.

Regards, John & Mary Murray, Junior Organisers

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A MILLION POUNDS

by Barry MacNeaney, Commodore

and sports taking advantage of the extra space. To paraphrase the Peter Principle "Boat numbers expand to fill the space available".

We are both delighted and honoured that John Lasenby (What a suitable name for a Laser sailor) has joined the National Yacht Club and will be sailing under our burgee as he mounts his campaign to represent Ireland at the Sydney Olympics in the year 2000. He has by his excellent race results already guaranteed that the laser class is included at these games. However, he must now continue to perform at a level which ensures that he will be the sailor chosen to sail in that class. We wish John every success and elsewhere in this issue you will see an update from him.

I look forward to an exciting and challenging 1999 for NYC, and wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

INSHORE RECRUITS

The Inshore Lifeboat crew are seeking new recruits to join their ranks. Anyone between the ages of eighteen and thirty five who feel they have the qualities necessary to be part of a closely knit crew are invited to apply.

No previous experience is necessary as full training is given. Candidates must, however, be medically fit and live and work close by, the average turnout time for crew being less than five minutes.

Anyone who is interested or who may have queries regarding the role should, in the first instance, contact me in the evening time at 2802879.

Commendation Awards

Ida Kiernan, Vice Commodore

The commendation awards dinner and presentation was held in the Club on Saturday, October 17. It was a most enjoyable evening for all concerned. The awards dinner provides the Club with an opportunity to acknowledge the achievements and dedication of some of our members during the past season and, indeed in some cases, a lifetime. There are six trophies awarded in six categories, which makes it very difficult to reach a final selection.



Left to right: Tony Fox, Ida Kiernan, Vincent Farrell, Hazel Shields, Leonard Shields, Cormac McHenry and Carmel Winkelman

O'LEARY CUP

The O'Leary Cup presented by Michael O'Leary for the best performance in one design racing. This was presented to two of our younger members, Jonathan Coate and David Crosby. As individuals, they both have a very impressive sailing record and have both represented Ireland under the burgee of the National Yacht Club in the Optimistic World Championships. David is the current Laser 2 Junior World Champion and Jonathan moved from the Optimist class into the Laser Class 1998. At the beginning of 1998, the two joined forces and are now campaigning a 420 with some excellent results. They are ranked the 1st 420 juniors and subsequently invited by the ISA to compete in the ISAS Youth World Championships to be held in Capetown. They depart on December 19 and return on January 8.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them every success in their efforts. They are great Ambassadors for the National Yacht Club and, a great example to our younger members in particular.

MUGLINS CUP

The Muglins Cup presented by past Commodore J. O'Leary in 1945 for the most interesting cruising log.

Cormac McHenry set sail in late June for Galicia in ERQUY, the much travelled Nicholson 31. Sailing with a crew, this was a new situation for the experienced helm noted for his single-handed sailing. Chris Batt and Stan Conroy made up the crew which set sail from Kilmore Quay on a dull windy day having completed the Irish Sea leg the previous weekend. Sailing was tough for the first four days followed by three days of light airs when they reached the wonderful cruising ground that is Galicia on the NW coast of Spain. Here the crew enjoyed many parties as they participated in the Irish Cruising Club's cruise in company before a six day sail back to Dun Laoghaire.

EDWARD Y.C. TROPHY

The Edward Yacht Club Trophy presented to the Club in 1919 by Officers of the HM Naval Base Kingstown to the Kingstown Yacht Club (NYC). This trophy is awarded to the best performance in dinghies, flying fifteens or mermaids and was presented to Frank Cronin.

Frank started sailing lasers as a wintertime boat in 1989 taking part in the DMYC Frostbite Series. Over the intervening years, he gradually converted to Laser sailing, convincingly winning both Saturday series of Dublin Bay this year. He first took part in the European masters in 1993, which were held in Howth. Since then he travelled to Cornwall and Austria to participate in the annual event and this year to East Germany. He finished 9th overall in a fleet of over 90 boats.



Barry O'Neil in action during the Royal St. George Regatta

Apart from his commitment to competing, he still finds time to get involved in the administration side of sailing and has acted as Principal Race Officer for the Dinghy Course of our own Regatta and the Flying Fifteen East Coast Championship to name but a few.

JOHN BYRNE MEMORIAL

The John Byrne Memorial Trophy (past Commodore) presented to the Club by his family in 1989. This trophy is awarded to a person who has given outstanding service to the sport of sailing - on the water or administration. This was awarded to Carmel Winkelman who was one of the former members of the Junior Section of the Club in the late 60's.

Carmel, as everyone knows, has been involved in sailing for as long as any of us can remember not only with the National Yacht Club but with all the waterfront clubs, Dublin Bay and, is Vice President of the ISA. The list is endless and one would need a book not a newsletter to list this lady's achievements, suffice it to say, Carmel is a very worthy recipient of this award.

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Newsround

WATER TAXI SERVICE AT THE TALL SHIPS RACE

The National Yacht Club were asked to provide a launch service during the Tall Ships Race to ferry personnel up and down the river. It was manned over the weekend by volunteers from the Club, Noel Casey, Brian Collins, Eddie Ferris and Ken Slattery.



Eddie Ferris with Noel Casey and Passenger during the tall ships event.

Our passengers ranged from international press crew and TV cameramen to Japanese tourists with their cameras clicking to the sound of marching bands. Some of our more interesting experiences involved ladies coming dressed for a party in high heeled shoes wishing to be conveyed across the river. Their ability to jump into the launch in the lumpy waters of the Liffey left much to be desired. If you thought you could drink and drive the launch, look out as there was a Garda on duty driving a jetski, keeping an eye on traffic!! We did notice him falling off from time to time!!

The temporary crew from the Club, while enjoying the experience, certainly now understood how hard our boatmen work in ferrying sailors to their craft. The days were long, tedious and at times unpleasant, particularly on the Sunday in the heavy downpours. The tide on the river was also quite a challenge. If you missed your berthing spot by failing to tie up quickly you were fast pushed down the river and had to make another attempt at landing. All in all an exciting experience, much enjoyed by the temporary drivers, all happy to pass back to our professional boatmen when the event was over. Ω

DUBLIN BAY MERMAID FROSTBITE

by Ronan Beirne

The annual Dublin Bay Mermaid frostbite series sponsored by TECHNOMARINE and hosted by the National Yacht Club took place in October.

The Mermaid is a 17 foot clinker built three-man boat with centre-

plate. Designed in 1932 by John B. Keamey of the National Yacht Club (his brief being to design a boat for the price of a 250 c.c. motorbike), some 190 Mermaids have been built and new boats appear every year. The frostbite series commenced with sixteen boats competing for the East Coast Championships with four races sailed over two days (Frank Cronin O.D.) on the weekend of October 2 & 4. After another two races were completed on October 7 (Con Murphy O.D.), five points separated the top three boats, 131 John Miller, 21 Gerry O'Neill and 131 Dermot O'Neill. There was no racing over the following two weekends due to stormy conditions.

The series had then to be decided on the last day, October 31, when officer of the day, Eddie Ferris managed to fit in three races in the fresh northerly 20 knot cold October winds which gave Dermot O'Neill a win and two guns for Jim Carthy, a visitor from Rush in North Dublin with local Michael Lysaght (RStGYC) on board. In the final count the consistent low points of 21 saw Gerry O'Neill from the National take the nine race series with a total of 17 points, one ahead of Carthy from Rush. John Miller 131 (RStGYC) was third having returned to the class for the series from a summer in keel boats. Ω



RESCUE CREWS

by Ronan Beirne, Rescue Co-ordinator.

Our panel of Rescue Boat Drivers was kept very busy in a season when rescue vessels were provided for the Tall Ships in Dublin Port, Optimist championships hosted by our Club and the Enterprise World's in Bray. These events were in addition to the usual fixture list of waterfront regattas, mark laying for the Royal Alfred days, Dragon National Championships, 1720 East Coasts and Mermaid & flying fifteen frostbite in October. Over the winter R.L.B.'s will be provided for the D.M.Y.C. frostbite and Mirror coaching in the harbour.

At the commencement of the frostbite series hosted by the Club in October, Simon Hall towed in a Mermaid and a flying fifteen. The most unusual rescue was on the last day of the frostbite series when Alan Dwyer recovered a dog from the end of the West Pier for a much appreciative pier walker.

On the weekend of October 17 & 18 a training course for the I.S.A. Level 2 Powerboat Certificate took place at the club. Twelve candidates attended a full programme the contents of which included theory, boat preparation and practical skills afloat. All candidates were successful. In the Spring of 1999 we intend to run another similar

course and also for those wishing the higher Level 3 Certificate. For further information please complete the form below and leave in the post tray in the hall. These training sessions are open to all.



NYC laying marks for the Mermaid October event
Simon, Cian and Róisín

Class Captains who intend requesting the use of R.I.B.'s in the coming season must nominate persons for training in the handling of our R.I.B.'s and in rescue procedures.

The rescue service, which is an essential component of our racing programme, is only possible by the willingness of our volunteer panel who so readily make themselves available and often at short notice. Their efforts are much appreciated and we commend their commitment to providing an essential service to sailing.

A meeting of all rescue personnel will take place at Easter to discuss the programme of events and fixtures for the coming season. Ω

OPTIMIST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club hosted Optimist National Championships over four days last August. The event was sponsored by Martin Byrne's Key Events Ltd. It attracted 140 entries from Senior and Junior fleets. The young sailors, none older than 15 years and some as young as 8, travelled from the UK and from all corners of Ireland with particularly strong teams from the Northern Clubs and Royal Cork Yacht Club.

The National Yacht Club has a very strong link with the Optimist

Class as many of our young sailors began their careers in this little single-handed boat, notably two of our most recent Olympic sailors Mark Lyttle and Aisling Bowman are past Optimist Champion. Indeed over the last eight years several junior members from the National have represented Ireland on Optimist Teams.

This year it was Amy Byrne who, after consistently finishing in the top ten of all the Oppie' events, qualified for the Optimist Team to compete at the European Championships in Croatia in June. She was the highest placed Irish sailor finishing 19th out of 110 competitors from 32 countries.

The National Championship was the final event in a very busy season which saw Irish Team sailors compete in international events in Florida, Holland, Croatia, Portugal and Wales. In addition, there were Team Trials and Provincial Championships in Royal Cork, East Antrim and Bangor and Howth.

Racing was scheduled for eighty boat Senior Fleet (more experienced sailors) from Thursday to Sunday). The programme got off to slow start with racing on day 1, cancelled due to 35 knot winds. However, three races a day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in winds varying from 10 to 25 knots saw 15 year old Dylan Gannon from Howth top the fleet as a worthy Champion. He was followed by Philip O'Reilly from the Royal St. George Yacht Club and John Marshal from Royal Lymington YC. Amy Byrne finished as 1st girl and in 9th place overall. Other NCY sailors were Conor Byrne 39th, Sean O'Connor 72nd and Gemma Miller 73th.

With a professional event management company in charge the competitors and their parents enjoyed a varied and full social programme. There was never a dull moment with a Gladiators Game Night on day 1 followed by a mass take-over of the Stillorgan Bowl LeisurePlex on day 2, together with free barbecues after racing, discos, Championship dinners and a spectacular prizegiving as a grand finale on Sunday.

As usual, Club members excelled themselves with impeccable race management (Peter Crowley & Con Murphy), rescue co-ordination (Ronan Beime & Colm Dempsey) and race office control (Pauline Keogh, Celine Coate & Trioria Byrne). Also the controlled launching of 140 Optimists in less than 15 minutes was a sight to behold and congratulations are due to the many other members who gave up their time and their boats to help make the event a success. Special thanks are also due to Noel Casey, Ida Kiernan and Simon Coate for the hard work in the pre-event planning and organisation. Ω

Bridge News

As we now approach the end of the first part of our bridge season, I would like to thank all the members for participating each Thursday evening since September 27 last. We have had good fun, mixed cards and good competitions. During the past couple of months, members have competed in the Gladys Dobson Memorial Trophy - team of four event and the Bill Nolan Memorial Trophy - Pairs Competition. I would like to congratulate the winners and they are as follows:

Gladys Dobson Memorial Trophy

Winners: Jackie Flynn, Ida Kiernan, Dorie & Barry Wilson;
Runners Up: Jo Murphy-Ruane, Marie Bolger, Barbara Kirwan and Louise O'Regan

Bill Nolan Memorial Trophy

Winners: Maureen Miley & Bella Connolly; **Second:** Paid & Rosalie Cassidy; **Third:** Louise O'Regan and Barbara Kirwan;
1st Session Winner: Jackie Flynn & Ida Kiernan;
2nd Session Winner: Dymphna Donnelly & Hallie Rowlands

Well done to all who participated. The presentation of prizes and Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 17. Our annual Christmas Dinner will take place in the Club on Thursday, January 7. I would like to remind all that you do not require a bridge partner for the evening, all members are welcome. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very Happy Christmas and prosperous 1999 and look forward to welcoming everyone back on the night of our Christmas Dinner, January 7. Ω

SNOOKER SCENE

A report from our new Chairman John P. Maguire, Chairman

The AGM was held on Tuesday, September 23 and Officers and Committee were appointed. Honorary Secretary Paddy Beare, Honorary Treasurer Michael Hennigan, Committee Aidan Foy, Martin Henihan, Douglas Stuart, Richard Wharton. We are pleased to say that renovation work on the billiards room is well under way and regulars will know that the new air conditioning is an excellent addition to facilities. Because of the late start of the MC Williams, your committee will be a little lenient on match deadlines for a while.



Woodbrook Golf Club. This was an hilarious event and the 15 or so NYC members who travelled really enjoyed golf, a fabulous meal and great camaraderie.

Our visit to the RIYC was another great event. They fielded a strong team and won by three points. We will be hosting them in the New Year and look forward to returning the compliment with interest.

The RStGYC also proved to be worthy opponents and the NYC, leading the opening session by two games to one, put new member, Martin Ryan, against a formidable Paddy Traynor. After a strong start by Martin it is fair to say that Paddy had the rub of the green getting back into the frame and despite a late rally by Martin, we lost on the black. An excellent game to watch, as indeed is our Martin Ryan who should feature strongly in the Preston Ball. Pressure was by now mounting and we needed a win in the final frame to achieve victory. Out with big guns Michael Hennigan and Rodger Bannon to face the Georges Best. Such was this pressure that both our players got off to a shaky (very) start. However, opportunity knocked and blistering break of 42 by Michael followed almost immediately by a hard to manufacture 22 by Rodger left the George needing 7 snookers and a total clearance to win. Needless to say they retired and our win in this frame did the business. We look forward to hosting both the above clubs in the New Year when we also have been invited to play NYC.

Turkey shoots have been underway for some weeks now and the last one is scheduled for the Monday of Christmas week. Full of details on the notice board. These are light-hearted fun nights and are recommended.

Lastly, the Chairman and incoming committee would like to take this opportunity to thank Freddie Cooney and the outgoing committee, particularly Hubie Kearns for their dedication and trojan work over a number of years. We wish them well. Ω

Snooker and Billiards Competitions

MC Williams Singles

The Committee is heartened by strong interest shown by quite a number of new members and indeed by the renewed interest of some older stalwarts who have taken the plunge again. The competition is now under way and we appeal to all competitors to play outstanding matches as soon as possible so that we reach an up-to-date position by year end. Full information is posted in the snooker room and you are encouraged to acquaint yourself by referring to this on a regular basis.

The Johnston Memorial Doubles

The Johnston Memorial Doubles will be announced before Christmas and new entrants will be provided with partners if necessary. This is undoubtedly the friendliest and most enjoyable event of the snooker calendar. The big one, the Preston Ball Singles Competition, will be launched simultaneously. The Preston Ball Auction Dinner will take place on Friday, January 15, 20.00 hrs for 21.00 hrs.

Inter-club matches have restarted. At the time of going to press we have played a golf/snooker friendly with

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COMMENDATION AWARDS

Ida Kiernan, Vice Commodore

TOWNSHIP CUP

The Township Cup presented by the Edward Yacht Club (NYC) in 1927 and is also known as the Kingstown Regatta Cup for cruising and was presented to Hazel and Leonard Shields for the Cruise. Leonard Sheil set off for the Orkneys in Gay Gannett. Members of the Sheil family joined ship for the various stages, this was a family cruise. The cruise took them up the west coast of Scotland to the Orkneys from where they headed down to East coast to Inverness and through the Caledonian Canal. At anchor, one evening, Hazel recalled that the family had been in the same anchorage in 1975 in their previous boat. On writing up the log off the Antrim coast, Leonard noted that he had been at sea for one month and, on return to Dun Laoghaire, Gay Gannett had over 900 miles on the log.

BOYNE REGATTA CUP

The Boyne Regatta Cup dates back to 1870. A superb trophy awarded for offshore racing and was presented to Vincent Farrell and Tony Fox. Vincent and Tony have been responsible for this Club's continued participation in offshore racing.

They have lead the Club's offshore team for many years and at a time when there was a general decline in numbers participating in offshore races. They have worked tirelessly to promote the sport and encourage other boats to take part. Between them they have more offshore racing experience than any other member of the Club. They have been involved in offshore racing for more than 20 years.

They have participated with names associated with offshore sailing such as Jim Poole, Leslie Kertez and Liam Shanahan to name but a few. They have competed in every offshore race in these waters and have brought much honour and silver to the National Yacht Club. They have been exemplary Ambassadors for the Club and are worthy recipients of this magnificent trophy. Ω

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turnout of the original entries was achieved. The wind was force 4 and the event was successfully run with good racing in a reduced fleet.

An Open Day for 1720 was held on Saturday, August 8. This is the second year that this event has been run. This was a three race event. There were 17 entries with 3 from Howth. Prizegiving was on the day. There is an NYC perpetual trophy for the event.



The Russian ship *Mir* was a spectacular visitor during the Tall Ships visit to Dublin.

Junior Regatta August 9

Notice of race and entry forms were sent to all ISA category 1 clubs, who have reference to Junior sailing in their ISA listing. Some 26 clubs, country wide were mailed, a total of 300 application forms. Despite this blitz, we had an entry by official entry date (Thursday) of 10 dinghies only. At 17.30 Friday, we had 16 entries (7 Mirrors, 3 Optimists and 6 PY class). By Saturday evening we had 26 entries and a positive flood on the morning of the Regatta resulted in a total entry of 45 boats (5 Laser 1, 14 PY, 14 Mirrors, and 12 Optimists). A great day was had by all the competitors and they enjoyed the barbeque afterwards.

Optimist National Championship – August 20-23

This was the largest event run by the NYC in 1998. This is two events in one, a 4 day Senior event and a 2 day event. It is in effect

a Thursday - Sunday event with a separate Saturday and Sunday event. The implications on personnel are large. A call to arms circular was issued to all. The requirements on equipment, RIB's and committee boats are immense. Many thanks to all who volunteered their services for the event.

Tall Ships Visit

This was a major event for Dublin City and impacted hugely on Dun Laoghaire events in that it had a disruptive effect on the Optimist Nationals and resulted also in RNYC cancelling a Laser event. National Yacht Club provided a diesel launch, which was manned by boatmen Jim and Gerry during the week and by Eddy Ferris, Ken Slattery, Brian Collins and Noel Casey in the evenings and weekend.

ISORA Race Saturday August 15

This was a 09.00 start and a boathouse service from 07.30 was required. There were only five starters in Class 1 and 4 in Class 0. "Dear Buoy" was committee boat with Tom Wood, Colm Dempsey and Noel Casey as driver, flagger and PRO respectively.

Flying Fifteen East Coast / Mermaid Leinster Championships October 3/4.

This event was very successfully run with 46 Flying Fifteens and 16 Mermaids entered. The Fifteens' fleet was largest since the run-up to the World Championship here in 1992 with numbers being some 50% in excess of recent years. This was due to effective marketing by the Dun Laoghaire Fleet at the British nationals this year in Pwllheli and to the broadening of the event for the traditional non-travellers by allowing for Classic and Bronze fleets. All of the competitors had positive things to say about the event including the welcome received, the Club ambience, the quality of the catering and the efficiency of the race organisation. All said that they would spread the word and this could become as large an event as the Irish nationals.

October Series Mermaids / Flying Fifteens

This was run for all the five weekends in October. In contrast to previous years, October was a very windy month! Fleet sizes in Mermaids were up to previous numbers, but there was a dearth of Flying Fifteens. Now in December there is the Sunday frostbite series and John Lavery with Gerry Duggan are still practising in a borrowed Flying Fifteen, while their own boat is en route to Esperance in Australia for FF Worlds in February. Ω

NAVIGATOR NO. 16

1. Who went to sea in a beautiful pea green boat?
2. What was the christian names of the crew of African Queen?
3. How many ropes on a fully rigged sailing ship?
4. Fill in the missing sets
BY : BYB : YB : ? : BR : ? :
5. Give the approximate location of St. Begnet's Island.
6. What was a brass monkey?
7. Why was the bald-headed square rigger so called?
8. What was the inaugural meeting of the Irish Cruising Club held?
9. What was the name of the American warship aboard which the surrender ceremonies took place marking the formal ending of World War II?
10. Apart from the Bounty, how many other mutinies was Captain Bligh involved in?
11. What is the upper edge of a ship's side known as?
12. Stand with your back to the lower wind and if the upper winds come from the left the weather will normally deteriorate and if the upper winds come from the right the weather will normally improve – is better known as what rule?

Results of Navigator No. 15:

1. Lee, 2. Beam, 3. Keel, 4. Winch, 5. Leach, 6. Track, 7. Frame,
8. Cleat, 9. Plough, 10. Galley, 11. Tender, 12. Mizzen, 13. Rudder,
14. Oilskin, 15. Bollard, 16. Halyard, 17. Fairlead, 18. Underway,
19. Moorings, 20. Clippings.

There was one correct solution to Navigator No. 15, Michael Hemmigan, well done Michael. Collect your prize, dinner for two with a bottle of house wine. Christmas is a time for relaxing so the Navigator has decided to go easy on you with a fairly simple quiz albeit with a slightly nautical flavour. As usual the prize is dinner for two with a bottle of house wine for the first correct solution opened. If there is no correct solution the prize will be awarded to the most nearly correct solution. The Navigator may award a special prize for the most humorous (and printable) answers to questions 6, 7 and 12. Entries for Navigator No. 16 to reach the editor before close of business on Monday, January 12.

Dates

Catering and Entertainment

Highlights

JANUARY

Fri	1	Facilities from 12.00 Noon
Sat	2	Club Dinner
Sun	3	Family Luncheon
Wed	6	Bar Table Quiz
Thur	7	Bridge followed by Bridge Dinner
Sat	9	Club Dinner
Sun	10	Family Luncheon
Mon	11	Navigation classes recommence
Tue	12	Ladies Day Luncheon
Wed	13	Wine Suppers
Fri	15	Snooker Auction Dinner
Sat	16	Club Dinner
Sun	17	Family Luncheon
Wed	20	Bar Table Quiz
Sat	23	D 'n' D Night
Sun	24	Family Luncheon
Wed	27	Wine Suppers
Sat	20	Club Dinner

FEBRUARY

Wed	1	Bar Table Quiz
Fri	5	Speaker Supper with Winkie Nixon
Sat	6	Club Dinner
Sun	7	Family Luncheon
Tue	9	Ladies Day Luncheon
Wed	10	Wine Supper
Sat	13	D 'n' D Night
Sun	14	St. Valentine's Day Luncheon
Wed	17	Bar Table Quiz
Sat	20	Viennese Evening
Sun	21	Family Luncheon
Wed	24	Wine Suppers
Sat	27	Club Dinner
Sun	28	Family Luncheon

MARCH

Wed	3	Bar Table Quiz
Sat	6	Club Dinner
Tue	9	Ladies Day Luncheon
Wed	10	Bar Table Quiz Final
Sat	13	Club Dinner
Sun	14	Family Luncheon
Wed	17	St. Patrick's Day Family Luncheon with traditional music
Sat	20	Club Dinner
Sun	21	Family Luncheon
Wed	24	Inter Club Quiz Night
Sat	27	Club Dinner
Sun	28	Family Luncheon
Wed	31	Wine Supper

Rugby International Brunches



Brunches served in Dining Room before all away matches, followed by viewing of matches on our large screen.

D 'n' D Nights



Fun Dinner Dance Evenings with music by Disco George.

Great value at £25 per couple.

Suppers & Luncheons



Wine Suppers, Ladies Day Luncheons and the Bar Table Quiz continue to run with her information on Club notice board.

Speaker Supper



with Winkie Nixon.
Early booking essential
- need we say more?

St. Patrick's Day.



Traditional food and music.
Green beer and free shamrock.
A great day out for all the family.

Viennese Evening

One of the most popular non-sailing nights of the year - light Viennese music and other favourites from the ensemble and excellence in food - will provide that special occasion feeling - £22.50 per person

Dining Room Luncheons



Luncheons served Tuesday to Sunday.
Bar Food available Tuesday to Saturday.
Dinner and Club Supper served Tuesday to Friday with Club Dinner served Saturdays.



Further information on all functions from Club Manager Padraic Conneely or Catering Supervisor Esther Duggan.