

# MAINSHEET

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## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR NYC

### FROM THE COMMODORE

By most criteria 1994 was a successful year for the National Yacht Club. Our sailors distinguished themselves in both competitive and cruising activities. The Club hosted an impressive calendar of successful sailing events. Our bar and dining room trading profitably against a background of a varied social programme supported by special events. The financial outcome for the year was highly successful and reflects great credit on the Club's management generally and in particular in the areas of catering generally and cash management.

Less impressive was our record on membership where we only managed to arrest the decline of recent years. While our safety record was generally good nevertheless we had one serious accident, fortu-

nately without injury, and one accident with serious injury to one of our members.

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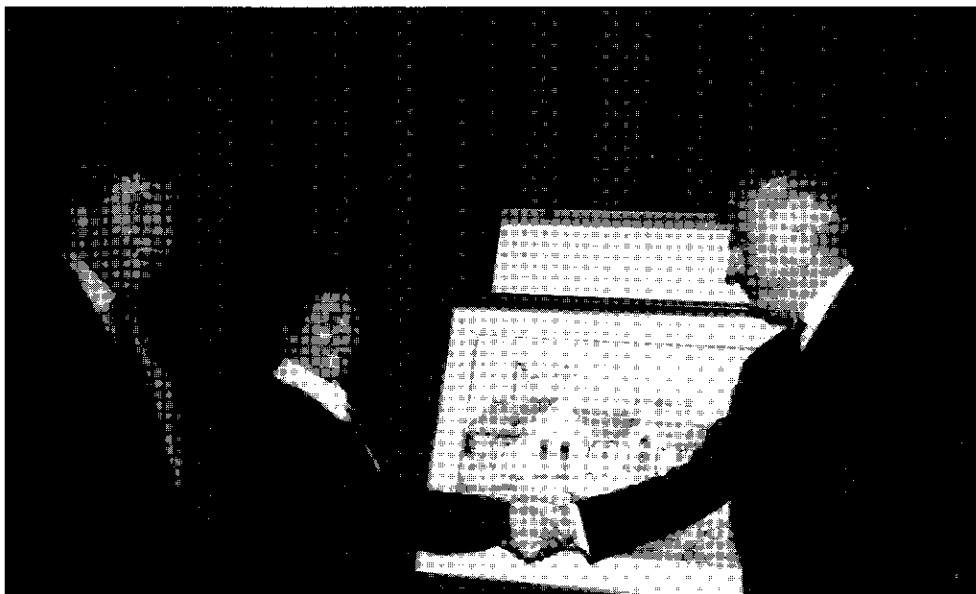
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*Left to right:  
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artist; Mr. Michael  
Horgan, the Commodore*

# TO BAYONA WITH MODUS VIVENDI – A KIND OF LOG

by Paddy McMahon

It started last Winter over a cup of tea in the bar of the NYC. Aidan Foy, Peter Cullen, Martin Henihan and Martin Crotty discussed the idea of a trip to Spain. The idea rocketed and soon two crews were organised.

Modus had two skippers Aidan Foy and Martin Henihan with Sean O'Donovan, Tony Corcoran, Doug Stewart and Paddy McMahon. Koala had two skippers Martin Crotty and Peter Cullen with Gerry Nolan, Paul Nolan and Iain Mac Donald. Matters progressed very quickly with departure fixed for July 7, at 2100 hrs.

The great day arrived and the crews plus families attended the Club for the farewell dinner. Our skippers were with Tommy Keating who was acting as shore skipper on hand back in Ireland if we needed any help.

*“A great crowd had gathered to see us off”*

A great crowd had gathered together with a photographer to see us off. I think they were making sure we would go although I do understand that the bar takings suffered very badly during our absences. Goodbyes were said and promises were made and we set sail into the moonlight.

**2145 hrs.** We cross the harbour bar, each engrossed in our own thoughts, looking forward with anticipation and maybe some anxiety to what lay ahead. The first dramatic moment a few minutes later, Aiden throws his cigarettes overboard and announces that he is giving them up. This is greeted with scepticism but being a very obedient crew we proceed to show our doubts. It was arranged that we would pick Doug up in Arklow. Tony Corcoran had forgotten his sleeping bag and we radio the Club and it is arranged that Doug would bring it to Arklow.

*“The night is idyllic and the sea is like a duck pond”*

The night is idyllic and the sea is like a duck pond. Koala is behind and we try calling her but we are not interfacing. Nobody is in any mood to go to bed so we all stay up until we have our rendezvous with Doug.

**0245 hrs.** Collect Doug and start our watches and settle into routine.

Next morning the wind is still very slack but it is raining heavily and we see the Tuskar in the distance. We try to call Koala but we are still not interfacing. Tembo II heard us and tells us that Koala is five miles ahead. We are taking a Westerly course from the Tuskar and decided to

*“decided to stay on 180 straight into a noser”*

stay on 180 straight into a noser and carry on regardless. At this stage some of the crew are not feeling the best because of the pounding we are getting from heading straight into the sea and also perhaps after the mother of all breakfasts cooked by Aidan (who is still off the cigarettes).

**1915 hrs.** Aidan and I are on watch sailing with a force four and travelling at 6.5 knots on a Friday evening with the rest of the crew asleep. The skipper says we have a lazy, sleepy crowd of Rip Van Winkles on Board and instructs me to make an entry in the Log to that effect.

**0000 hrs. Saturday Morning** Martin and Doug change course to 210.

**0600 hrs.** It is noticed that we have made no progress as there is a very strong tide running against us so we alter course to 180 and let the Genoa out fully. We are now making much better speed and our spirits are rising, not that they had ever dropped. However, never be to blame because at that “George” gives up the ghost and so it now has to be manual steering from here on in. To lighten things up a bit the sea gets lumpy and no matter which way we turn we seem to get it right on the nose. Decisions have to be made as to whether we keep pounding into it or head for either the Scillies or Penzance.

*“whether to keep pounding into it or head to Penzance”*

**1130 hrs.** The decision is made, we head for the Scillies. Martin the Anticipator has naturally brought along a small guide to the Scillies. We see the Bishop Rock Lighthouse, the tallest in Britain and the rocks looming up ahead and at this stage I can assure you that everyone is up on the deck because the guide has informed us that the rocks around the Isles enjoy a nice yacht for breakfast.

**1500 hrs.** Successfully navigate our way into Port St. Mary.

We drop anchor but the friendly master asks us to move because we were in the way of the ferry that travels over regularly from the mainland. (Tommy Keating likes that expression). We anchor again and decide to stay overnight and have a wander.

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## A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR NYC

### Sailing

While the weather was not to the liking of land lubbers most sailors will remember the season for its fair winds and good sailing conditions. With six national champions, an international gold medal and the Victoria Cup to our credit we can consider our achievements satisfactory.

Aisling Bowman won the Europe Class National Championship and the gold medal at the Goodwill Games. Mark Lyttle is National Laser Champion. Both he and Aisling are well on their way to receiving a place to represent Ireland at the 1996 Olympics. David Crosbie is Irish Optimist champion. Evan Dolan is Irish junior Helmsman Champion. John Lavery and David O'Brien won the Fireball Championships. Dermod Baker is Ruffian National Champion. Quite an enviable roll of honour for any Club.

Off-shore our three boat team of *Escapade*, *Samaki* and *Emircedes* won the Victoria Cup for the Club. *Escapade* won the ISORA series in the IOR division and *Emircedes* won the Classic Division. We had two boats entered in the Round Ireland Race. One got nowhere but *Samaki* won the half ton trophy.

Our cruising sailors had a varied programme of sailing and social activity around the Irish Sea and further over the horizon. *Sunfish* spent the season cruising Brittany. *Modus Vivendi* and *Koala* cruised to Spain. *Erquy* had an epic single-handed voyage to Biscay and back. *Sarah Mercedes* cruised the South West coast. The intrepid Noel Casey sailed to Iceland while Liam Shanahan and his equally intrepid family sailed from Carolina to the Bahamas. What an adventurous complement of sailors we have. Well done all!!

Inspired, no doubt, by the exploits of their elders our Junior Sailing Section had a busy nine week season. Organised by Shay O'Donoghue and Simon Coate the Section made their presence felt in local and national events and in championships in Sardinia and Penzance.

### Social

It would be difficult to overestimate the contribution that our social activities make to the success of the Club. During the year our members who organised and supported the Bridge Section, the Snooker activities, the Bar Table Quiz, the Ladies Luncheons and the many other social activities which kept the Club going and our facilities available at a level that sailing on its own would not support. The Bridge Section continues to attract players throughout the year, not just in the winter. Last year our team won the Inter-Club Trophy for the fifth time in six years. The other year round clubhouse activity is, of course, snooker. The Billiard Committee are to be congratulated yet again on organising the various competitions during the winter and for encouraging the use of the billiard room throughout the year.

The standard of food in the Club has improved substantially and the dining room and bar provide exceptional value for money. The financial returns for both the bar and dining room show a marked improvement also. Yet it remains a source of concern that so few members use these excellent facilities. About two thirds of our members seldom or never use the dining room. Some do not even use their dining vouchers. The Club needs the support of all members for these facilities.

### Finance

The Honorary Treasurer will report in detail on the financial accounts at the AGM but a few comments from me would not be out of place. Financially we have had a very successful year. Our surplus for the year is comfortably ahead of budget and a multiple of last years surplus. There is no room for complacency however. There is much ground to be made up. At this rate of surplus it will be some time before we can be comfortable that we are in a position to renew our assets and undertake substantial development. With a turn-over close to three quarters of a million pounds this years surplus would be seen as only adequate.

At the EGM held in November the Committee presented proposals for upgrading our premises by way of a general levy. This did not find favour with the majority of members present at the meeting. The Committee, recognising that the problems of renewal and development still remain, have set up a task force composed of some of the best business brains in the Club, to draw up a business plan for the next five years. The work of the Business Plan Task Force is expected to be complete in April when it will be presented to the in-coming Committee. Last years financial results will provide a better starting platform for the implementation of the plan which will result from this strategic review.

A parallel development which will be incorporated in the plan arises from the work of the Boat House Taskforce. As can be seen from the accounts only half the cost of the boathouse is covered by charges. The work of the taskforce revealed that while the technical expertise and records were excellent it should be possible, with the cooperation of members, to reduce the deficit.

### Membership

While the decline in membership has been arrested and we have had some success in increasing the total of all categories of membership and a notable success in attracting the new category of Ensign membership, I must record that "Membership 600" has not been a success. The simple fact is that most members did not respond to the call, with a few members responsible for a good proportion of the 30 new members who joined. The Committee are still looking at ways to address this problem and some initiatives are being considered. However, much of the solution lies with our present members. An increase of new members towards the maximum allowed by the rules would transform the Club financially and in every other way.

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### Harbour Developments

The four waterfront clubs and Dublin Bay Sailing Club on the initiative of Roger Bannon, President of the ISA, decided to form the Dun Laoghaire Combined Clubs, DLCC, organisation under the chairmanship of Dr. Franz Winkelmann with the object of representing the interests of sailors and recreational users of the harbour. The DLCC has met with the chairman of the Harbour Board, Cathaoirleach and members of the County Council, the Recreational Sub-Committee of the Harbour Board and Harbour management. All of these have pledged support for the balanced development of the harbour in accordance with the Plan, including the provision of marina facilities. The Harbour Board commissioned wave studies from a firm of recognised experts to determine the feasibility of various sites in the harbour. The DLCC were given copies of the final report and these results are now being studied to determine the optimum and most cost effective sites. We hope to have agreement on this in the near future. Any marina development that takes place will have public access and will be run on a commercial basis.

### Committee Changes

This AGM sees a number of hard working members leaving the Committee. I would like to record my thanks to Dick Wharton who steps down as Rear Commodore. Dick has served the Club on committee for longer than anyone else in recent years in a number of other capacities most notably as Honorary Secretary. My fellow Flag Officer Andrew Gray and I coming on to Committee after a long absence were very glad to have Dick's accumulated experience available to us in our first year in office.

The good financial results of the year are in no small way due to the hard work and vigilance of the out-going

Honorary Treasurer, John O'Connor. During his term of office John planned and watched over the turn-around in our financial fortunes.

In the interest of brevity it was not possible to detail the prodigious amount of work done by Martin Henihan on Committee in relation to premises and harbour developments. His time and professional expertise was provided freely and at no cost to the Club. We could not have bought this expertise elsewhere. Thank you Martin.

Many members would subscribe to the view that Boathouse Captain is the most thankless position on the General Committee. It is a tribute to Gerry Pinkster as he steps down from this position which requires a lot of hard work, consummate diplomacy and an ability to balance many conflicting demands, that he retains his popularity and the gratitude of members. As a result of Gerry's research and powers of persuasion the Boathouse takes delivery of a new launch and a new rigid inflatable – not a bad legacy.

### Management and Staff

The day to day running of the Club is in the very capable hands of our Club Management. The accounts which are the acid test of good management tell their own story. I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Club Manager Mr. Padraic Conneely and his staff in the Clubhouse and the Boathouse for help and co-operation throughout the year and for their efforts to ensure a successful year end outcome.

Finally, I want to thank Mrs. Trish Field, the Club Secretary, for her unfailing help and courtesy to me, to the Committee and to all members. Her deep knowledge of the affairs of the Club and her willingness to do whatever the situation requires were of immense help to me during the year. Ω

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## TO BAYONA WITH MODUS VIVENDI

All around us we can see white sand beaches surrounded by transparent emerald waters, these beautiful hybrids of land and seascape, flavoured by a daily lifestyle that seems more

“white sand surrounded by transparent emerald waters”

conducive to the pages of a book of nursery rhymes than twentieth century realities. Very few have seen this fair land and we are the

lucky ones. The rubber duck is launched and some of us go ashore to view the land and maybe bump into Harold Wilson who has a house here.

We meet a young sailor ashore who enquires after the late Seamas Gallagher whom he had met last year in Kinsale. He is very saddened by the news of his death.

On board, Doug is busy preparing Tandoori Chicken brought courtesy of Tony. We wash it down with a couple of bottles of wine and I can assure you that we are feeling no pain. Naturally enough Tony produces hot towels for us at the end. O what style! Eat your

heart out Koala. O what bliss the night is. We have a peaceful sleep in calm waters.

“Tandoori Chicken and a couple of bottles of wine”

1000 hrs. Sunday. We decide to depart but find that our anchor has become entangled in the chain of a crab pot. After some manoeuvring we get free and head out to sea. The wind is kinder to us now and we are going along very nicely with Tony on the helm. This is the weather we have signed on for and at last the sun ... Ω



In 1994 98 Juniors attended NYC Junior Section under the direction of Head A, Gavan Jones. Of the 98, 16 were successful in achieving 1st stage; 9 successful in achieving 2nd stage and 12 successful in achieving 3rd stage. Of these 12 the following were graded as 'C' instructors by the ISA for the 1995 season: Sarah Johnston, Stephen Kieran, Ross Killian, Diane McMahon, Suzanne Murray and Ross Nolan. Well done to all. The 1994 season culminated in a successful dinner, prizegiving and disco on Friday 28th October, 1995. Personal thanks to Mr. Shay O'Donoghue, without whom the 1993/94 Junior Section would not have been so successful.

In 1995 3 courses of 3 weeks each for the 1st and 2nd stagers will be run as follows:

1. 19 June - 7 July
2. 10 July - 28 July
3. 1 August - 18 August

and 2 courses of 4 weeks for the 3rd stagers as follows:

1. 26 June - 21 July
2. 24 July - 18 August

under the direction of Head A, Niall Peelo.

Application forms will be available at the Parents' Meeting scheduled for Monday, 24th April at 1930 hrs.

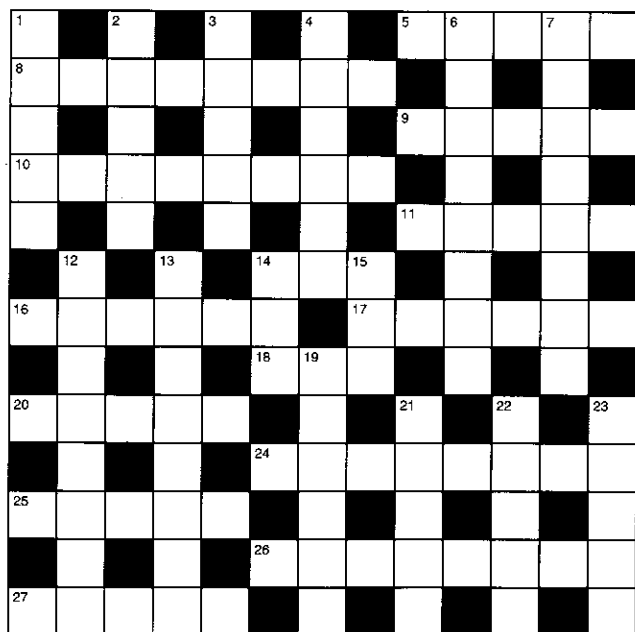
The NYC will not be hosting an Earlybird Regatta this year. However the DBSC Sunday Series will be commencing on Sunday, 30 April with a special two race event followed by prize-giving. 1st gun at the later time of 1145 hrs this year.

The DBSC Series is always run inside the Harbour and is most suitable for 1st and 2nd stagers. Spread over ten Sundays between April and August it is great fun and there are lots of prizes!

The entry forms are available at the Club and must be lodged with DBSC Hon. Sec., Mr. Donal O'Sullivan, the Thursday before a scheduled race. (£10 per sailor for the whole summer). Ω

Simon Coate, *Junior Organiser.*

## Navigator No. 3



### Answers to Navigator No. 2

**Across:** 5. Agate; 8. Shackles; 9. Snaps; 10. Isolated; 11. Pilau; 14. Bes; 16. Fiesta; 17. Up Helm; 18. Yen; 20. On Tow; 24. Opposite; 25. A coat; 26. Artefact; 27. Helen.  
**Down:** 1. Aspic; 2. Baron; 3. Skuas; 4. Delete; 6. Gunsight; 7. Topsails; 12. Binnacle; 13. As you are; 14. Bay; 15. Gun; 19. Export; 21. Codes; 22. Sikas; 23. Beats.

Two tickets for Dinner and a bottle of house wine with their meal for the first correct entry opened.

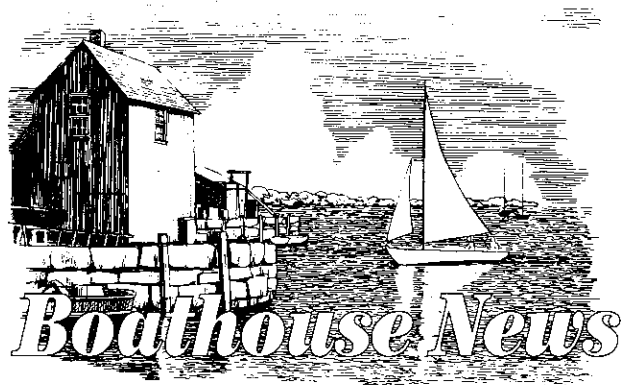
Entries to **The Editor, Mainsheet, National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire** to arrive not later than 5 p.m., on Wednesday, March 22nd, 1995. Test your skill and beat the Navigator to win our super prize.

### ACROSS

5. At a level with the sea surface
8. Ornate stern? starts mixed up
9. Break a rest for the flowers
10. S of T giving
11. Ear in the ship scorches
14. R?
16. Gods surround the old city for drinking
17. First class fish
18. With Rick a saint
20. Classic coup
24. Could be rude
25. Mixed pairs for city of bridges
26. Time allowed
27. Traditional saw

### DOWN

1. Remains on the mast
2. Aft to headless female later
3. Urges
4. You 15 at this
6. Prevailing wind
7. Sounds almost like sinning saint, for guidance
12. 3 foot craft, for craft
13. Essential to produce this
14. Cleo's way to death
15. ... drink and be merry
19. Fish or fisher.
21. Usually expressed in money
22. Ring. Send one for boats
23. Put on, the landing



### Launch-dates 15/16th April .

Please note that owners or their representatives **MUST** be in attendance for the launching; the sequence schedule will be posted on the notice-boards by 7/8th April. In the interests of safety only those members directly involved with the boats being launched are allowed on the platforms. Children are not permitted on the platforms under any circumstances.

This year we need your special cooperation in clearing the cradles and trailers from the platforms **IMMEDIATELY** after launching as we have a training event on for the Fireballs in preparation for their World's which we are hosting in August.

The mooring and parking application forms are now available from the hall desk and I would urge you to com-

plete same as soon as possible and return to Mrs. Field before 3rd March. The rising costs factor has been applied with the result that the fees have increased by 6%.

In order to reduce administration costs and improve cashflow, we are introducing a voucher system for boathouse services, which must be purchased either from the Manager or Mrs. Field or the Bar and handed to the boathouse staff before the service can be given. The 48 hour prior notice rule for crane service will remain, and the new rates are as follows:

- under 25ft: £20 — in/out within 3 hrs, incl. powerwasher
- over 25ft: £1.—ft loa within 3 hrs, incl. powerwasher
- if more than 3 hrs required, the boat will be positioned in the club's cradle, min. charge £5.—up to 24 hrs, £7/day thereafter.
- powerwasher, for other uses, £5.—/max. 2hrs.
- masts, stepping or unstepping £10.
- a 50% surcharge will apply to non members of NYC.

Following a detailed examination of boathouse expenditure it has been decided in Committee to charge those owners who have private moorings for the use of the club's launches, which will amount to 40% of the applicable mooring fee.

As my term of office expires shortly, this will be my last Mainsheet contribution and I wish to thank all members for their cooperation during the past three years. Ω

*Gerry Pinkster, Boathouse Captain.*

## HEINEKEN FIREBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO DOMINATE NYC 1995 SAILING SEASON

Apart from the Club Regatta and the Clara Candy Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race the Fireball World Championships will be the major event hosted by the NYC, from August 26 to September 9, 1995.

In September, 1991 Martin Crotty, then Vice Commodore, submitted a proposal on behalf of the Club to host the Fireball Worlds in 1995. The event, recognised as among the worlds' most prestigious dinghy championships, was formally awarded to the NYC by Fireball International in March, 1992.

The job of securing a sponsor for the event was the immediate priority and Heineken were confirmed as the main sponsor when the official "Notice of Race" was circulated world-wide last November. The task of appointing the International Jury was completed early last year and I am pleased to report that one of

Ireland's international race judges, Norman Long, has been approved as chairman of this committee. Norman will be joined by race judges from the UK, Belgium and Sweden. The measurement procedures will be overseen by Rob Toborton from South Africa. Already entries have been received from South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and England.

The NYC is well known for its depth of experience in race management personnel, and we are particularly pleased that Jack Roy has been approved as the Principal Race Officer for the event. However, Jack will require the assistance of up to 35 people afloat every day for almost two weeks. These include committee boat and mark boat personnel as well as mark laying and rescue personnel. In addition, assistance ashore will be required for measuring, parking, launching and retrieving, results and race office.

Most importantly we will be calling again on the good will of our boat owners to make their craft available for duty at least some of the time.

We are proud of the NYC's reputation for well-run sailing events and I am confident that we will uphold this reputation. We are now in the process of putting "names on paper" and if you are available, even for some of the time, please let me know. Remember the dates: August 26 to September 9.

### Penitential Write

Sincere apologies to Ward Woods and the crew of the *Jessica*, who were excluded, inadvertently, from the roll of honour in our last issue. They won the J24 National Championships for the 2nd year running. Ward is our 7th national champion in 1994, defeating a fleet of 22 J24s. *Congratulations!* Ω

Martin Byrne,  
*Chairman Organising Committee.*

## COMMENDATION AWARDS

The annual Commendation Awards, when we acknowledge the special achievements of our members, will be adjudicated shortly and presented at the Commendation Dinner to be held in April.

Awards will be made to members who have distinguished themselves in either cruising or racing. The trophies awarded are those magnificent pieces in the trophy cabinet. You may not take them away, but they are engraved with the winners details as a record for NYC posterity.

Those interested in nominating themselves or their friends for consideration should write to the Vice-Commodore, Andrew Gray, as soon as possible (entries close on 31st March).

Racing awards are made for achievements both inshore and offshore and for junior and cadet achievements.

Cruising nominations must include a log and fall into the category of the most adventurous or the most entertaining family cruising log. Please do not miss out on this opportunity to have your own or a friend's achievements recognised in this special way by your fellow members.

There are six trophies in all to be presented as follows:

- The Muglins Cup  
*Awarded for the most interesting Family Cruising Log.*
- The Township Cup  
*Presented for the most impressive cruise.*
- The Boyne Regatta Cup  
*Awarded for the best performance in OFF Shore racing.*
- The O'Leary Cup  
*Awarded for the best performance in one design keelboats.*
- The Edward Yacht Club Trophy  
*Awarded for the best performance in dinghies, Flying Fifteens & Mermaids.*
- The John Byrne Memorial Trophy  
*Awarded to the person deemed to have given outstanding service and dedication to sailing activities in the NYC during the past year.*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### *Luncheons*

Sundays: Family Luncheon

Bar Lunches: Tuesday-Friday

Dinner & Club Supper  
Tuesday-Friday

### *Sailing Suppers*

Commence April 27th  
and every Thursday during  
Sailing Season

### *Functions, Parties or Meetings*

Why not avail of the excellent facilities your club offers. For further information contact Padraic Conneely, Club Manager

### *Ladies Day Lunches*

Held on the third Tuesday of every month. See notice board for more information.

***For that special event,  
corporate or family  
function your club can  
make it even more  
special***

## SPRING SAILING SEMINAR

*for small boat owners*

This seminar will take place on Saturday, March 25, 1995 in the National Yacht Club, at 9.15 a.m. sharp and finishing at 1.00 p.m.

The speakers will assume participants have a basic knowledge of sailing, racing and the rules.

Places will be given to the first 50 applicants.

The entry fee of £5 does not cover lunch, but this is available at the club, if required.

# Highlights

# Catering and Entertainment

# Dates

## March

Wednesday, 1st: 8 p.m. Speaker Supper – Kevin Dwyer  
 Saturday, 4th: Dinner – A taste of France  
 Friday, 17th: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon  
 Tuesday, 21st: Ladies Day Luncheon  
 Saturday, 25th: Seafood Extravaganza.  
 Sunday, 26th: Mothers Day Luncheon. Book early.  
 Friday, 31st: Wine Dinner

## April

Saturday, 8th: D 'n' D Night  
 Saturday, 15th: Easter Eve Dinner  
 Sunday, 16th: Easter Day Family Luncheon  
 Saturday, 29th: Commendation Dinner

## May

Friday, 5th: NYC Cook-In  
 Saturday, 13th: D 'n' D Night  
 Tuesday, 16th: Ladies Day Luncheon



During March we will feature three special nights in the Dining Room. the French Evening, the Seafood Dinner and the Wine Dinner. Early booking is advisable for all three Dinners and further information can be obtained from the Manager or Evelyn, our dining room supervisor.



Easter weekend will see the club a hive of activity with the lift-in taking place. Don't forget our Easter Eve Dinner or the Special Family Day Easter Luncheon.



The NYC "Cook-In" makes a return to the entertainment programme. This can be a fun filled evening so get your entry in as soon as possible.

**Members, your support for all events is earnestly requested.**

## MARCH

Wed 1 8 p.m. Speaker Supper – Kevin Dwyer, marine photographer presents a slide show and talk entitled "The Irish Cruising Coast".  
 Fri 3 Rugby – Pre-match drinks & complimentary snack food.  
 Sat 4 Rugby International – Ireland v France. Come along and watch the game on the Big Screen. Rugby International Dinner – A taste of France, French cuisine, wines & music. Book early.  
 Wed 8 Bar Table Quiz  
 Sat 11 Club Dinner & Piano Music  
 Fri 17 St. Patrick's Day Luncheon Green beer, free shamrock  
 Sat 18 Rugby International – Wales v Ireland. Brunch & big screen in dining room. Now booking. Rugby International Dinner.  
 Tues 21 Ladies Day Luncheon Make up demonstration – Book early  
 Wed 22 Bar Table Quiz – Final Battle for Brains of Bay Trophy Winners & runners-up go on to represent the NYC at the Inter Club Quiz  
 Sat. 25 Seafood Extravaganza – An evening of superb food and wine – Relax with piano music.  
 Sun. 26 Mothers Day Luncheon. Book early.  
 Mon 27 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30 p.m. sharp.  
 Wed 29 Inter-Club Quiz. Dining room 9 p.m.  
 Fri 31 Wine & Dine – Selected wines to taste and enjoy. Each one chosen to accompany the evening's menu. £20 p.p. including wine. Book with the manager.

## APRIL

Sat 1 Club Dinner & Piano Music  
 Sat 8 D 'n' D Night – £25 per couple. Happy hour from 8-9 p.m.  
 Sat 15 Saturday & Sunday, 15th & 16th: Lift-in. NO CHILDREN ON PLATFORM!!!  
 Sat 15 Easter Eve Dinner – Features new season lamb  
 Sun 16 Easter Day Luncheon – Children's Art Competition. Age limit: 12 yrs. Entries to club manager up to 1.00 p.m. on Easter Sunday.  
 Thur 20 Last Bridge evening  
 Fri 21 Preston Ball Snooker Final & Dinner (Formal)  
 Sat 22 Club Dinner & Piano Music  
 Mon 24 Junior Section Parent's Meeting at 8 p.m.  
 Thur 27 1st DBSC Thursday Race – Sailing Suppers in Dining Room – Chowder 'n' Crackers in J.B. Room.  
 Sat 29 1st DBSC Saturday Race – Commendation Dinner. Awards to NYC sailors who have distinguished themselves in 1994

## MAY

Tue 2 1st DBSC Tuesday Race  
 Fri 5 NYC Cook-In – Entrants to cook a meal for 4 in a simulated Galley at a cost of £12. (Cost of meal to be refunded) Winners chosen by a "distinguished panel" of Judges. (details from manager).  
 Sat 6 Club Dinner & Piano Music  
 Sat 13 D 'n' D Night – Last of these popular events until end of the sailing season  
 Tue 16 Ladies Day Luncheon – Dermot O'Neill, gardening expert  
 Sat 20 Club Dinner & Piano Music