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At a ceremony held in the Club on 16th August, Aisling Bowman was presented with a crystal vase, by the Commodore, inscribed to commemorate her Gold Medal win in the Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg earlier in the month.

Aisling, who learned to sail in the NYC Junior Section, and who is at present campaigning her Europe Class dinghy to represent Ireland in the 1996 Olympic Games in Havannah, Georgia, beat both the current world ranked number one and two to win the Gold Medal. Speaking at the presentation, the Commodore congratulated Aisling on behalf of the club and thanked her for her loyalty and commitment to the

National. The tremendous dedication which has taken her to her present pre-eminence is matched by her charming modesty and her generosity in giving of her time and experience to help up and coming young Irish sailors. Aisling, who was in Dublin to conduct a two day training session at the Club for aspiring Europe Class sailors, thanked the NYC for the presentation and for the encouragement and support which all her friends and family gave her in a long and arduous campaign.

Present at the ceremony was Aisling's mother Hilda Byrne, her brothers Killian and Martin, our Sailing Secretary. All but our newer members will recall that her

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COMMENDATION AWARDS

The second Annual Commendation Awards Dinner, the occasion when we recognise the special achievements of our fellow members in cruising, racing and service to the sport of sailing was held on Saturday, 30th April, 1994.



The trophies awarded are those magnificent pieces to be seen in the trophy cabinet at the end of the dining room. Although the cups cannot be taken away from the club, the names of each years winners are engraved on them and will remain as a permanent record of the achievement.

There are six trophies in all, each with its special bit of history. The "Muglins Cup" which was presented to the club by a past member and Commodore Mr. J.J. O'Leary in 1946. It is now awarded for the most interesting family cruise and this years winner was Mr. Barry McNeaney for his cruise in *Sunfish* to France. En route Barry and his crew had to handle the trauma of an engine fire at sea which has to be every cruising sailor's nightmare.

The "Township Cup" which was given to our predecessors, the Edward Yacht Club, as the small cruise challenge cup in 1927 is now awarded for the most impressive cruise.

Many of you have seen the RTE documentary on the cruise of the Galway Hooker, St. Patrick, to the northwest coast of Greenland in the summer of 1993. Watching that documentary of a small boat beating to windward in sub-zero temperatures and icy seas gave a very vivid idea of what cruising in that part of the world is really like. Included in the crew of the St. Patrick was our own club member, Johnny Rooney and for his

part in that exciting adventure a very deserving winner of the township cup this year.

The "Boyne Regatta Cup" was presented by the "Kingstown Harbour Boat Club" in 1870 over 124 years ago, now awarded for the best performance in off shore racing, went to Cathy McAleavy and Con Murphy.

This year we had a nomination for an interesting variation on the term racing as normally the best results would mean in competition against other yachts, but on this occasion we were looking at a race against time and the clock. We refer of course to the record breaking round Ireland achievement by the trimaran *Locata* very ably crewed by two of our own club members Cathy McAleavy and Con Murphy. Not only did they succeed in breaking all records to date but we understand that some very persuasive talking had to be done by them in Spain to get the owner of *Locata* to venture up to our wet and windy island, never mind sail around it to break a speed record.

The "O'Leary Cup", presented to NYC by Michael O'Leary and now awarded for the best performance in one design keel boats was won by Dermot Baker in his Ruffian 23 *Shillelagh*.

The Edward Yacht Club trophy was presented by the officers of H.M. Naval Base, Kingstown in 1919 and is now awarded for the best performance in Dinghies, Flying Fifteens

and Mermaids. It proved to be the most difficult of all to decide on as all the nominations were outstanding in their own way. Nominations included Ben O'Donoghue for excellent results in the Irish Sailing Development Team, The Laser European Championships and British Laser II Nationals.

Aisling Bowman, whose 1993 results boast a 4th in the French open for 470s. David Crosby, who has been flying the flag for the NYC in Optimists and is currently ranked No. 1 in the Optimists ranking order.

Justin Burke, who won the following races in his flying fifteen *Slipper*, The Bryan S. Ryan Trophy, The Flying Fifteen Gun, The Flying Fifteen Class Trophy (Midweek) The Flying Fifteen Class Trophy (Saturdays).

All in all a very difficult decision but based on sailing achievement at the highest level the winner this year was Ms. Aisling Bowman.

Last but by no means least the John Byrne memorial trophy, presented to the NYC by Mrs. Hilda Byrne and her family in memory of her husband, John is awarded to the person deemed to have given outstanding service and dedication to sailing activities in the NYC during the year.

The winner this year was former vice-commodore Martin Crotty in recognition of his services as "O.O.D." for club and

international events and behind the scenes involvement in all aspects of sailing in the NYC.

In addition to the six major awards a presentation of crystal glass was made to Mrs. Ann Barry to acknowledge and thank her for her involvement in making the inaugural race from Dun Laoghaire to Dingle such a success, and the Commodore presented silver NYC tie pins to no less than eight past commodores who in their own time in office gave such sterling service to the club.

The past commodores were: Brian Barry, Malachy Muldoon, Fred Cooney, Willie Maguire, Dr. Phillip Browne, Franze Winklemann, Liam Boyd and John O'Connell. Ω

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father, the late John Byrne, was our Commodore at the time of his death in 1988. He would have been so proud of her success. Also present was the President of the ISA, Roger Bannon who presented Aisling with a silver brooch, and our Vice Commodore Andrew Gray, who presented her with the trophy which was awarded to her at the NYC Commendation Dinner in April. Aisling could not be present to accept the trophy on that occasion due to her heavy training and competition commitments. Ω

... from the Commodore

In this issue of Mainsheet we look back over a very successful sailing season now drawing to a close and look forward to the winter activities in the Club.

We had a very successful Regatta, sponsored by Heineken, the social side of which featured carnival viewing of the Ireland v Italy World Cup Match. Our Cruising sailors went round the coast and as far afield as France and Spain. Cormac McHenry is planning even further afield (single handed) to the Caribbean. Our off-shore sailors were successful in the Round Ireland Race and the ISORA series getting firsts overall in IOR and classic division for the season and winning the season's team prize, the Victoria Cup for the National. We had a number of successes in Dublin Bay. DERMOT Baker won the Ruffian National Championship and our Mermaid and Flying Fifteen and Laser sailors travelled successfully to win at away events throughout the country, Mark Lyttle winning the National Championship. Not to be outdone, our junior sailors had some outstanding successes that bode well for the future and our Junior Regatta attracted an entry of over 80 boats. Congratulations to one and all and many thanks to all the organisers and helpers.

Marina

Work continues on the development of a Marina in front of the Club in the Carlisle Basin in partnership with the Royal St. George Yacht Club. Liaison and consultation continues with the Harbour Authorities, the RNLI, the County Council and the Naval Service as well as interested parties in the Club. Many obstacles remain to be overcome and much work remains to be done before planning permission can be applied for. On the NYC side the assistance and expertise of Martin Henihan has been invaluable. We have enlisted the support of all of the interested parties mentioned and subject to the results of wave studies and site investigations we can then start work on

agreed draft proposals which will enable work on a detailed planning application to commence.

Club Development

The Premises Sub-Committee have been working to produce a plan for the development of the Club premises and amenities. This report will be considered at a specially convened meeting of the General Committee later this month. This special committee meeting will also consider the report of the Fund Raising Sub-Committee which will contain proposals for raising the necessary finance. Preliminary estimates indicate a need to raise £70,000 to £80,000 in the coming year. Having considered the reports and other proposals for the Boathouse and Junior Section your Committee will bring forth an integrated plan and funding proposals to the EGM in November.

Winter Activities

Except for our hardy frost-bite sailors the sailing season for most of us is now drawing towards a close. During the close season the other activities of the Club come into their own. The Bridge and the Snooker activities get into full swing and welcome the support and participation of aficionados and beginners alike.

The first of the monthly Ladies Luncheons is on Wednesday, 21st September. In response to the needs of mothers whose charges have a sports half-day on Wednesday, subsequent monthly lunches will take place on Tuesday. A full Entertainment Programme is shown elsewhere in this edition.

If you haven't dined in the Club recently you are missing out on a gourmet experience. Many members, it seems, only dine at the Club on featured occasions like, sailing suppers, class dinners, regatta etc. While good value, these big occasions are of necessity limited by the need to cater to a price or to a very large number of diners. They are not representative of the excellent standard of cuisine and presentation that is now the norm in our dining room. Our Chef, Cormac Healy, late the Old Dublin Restaurant and Café Clara has been with us for the past two months and is most anxious to display his skills for your delectation. Give it a try – you won't be disappointed.

Michael Horgan, Commodore

When you are reading this newsletter, Cormac McHenry will be sailing his Nicholson 31 "Erquy" towards Berth 94 at Morean on Grand Canaria. We wish him fair winds.



MEMBERSHIP NOTES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SENT BACK TO WORK

Your Committee is considering the membership structure and has reconvened the membership sub committee, Michael Bolger, Grahame Watchorn and Mal Knowlan to look at our present categories and make some recommendations. While their deliberations will be wide ranging, it is likely that only a limited number of changes will be recommended. Items on the agenda might be the examination of junior membership and perhaps some form of family membership. Any ideas or views which you have would be welcome – please write to me, Michael or Grahame at the Club.

ENSIGN MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS

The introduction of Ensign Membership has been the success of the current membership drive. Since its introduction in April of this year, fourteen have availed of the new category designed to facilitate members in their twenties who want to test the waters. The ensigns have been active sailors during the summer and they are welcome – they give the club a lease of life in an age group which tended to shrink rather than grow in the recent past.

The number of new full members, twenty five to date, is higher than has been usual in recent years. Hopefully this trend, together with other new members of all categories, will continue and redress the attrition which we have suffered during the recession. Club-House membership is expected to become of interest in the next few months as the winter entertainment programme kicks off.

NEW MEMBERS FOR 1994

Full Members

Gerard Butler
John Archer
Anthony Barry
Adrian Taheny
Frank Donnelly
Lorcan Balfe
Michael Leahy
Peter Miller
Paula O'Donnell
Maurice Keegan
Michael Campbell
Bernie Connell-Heather
Alan Dooley
David Lyons
Dermot O'Donoghue
Flan O'Sullivan
Demot Hicks
Nicholas Kavanagh
Roderick Murphy
Christopher Nagle
Blayney Rice
Peter Sayers
Gerard Creechan
Desmond Green
Michael Ryan
Mary Archer
Bernie Bryson
Genevieve Halion-Killian
Bettine McMahon
Mary O'Donoghue
Marion O'Sullivan
Rosemary Sayers

Ensign Members

Patrick Madigan
Marcus McQuiston
Maureen Curran
John O'Donnell
Conor Cooke
Ian Dillon
Norman Fitzgerald

Patrick Horgan
Darragh Kennedy
John McDonald
Stuart Watchorn
Colm Quinn
Damian Quinn
Helen McCormick

Cadet to Full Member

Deborah Jobling
Paul Nolan
Conor O'Regan
Colm Bolger
Barbara Kearns
Franz Rothschild

Cadets

Johanna Murphy
Niall Baker
Mark Berry
Gillian Fallon
Michelle Farrell
Gareth Gavagan
Desmond Gibney
Victoria Stuart
Ross Duffy
Stephen Kieran
Ross Killian
Dianne McMahon
Davina O'Donoghue
Garrett O'Donoghue
Rachael Fallon
Peter Duff

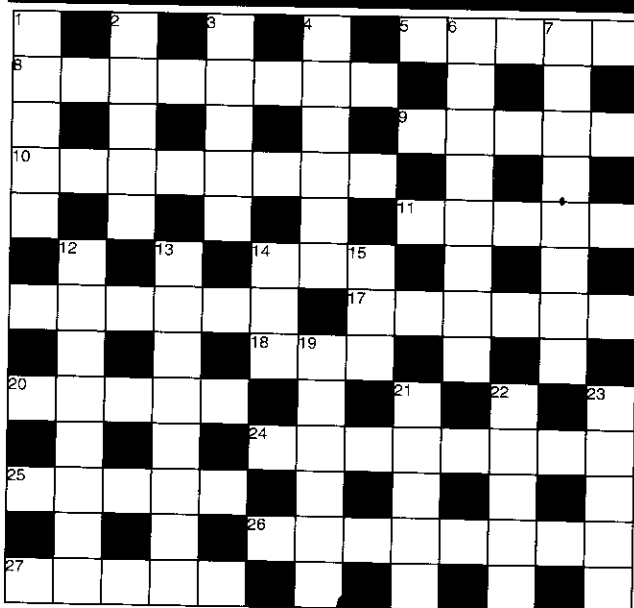
Country Associate

Sean Nagle
Joseph Archer
Robin Deasy
Michael J. Murphy

Howth Associate

Laurence Holmes
Martin Lawless

The Navigator



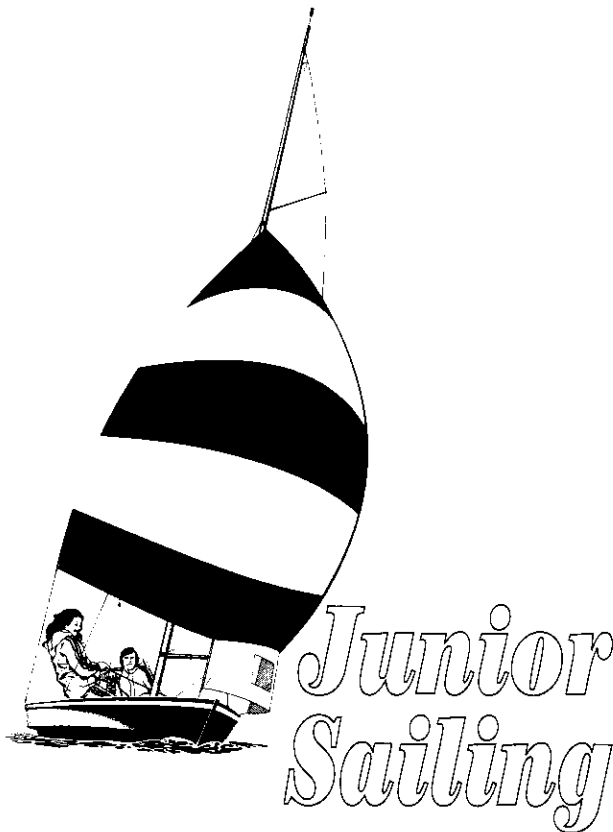
ACROSS

5. Night dress for a change of wind. (5)
8. Necessary to beat, (8)
9. Ancient Greek Philosopher of the Footnote. (5)
10. Hooked perhaps. (8)
11. Exactly as stated. (2,3)
14. Three fifths of eleven
16. You can do it with an opener or to a building. (3,3)
17. Consult about the future. (6)
18. Rum adder. (3)
20. When you're not ten you may. (5)
24. Joining ropes. (8)
25. Sounds like you and me on – bored. (5)
26. What you pay to play golf backwardly. (3,5)
27. Shivering tree. (5)

DOWN

1. Sounds dreadful – it is! (5)
2. Follow to hold the luff. (5)
3. Often in the dark. (1,4)
4. Eddy Rockets (6)
6. Chauvinist on board. (8)
7. Fickle wind conditions found in peak condition. (8)
12. Sounds like cow bells for cruisers. (8)
13. Hair today. (8)
14. Not forward. (3)
15. Beer belly. (3)
19. Boat or bird hunted at last. (6)
21. Rubbish below. (5)
22. Timothy and Edward like twenty four
23. Your columnist aunt. (5)

Correct Entries addressed to the **Editor, Mainsheet should reach the National Yacht Club** not later than 5 p.m., on Friday, September 30th, 1994. The first correct entry opened will receive two tickets for Christmas Dinner and a bottle of house wine with their meal.



JUNIOR SECTION: AN INSTRUCTOR'S VIEW

Monday, 20th June saw the start of an action packed nine weeks of Junior Section in the National Yacht Club. This year there were three, three week courses for stages one and two and two four weeks for stage three. In total approximately 95 juniors participated on one or more of these courses.

The courses involved the usual sailing around courses set by the instructors. Where possible, sailors in stage three were taken outside the harbour to improve their sailing in tide and waves. There were also tests to be carried out in sailing for each stage. On windy days when the juniors couldn't sail they would stay in and do some theory or watch videos. There was of course the occasional water fight which added to the fun.

On Wednesday afternoons an interclub competition between all the clubs in the harbour was organised. Many of the boats in the National had outstanding results here. On Friday afternoons Junior Section Club Racing was organised by the instructors and turned out to be a great success. On the last day of each course a trip away from the club was arranged. On the first two occasions we went to Ireland's Eye and the end of the last course went to Dalkey Island with the R.I.Y.C. Juniors.

Junior discos were run by the instructors which were very popular with record turnouts from other clubs and our own. The juniors enjoyed these discos (as did the instructors!).

A surprise this year was the appearance of RTE in the last week. Yes – RTE came and filmed the junior section one morning for a programme to be broadcast in September. So watch out – someday we'll all be famous.

As well as sailing on the course the juniors ventured to many regattas both in Dublin and further away. David Crosbie represented Ireland at the Optimist World Championships in Sardinia and had a high placing. Ross Killian, Rebecca Killian, Stephen Kiernan and Emily Kiernan travelled to Penzance for the Mirror Europeans and had very good results. Well done.

A record number of sailors went to Dunmore East for the Mirror Nationals. Sailors also took part in the Optimist Nationals. Well done to David Crosbie who was first overall. Well done to the Lasers who went to East Antrim.

At the end of the course quite a few people passed each stage (no doubt this was because of the excellent instructors!) All juniors agreed that this year's Junior Section was one of the best yet and they look forward to the Junior Dinner in October which promises to be a good night. See you all then. Ω

Niall Peelo

NYC JUNIOR COURSE

In contrast to previous summer Junior Courses the structure of this year's gathering was altered by the arrangement of three, three week courses for first and second stagers and two, four week courses for the third stagers.

The instructorship was of a typically excellent standard with Grade A instructor, Gavin Jones at the helm and having the technically superb, Niall Peelo flanking on his starboard side as well as the ever reliable crew consisting of Pete Smith, Sonya Kidney, Kiwana Ennis, Sarah O'Donoghue, Fiona Madden, Julia Loughnane, Shane Murray and shore mum, Ross Nolan.

With erratic weather patterns, sailing was sometimes difficult if not impossible but the superlative tutorial skills of the people employed always kept their enthusiastic students amused.

Several entertaining Junior Discos kept the social aspect thriving. Superb interclub competition were organised on Wednesdays throughout the course to keep other aspects of social life alive.

To complement the enjoyment felt by all involved the standard of teaching and enthusiasm expressed by the instructors amounted to a truly successful embargo. In conclusion I feel that these courses are to be highly recommended to all interested in learning or improving their sailing skills. As a final word I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it possible. Ω

Garrett O'Donoghue



ISA UPDATE

TRAVELLING ABROAD

The European Boating Association have produced a document detailing the current boating regulations applying in European Countries. The document covers such things as compulsory licensing, boat registration and discharge of Marine toilets. Copies are available from the ISA.

NEW POLLUTION REGULATIONS - OVER THE SIDE IS OUT

The Minister for the Marine has made regulations covering garbage disposal, oil pollution and noxious liquid substances. These regulations give effect to Annexes I, II and V of Marpol 73/78 and came into effect on June 1st, 1994. The regulations prohibit the disposal into the sea of all plastics and restrict the disposal of food and other wastes to at least 12 miles from land. While the oil pollution regulations are mainly concerned with larger commercial vessels, all sailors are asked to make every effort to retain oil and oily mixtures aboard until they can be properly disposed of ashore. Harbour Authorities are now obliged to provide waste reception facilities. Copies of the regulations are available from the Government Publications Office.

USE OF CELL PHONES IN DISTRESS AND SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Irish Marine Emergency Service and the RNLI have jointly issued a warning against the use of such phones in safety and distress communications as it introduces additional and unnecessary risks into the communications chain for the following reasons:

1. It effectively bypasses the International Distress Communications organisation on VHF and MF.
2. Cellular coverage is limited.
3. It is not permissible to communicate directly to another vessel able to render assistance unless that vessel is fitted with a cellphone and the telephone number is known.

4. Requests for assistance cannot be monitored by other vessels who may be in a position to render assistance.

When considering communications equipment remember that VHF Marine band radio is the most effective in safety and distress communications.

NATIONAL FORUM ON WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

The Physical Education Association of Ireland is currently planning a national forum on girls and women in sport to be held in a prominent Dublin venue on December 10th and to be opened by President Robinson. The Forum will be targeted at women who are involved in sport at all levels. For further information contact the Physical Education Association of Ireland at the University of Limerick, Tel: 061 330442, Fax: 061 331304.

CELTIC WATERSPORTS FESTIVAL

Scheduled for August 28th to September 3rd, 1995, these games plan to bring together participants from all the celtic regions to Brittany. Not just for sailing enthusiasts as all watersports are involved including surfing, rowing, water skiing and windsurfing. On the cultural side each region is expected to organise the visit of musicians and craftsman representing their country. Within sailing there will be a number of disciplines including cruiser racing and possibly Optimist racing. Further details are available from Stephen Hannon at the Irish Canoe Union, House of Sport, Longmile Road, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

ADMIRAL'S CUP

Following on the arrival of the Mumm 36 "Noddy" to Dun Laoghaire the possibility of an Irish entry into the 1995 Admiral's Cup has increased. The ISA hopes to be in a position to finalise core team details before the end of August 1994 to allow for an effective winter training programme. Anyone considering a project for the AC should contact the ISA before August 31st. Ω

SNOOKER NEWS

from down under

The Snooker season kicks off in September with a Pre Snooker Season Pool Night on Monday, 19th September. Entry is free and prizes are promised. New members and cadets welcome.

The Billiards Committee AGM takes place on Monday 26th September. Sunday 2nd October sees the close of entries for the McWilliams Trophy Snooker Competition. Entry forms are available at the bar. Again new members and cadets are welcome. Contact Hubert Kearns Competition: Tel: 2887838

REFLECTIONS ON CORK WEEK

Ford week in Crosshaven this year lived up to all its best expectations. The weather and Event Organisation combined to provide what was undoubtedly the best regatta in Ireland for many years. Over 350 boats, ranging in size from 24 to 100 foot travelled from all over Europe and the United States to attend.

An incredible tented village was erected providing every kind of facility ranging from restaurants, bars, discos, a chandlery, supermarkets etc., to the essential provision of adequate toilets. On the first day of the event Royal Cork Yacht opened up the complex to the general public and it was estimated that over 12,000 visitors passed through the site. Entertainment every night included at least one major sponsored party, the most popular undoubtedly being the Mount Gay Beach Party for which hundreds of tons of sand were specially brought in to generate the right atmosphere.

Racing afloat was as well organised as the facilities ashore. Every fleet had the opportunity to sail on five different types of courses, Olympic, Coastal, Americas Cup, Windward Leeward and around the "cans" in Cork Harbour. The National Yacht Club presence at the Regatta included Ted McCourt in his Impala acrasia, John Hall in Eliminator, Roger Bannon in his J/24 Artful Dodger who was leading J/24 and finished 2nd in the largest Channel Handicap Fleet of 39

Boats, Nick Leyden and Brian Dwyer in *Merchant*, Paul Fallon in *Tempo Too* and Tony Fox and Vincent Farrell in *Escapade*. The benign sunny weather with moderate breezes ensured tight racing with all fleets staying closely bunched.

The sight every morning of hundreds of boats motoring to the start was amazing with 70ft/80ft Swans alongside Cork Harbour 1720s and J/24s. A feature of this year's event was the extent to which one design classes have become involved, Sigma 38, J/24, Formula 28, Impala, 1720, X39, etc. Level Racing between J/35s, IMX 38s etc. accentuates the movement towards "Boat for Boat" racing.

The Royal Cork Yacht Club has developed a finely balance formula which sets the standard for large regattas. Ford Cork Week '96 is definitely an event to put in your diary now, but be warned, stamina and careful pacing are vital attributes for enjoying a week such as this. Your correspondent became tired and emotional once or twice and lost his voice for the better part of ten days. Ω

SPECIAL NOTICES

Booking your Christmas Party.

Why not avail of the excellent facilities your Club offers. For large or small functions & private rooms, contact the Manager.

Bridge

The ever popular Bridge series gets underway again on Thursday, September 22.

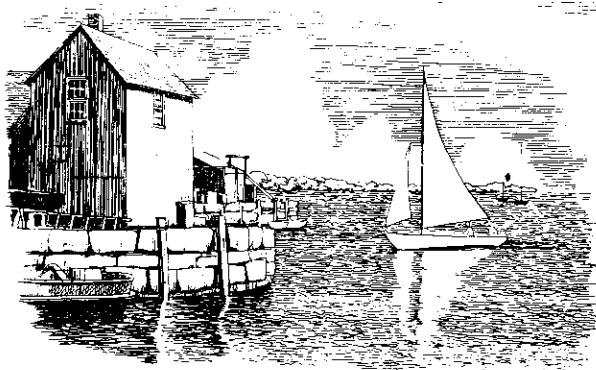
Christmas Dinners

Early booking is essential for our two traditional Saturday night Christmas Dinners. Christmas Carols - Dancing - Hamper Draw

£18.50 per person.

Non Voucher night.

Booking Forms only.



Boathouse News

Members will have noticed that the much debated harbour infill for the new sealink ferry has commenced. It now appears this will result in our losing an additional number of moorings and we are therefore without any spare capacity until next season. It also means we may have to relocate some boats temporarily if we host some

cruiser events, but we will of course try to keep this to a minimum.

The lift-out will take place on Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th October and members are urged to send their applications for winter parking as soon as possible as D-Day is the 20th of September.

Due to tides (HW 0900) we shall commence at 0700 sharp and owners are requested to have their boats at the pontoons in good time, as per the schedule which will be put on the notice boards on October 7.

For those who wish to have their masts taken out, it would be much appreciated if you could make the arrangement in good time with the boathouse staff taking into consideration that bad weather can be expected from now on. Also please remember our 48 hour notice for crane booking rule.

We hope you will enjoy the short remainder of the season.

Gerry Pinkster, *Boathouse Captain*.

Highlights

Catering and Entertainment

Dates



Ladies Luncheons:
Guest speakers, good food and relaxed atmosphere. Invite your friends.

Family Luncheons: Let someone else do the cooking and the washing up. Spend Sunday afternoon as it should be spent, hassle free.



D 'n' D Nights:
Dining and Dancing still only £25 per couple. Happy hour from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Chef's Nights: The catering team will be pushing the boat out for these special dining occasions. Carefully selected menus and wines to tempt even the most jaded palate. An opportunity to treat special friends, perhaps.



Speakers Suppers: Look out for notices of guest speakers. Personalities from the world of international sport, showbusiness, politics and business. Demand for tickets will require early booking. Don't miss them!!!



Bar Table Quiz: There's always a buzz on quiz nights. This year there will be a change to the format with the introduction of an individual prize alongside the usual team format. Book your team in now!!

Christmas Friday Lunches: What better way to round off the week. The perfect location for that special business lunch during the run up to Christmas. From 12.30 'til late afternoon.



Santa's Party: The great man has promised to return with more goodies and entertainment. Watch the kiddies boogie at the disco, wolf a burger and chips, tear open a Santa present and generally cut loose. (And it's not in your house). No grouches allowed but booking for kids is essential. £6.50 per child including Santa present.

Game Night: Seasonal Game dishes accompanied by fresh winter vegetables. Selected wines for this particular evening. Wild Duck, Pigeon, Pheasant or Woodcock.

Every Sunday:
Family lunch and children's videos.

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 7 European Soccer. Latvia v Ireland
Big Screen & Bar Snacks
- Sat 17 Club Dinner.
- Wed 21 Ladies Luncheon. *See highlights.*
- Thu 22 Bridge Night. *Bridge evenings recommence.*
- Fri 23 Chef's Night. *Sample the very best of food. Booking essential. See the Manager.*
- Sat 24 Irish Independent/Sail Ireland Charters/ NYC Corporate Cup Prizegiving Dinner.
- Sun 25 End of season race, Guinness Jazz 4-6 p.m

OCTOBER

- Sat 1 Flying Fifteen East Coast Championship Dinner
- Fri 7 Regatta prizegiving.
- Sat 8 End of Season Dinner. *Booking essential.*
- Wed 12 European Soccer: Ireland v Lichtenstein. *Big screen in bar. Kick off at 7.30 p.m.*
- Tue 18 Ladies Luncheon. *See highlights.*
- Fri 21 Guinness & oyster night. *See noticeboard.*
- Sat 22 D 'n' D Night. *See highlights.*
- Wed 26 Speakers Supper. *See highlights.*
- Fri 28 Junir Dinner & Disco.

NOVEMBER

- Wed 2 Hobby night. *Members share unusual pastimes.*
- Sat 5 Game Night. *Another dining room highlight.*
- Wed 9 Bar Table Quiz. *First round.*
- Tue 15 Ladies Luncheon. *See highlights.*
- Wed 16 European Soccer - *The Derby Game.* Northern Ireland v Republic of Ireland
- Fri 18 Asgard Ball
- Sat 19 D 'n' D Night. *See highlights.*
- Wed 23 Bar Table Quiz. *Second round.*
- Wed 30 Hobby Night

DECEMBER

- Wed 7 Bar Table Quiz. *Third round.*
- Fri 9 1st Friday Christmas Luncheon. *See highlights.*
- Sat 10 1st Christmas Dinner. *Carols and Dancing. Booking forms only.*
- Tue 13 Ladies Luncheon. *Fashion show.*
- Fri 16 2nd Friday Christmas Luncheon
- Sat 17 2nd Christmas Dinner. *Carols and Dancing. Booking forms only.*
- Sun 18 Santa Party. *Remember to book early.*
- Fri 23 3rd Friday Christmas Luncheon.
- Sat 24 Christmas Eve Lunch. *1 p.m. sharp. Booking forms only. Clubhouse closes 4 p.m.*
- Sun 25 Christmas Day.
- Mon 26 St. Stephen's Day
- Wed 28 Normal catering & bar facilities.
- Sat 31 New Years Eve Dinner & Dance £25 p.p. *Booking forms only. Non voucher night.*