

# MAINSHEET

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## IN GOOD CONDITION AND RUNNING WELL!

**W**e are nearing the end of a summer sailing season where rainfall was the dominant weather feature affecting sailing and the Club. We were lucky with the weather for our Regatta in June with only a few light showers marring part of what was a very successful sailing and social day. Despite the poor sailing conditions in Dun Laoghaire many of our members have triumphed in events further afield.

- ❖ Eamon and Alan Crosbie on *Voodoo* were part of team that took 2nd place in the Commodore's Cup.
  - ❖ Sean Lemass and Tony Tennyson came 4th in the Round Ireland Race.
  - ❖ Dave Gorman and Chris Doorly won the Flying Fifteen Championship.
  - ❖ Amy Kelehan qualified for the Paralympics.
  - ❖ Annalise Murphy got 4th place in a fleet of 78 in the European Laser Radial Youth Championship.
  - ❖ Martin Byrne with Adam Winklemann won the Dragon Nationals.
  - ❖ Brian Mathews was part of the Dragon crew who won the Edinburgh Cup.
  - ❖ Philip Dilworth won in the White Sail Class in Cork Week.
  - ❖ There were seven junior sailors representing the Club in the Topper Worlds in Fenit.
- And the season is not yet over! There is still a very busy sailing schedule:
- ❖ NYC hosting the SB3 Worlds,
  - ❖ Optimist End of Season Championship, and
  - ❖ Flying Fifteen East Coast Championship.

The main sailing event in the Club this year is the week long SB3 Worlds in September. It promises to be a huge event with scores of members volunteering their time and boats. It is being organised by Rory Byrne and Rear Commodore, Larry Power, Sailing Secretary, Con Murphy, Boathouse Captain, John Hall and Sailing Manager, Olivier Prouveur will all have huge inputs into the sailing aspects. The event promises to be a big social occasion with 600 competitors and guests around the Club each day. It is also hoped that our non-sailing members will join in the festivities. Sail training in the Club has just finished successfully. Junior Organiser, Cathy MacAleavey ran three Junior Section courses and Rear Commodore, Larry Power ran three Adult Sail Training courses.

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*NYC Juniors sailing the Club's 1720s during this summer's Junior Training Programme*



**T**he NYC has had three fantastic courses this summer with certainly a very mixed bag of weather! Sonya Boyce our Senior Instructor ran a great programme which covered all levels from, Minor Courses for 6 to 9 year olds to ISA Level 4 Racing. A big thanks must go to all our instructors who worked hard at keeping all our sailors happy.

This year we have added two new Optimists to our fleet of Club boats specifically for the use of the Minors so that they had their own Optimists to get out on the water. During our nine weeks there were several Junior Regattas in which National Sailors performed extremely well, with wins in the Laser Radial, Laser 4.7, RS Feva, Topper and Optimist. The most memorable Regatta was the Clontarf Junior Regatta, where 15 intrepid sailors sailed to Clontarf in a stiff NW breeze only to arrive in Clontarf where the PRO had been on the verge of cancelling the sailing but with sailors from Dun Laoghaire and Sutton arriving ran a great event with tremendous hospitality, quite an adventure for all our young sailors!

Leo Hickey, Conor Totterdell, Aisling McIvor, Tadgh and Sean Donnelly have represented the National Yacht Club at all the optimist events this year with Tadgh and Sean doing particularly well at the North American Nationals.



*NYC Team who participated in the Topper Worlds which took place in Tralee Bay Sailing Club in Fenit, Co Kerry, July 19-26, 2008.*

*Back Row (L-R): Will Shanahan; Louise O'Callaghan; Amy Lynch, Front Row: (L-R): Ben Raymond; Sian Kneafsey; Emma Cooney*

At the Irish Optimist National Championships the National Yacht Club's sailors had their best results in many years with Tadgh Donnelly finishing 16th, Leo Hickey 30th, Aisling McIvor 58th in the senior fleet, Sean Donnelly 20th and Conor Totterdell 48th.

The Toppers have grown from strength to strength with a team of six representing the NYC at the Topper Worlds in Fenit in July, William Shanhan, Ben Raymond, Louise O'Callaghan, Emma Cooney, Sian Kneafsey and Amy Lynch. Our congratulations to all of them. In the Feva Class, Eoin O'Neill has been representing us with various different crews, notably Conor Degan and Ailing McIvor. We cannot go without mentioning the Lasers. We have a very strong team in Ben Shanahan, Nick Nowlan, Finn Murphy, Chris Raymond, John McCarrick, Conor Young, Eimmer McIvor, Amy Lynch.

The Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company September Junior Series is the next Junior event on the calendar taking place over four Sundays in September, 7, 14, 21 and 28. As the SB3 Worlds are taking place at the end of September, the RSTGYC have kindly agreed to allow our junior sailors to park their boats there for two of the Sundays. This is a great event – the notice of race and entry forms are available on [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie).

Other forthcoming events:

- ❖ Optimist End of Season Gorman Trophy October 4 & 5
- ❖ NYC Junior Dinner & Prize giving Friday, October 3
- ❖ NYC Winter Training – 6 Sundays, November 9, 16, 23, 30, December, 7 and 14.



**W**ith the end of the summer sailing season in sight and reflecting overall, the weather has not been kind to us, with lots of rain and all or nothing winds. Through all of this we have had the best of attention from the boathouse staff. Mishaps have happened, as they will with so many boats to look after both on the water and on the hard. The total loss of Dermot Hicks boat Kondor was most sad.

I would like on behalf of the rest of the members and myself to pass on best wishes to Eoin Callan who is leaving us to attend marine college at the end of August.

As most of you know the National Yacht Club is hosting the SB3 worlds from September 19 through 26 and we are expecting close to 150 boats. This is a great opportunity for us to show the visitors what a great Club we have. To do so we need a large team of volunteers, especially people who would like the experience of a World Open event. Even if you can only give a day or two please contact our sailing manager Olivier. In preparation for this event we will need a clear platform, so I'm asking members that have dinghies and other small boats to please make sure they are removed from the platform before Friday, September 12.

I would like to thank you all for the response to my request in the last Mainsheet regarding not parking on the platform particularly on race days. The leaving of boats on the breakwater over night now requires logging in with the boathouse and leaving a contact number that in the event of the boat being in danger you can be speedily contacted. Last of all I want to let you know that lift out is on Saturday, October 18.

## Fashion at the NYC

PHOTO: PAT WHELAN



*Above: Ian Meldon, Best Dressed Man on Bloomsday, chats with Head Chef, Cormac Healy*

*Right: Commodore, Peter Ryan, congratulates Gillian Cooney who was voted Best Dressed Lady at the NYC Regatta*



PHOTO: PAT WHELAN

# Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race 2009

**The Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race, run by the NYC in association with Cumann Bádóirí Naomh Bhréanainn (Dingle Sailing Club), will take place again in June 2009 when it will be sponsored for the second time by the Dingle Skellig Hotel.**

The start is planned for the morning of Saturday June 6 in Scotsman's Bay and the now traditional après race festivities will happen in Dingle with the prize giving dinner in the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

The early June start will ensure that yachts interested in competing in the Irish Cruiser Racing Association (ICRA) championships will be able to get to Fenit for that event the following weekend. Gluttons for punishment can follow ICRA with a few weeks cruising before taking in the Sovereign's Cup in Kinsale on their way home for Dun Laoghaire Regatta, which starts on July 9, 2009 will be the ninth Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race which has taken place every second year since its inception in 1993.

While "the D2D" can be a tough race, often with a long and arduous beat on the south coast, it is hugely popular with serious racing yachts and with club

racers and cruisers alike. In 2009 there will be handicap classes suited to both racing and cruising yachts of over 30 feet LOA that comply with strict safety requirements.

We expect that last year's 30 entries will be exceeded in 2009 and, hopefully, it will be an equally exciting race, though with more wind, specially for the finish! It was truly frustrating for the smaller boats to run out of wind in the approach to Dingle and, from the finishing line, we watched boats for hours as they searched for a zephyr to bring them across the line.

Despite the difficult conditions several National boats struggled manfully to the finish. Philip Dilworth's Orna was the winner and only finisher in the Club Racing Division while Michael Creedon's Sarnia and John Robert's Quite Correct found the light conditions were too much.

The racing division was won on handicap by Aquelina (James and Shelia Tyrrell, Arklow SC) but Phelim O'Connell's Farr 52 Deloitte took line honours. Terry Rowlands and the late, very sadly missed, Mick Loughnane, a great Dun Laoghaire to Dingle supporter,

were 5th on handicap in Finnegans Wake.

Full details and the provisional Notice of Race for the 2009 race will be published shortly.

**Martin Crotty, Chairman  
Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race  
Committee**



*D2D 2007, the fleet heads south across Killiney Bay*

PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

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## IN GOOD CONDITION AND RUNNING WELL ON ALL FRONTS!

The Cruising group has just announced that they propose to organise a cruise around Brittany next year. Peter Cullen has been given the task of organising the event. It would be great to see a resurgence of the Cruising Group and this event is a good opportunity to promote it.

### Social

The Dining Room and the JB Room have been very busy this year so far. Having both areas available for members' social events and functions has added to the atmosphere around the Club. The Manager, Padraic Conneely, and his staff have continued to maintain the excellent quality of the food and service.

Heading into the winter months the emphasis of the Club looks inward and Padraic has coordinated a full and varied social calendar for all the members. Interesting speaker suppers have been arranged with topics varying from flying to sailing. The wine suppers will restart and we hope that they will continue to be entertaining, informative and enjoyable. The quiz nights also restart.

Ida Kieran has promised to attract new blood to the ranks of the bridge players by organising *Bridge for Beginners* nights. Dick Wharton has also promised to organise a *Father & Son* snooker competition to build up the numbers of Snooker playing members. Alan Dooley has already organised two very successful and well-supported Golf outings during the summer. He is arranging an Inter-Club Team event to be played in October. Alan has obtained official GUI status for the golf society. The hill walkers also have trips during the winter. The normal courses: navigation, yacht

master, VHF, first aid, etc., will commence shortly. John Hall also promises to organise a *knots and ropework* course.

Any member who is considering taking part in any of these events or who wants further information should contact the Club Secretary, Ann O'Gorman.

### Development

The end of the refurbishment of the Club was reached when the entrance to the Snooker Room was completed and the external walls of the Club were re-painted. This marks the end of the long and torturous journey which was started by Ida Kiernan and sustained by Chris Moore and Con Murphy during their Commodorships. This work has allowed the Club to expand and prosper. The Club is in great condition and it is a priority of this Committee that it is maintained.

The Development Committee, led by Vice Commodore Paul Barrington, is monitoring progress on the proposed marina development at the East Pier. The Development Committee have met with RPS, Consultants for the Harbour Board, and outlined our comments and requirements. We understand that they will be submitting their preliminary report to the Harbour Board shortly.

### Club Finances

At the half-year stage the Hon Treasurer, John Duff, has advised that the Club's finances are in good condition. However in light of the down turn in the economy, he has advised a cautious approach to the finances and cash flow.

In summary, the Club is in good condition and running well on all fronts. I remind any member that I can be contacted with any feedback, complaint or query by e-mail at [commodore@nyc.ie](mailto:commodore@nyc.ie).

**Peter Ryan, Commodore.**



PHOTO: PAT WHELAN

**Anita**, Frank Cassidy's Seventeen footer was a welcome visitor at the NYC Regatta

The Club has had an extremely busy and successful sailing season to date, and as we go to press, we are all eagerly awaiting our flagship event, the SB3 inaugural World Championships. October also promises to be a busy month with the Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships, Optimists End of Season Championships as well as Feva Team Racing and Mermaid Frostbites.

We have already hosted six major events, which ran very well, and our thanks are due to our Club staff, our volunteers on the water and ashore and our committee boat owners, who so kindly make their yachts available to us.

Our own Club Regatta was a great success with a very high entry of 248 boats. Weather conditions, given the summer we have had, were very favourable for us and racing took place over three courses for cruisers, one-design fleets, and dinghies. The NYC boats were well represented in the prize giving honours list, and congratulations to all our successful winning members. The onshore entertainment and facilities were excellent, with members and guests partying till the early hours of Sunday morning!

### ISORA

The Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association programme, under the chairmanship of our Commodore Peter Ryan, this year consists of six offshore races which includes two cross channel races from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead and from Pwllheli to Howth. The first five of these races have successfully taken place and have been well supported, which is a great encouragement to the new race management team. The social side and the après racing is also an important part of ISORA and a particularly good night, from all accounts, was had after the first race in Holyhead Yacht Club. A full report on each race can be seen on the ISORA website [www.isora.org](http://www.isora.org).



**Conor Deegan** (foreground) National Yacht Club receiving advise between races from coach **Gillian Guinness** at the **Rs Feva World Championships** held recently in **Gottskar, Sweden** - **Ronan Walsh HYC** (background)



**Commodore, Peter Ryan, Cathy MacAleavey with Stuart Kinnear at NYC Regatta**

### Youth Sailing

Our youth members continue to represent the Club with distinction. Congratulations to Annalise Murphy on her great success in achieving 4th place in a fleet of 78 in the recent European Laser Radial Youth Championship and subsequently 10th overall and 1st Junior Lady at the UK Radial Nationals.

### Adult Sail Training

We ran a very successful first four-week evening course from June 11 to July 4, with 22 adults taking part. The Club 1720's and Toppers were used for this course, and most evenings weather conditions allowed for on the water training. Due to popular demand, we organised a second three-week course in July with 14 participants, which again was a great success. We now have a team of trained adult sailors who are eager to expand their knowledge and sailing skills, and are very keen to crew on member's boats. If members are looking for crew, I would appreciate if you could contact me directly, and I will put you in touch with this team.

### Olympic Sailing

At the time of issue of this newsletter the Olympics will be over but this is followed by another important event, the Paralympics, to be held in Qingdao from September 8 to 13. NYC member, Amy Kelehan sailing with John Twomey, has qualified in the Scud 18 keelboat class. We gave Amy a good send off at our sailing supper on Thursday, August 7. We wish her every success in China.

## Successful start to ISORA's re-launch

At the last ISORA AGM it was decided that the National Yacht Club would act as caretaker for two years to see if more interest in offshore sailing could be generated.

In an effort to get as many boats to the starting line it was decided that four of ISORA's six races would be run in conjunction with the Royal Alfred Lee Overlay Series. These races were two long day races and two night races. The remaining two races were the traditional offshore races. This has proved to be a successful approach with a minimum of 10 boats and up to fourteen crossing the start line.

The race schedule for 2008 is:

1. Saturday, April 26 - Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead (Offshore).
2. Saturday, May 10 - Dun Laoghaire to Arklow (Day Race)
3. Friday, May 23 - Dun Laoghaire to Rockabill (Night Race).
4. Friday, July 25 - Dun Laoghaire, Codling, North India. (Night Race)
5. Saturday, August 30 - Dun Laoghaire - ODAS M2 Buoy. (Day Race)
6. Saturday 13th September - Pwllheli to Howth (Offshore).

There has been great support for ISORA from the NYC with **Tsunami** - Vincent Farrell, **Quite Correct** - John Roberts, **Sarnia**



**NYC Regatta**

– Michael Creedon, *Galileo* – Sean Lemass & Tony Tennyson, *Emir Herr* – Liam Shanahan, *Orna* – Philip Dilworth all entries in the races. The last race will be the James Eadie Race from Pwllheli to Howth. We understand that this is the 50th anniversary of the first James Eadie Race.

The AGM and Prize-giving Dinner are on the November 15 in the National Yacht Club. This Black Tie dinner dance has always been a great social event. ISORA boasts the most extensive array of trophies of any sailing association in these waters and many of these trophies will be presented that night.

Any queries relating to ISORA should be e-mailed to me at commodore@nyc.ie

*Peter Ryan, Chairman ISORA, Commodore NYC*

## LASER SB3 WORLDS TO BE TOP CLASS EVENT

**A**fter a year of planning the inaugural World Championship for the Laser SB3 class has finally arrived. The national Yacht club will be under the spotlight from September 19 to 26 as it is one of the most eagerly awaited one-design events in the world this year.

This is a remarkable event for a number of reasons. With 150 teams competing from 13 nations it is the largest gathering of a one-design keelboat class the country has ever seen. Naturally with such a large entry the event has attracted top talent from Ireland and else where. Former Olympian, Tom Fitzpatrick is a local favourite. Cork Week winner from South Africa David Hudson will also show up and Ben Duncan of New Zealand promises to perform well.

We have made preparation to play host to 450 competitors, 100 volunteers and (at peak) 200 extra social participants. Activity will start around September 19 as the competitors arrive for measuring, launching and registration. Processing 150 arrivals in two days is quite a logistical exercise as you can imagine. But we are well prepared as the full time staff and the experienced volunteers have worked hard at putting together the extra infrastructure for the event. Will be hosting a large marquee for



*Annalise Murphy, UK Laser Radial Women's Youth Champion and 4th in the Europeans with Con by Green Dragon, the Irish entry in the Volvo Ocean race at the NYC, Saturday, August 23*

race office and social activities we will be using the Carlisle Pier for boat set up and hiring extra cranes for the launching and retrieval of boats.

All in all it promises to be an excellent social occasion and a wonderful sight. We have published the event schedule in this Mainsheet and I encourage all members to come and enjoy the social parties that are planned Also it would be worth dropping by to enjoy the sight of 150 SB3's arriving and leaving for racing each day.

*Rory Byrne, Event Chairman*



*NYC Regatta*

## IN-COMPANY CRUISE

**A** number of NYC cruiser owners, fed up with the Irish summer weather, have expressed an interest in a **Cruise in Company to Brittany** in 2009. Departure from Dun Laoghaire will be in the third week of June.

To facilitate those wishing to do the first leg to Brittany in stages there will be no specific group departure date. Some crews may wish to take it easy and to stop off in places such as Kilmore Quay, *Scillies* and *Camaret* on their journey south in search of sun.

The first rendezvous will be in Concarneau on Wednesday, July 1 a sailing distance of approximately 380 miles from Dun Laoghaire. Concarneau has a fine marina and the town is well provided with restaurants, bars and shops and supermarkets.

From Concarneau the cruise will continue south taking in places such as Belle Isle, Vannes (Morbihan) and Pornic. All interesting places with good facilities for visiting yachts. There are lots of other nice places to visit in this beautiful cruising area. For those with more time on their hands and wishing to continue further south there will be a rendezvous at La Rochelle and maybe another as far south as North Spain.

A meeting will be held in the NYC during the winter. Previous visitors to the Brittany and Biscay area will attend and provide first hand information on the places to visit and their experiences in cruising in France.

For those interested in hearing more, please contact Peter Cullen (*Koala*). Email address: [tedburn@iol.ie](mailto:tedburn@iol.ie)



*NYC volunteers during the Shipman Championships*





**A**s we approach the Autumnal Equinox, the lure of the green baize becomes apparent as the activity in the Billiard Room builds from early evening onwards when some of the regulars get in some pre-competition practice. Mind you, this is not always evident in the results!

The 08/09 handicaps have been revised and are posted on the notice board. The draws for the pre-Christmas competitions, i.e. the McWilliams, Elgan and the Johnston Memorial Doubles will take place this month and both will start simultaneously on October 6. Partners for the Doubles should notify the committee as soon as possible, otherwise they will be randomly paired.

The 08/09 committee comprises Dick Wharton, Chairman, Tony Corcoran, Hubie Kearns, Neill Masterson and Tom Mulligan. Tom will, as usual, be organising the very popular Inter-Club competition and Neill will be setting up Snooker News on the club website. Please notify the club admin staff of your e-mail address to receive updates of news and competitions.

A *Father and Son* competition is planned and will be arranged if it proves popular enough. Contact Padraig Conneely or myself if you are interested.

A few reminders of Competition Rules and Protocol:

- The entry fee for one or all of the competitions is €25 which must be paid before striking a ball (envelopes in bar).
- The time allocated for playing each round in a competition must be adhered to or disqualification may result.
- It is the responsibility of the player drawn first to contact his opponent to arrange a match.

Finally, all new members are welcome to use the snooker facilities. Contact myself or any of the committee to enter competitions. Enjoy the craic.



*Hubie Kearns, Billiards Committee, gets the table ready at the 2008 Preston Ball final.*



**O**ur first outing was to Bray Golf Club on April 9. Our second outing was to the beautiful Woodenbridge GC in June, which was booked for 16 golfers. Through the good offices of Woodenbridge, we were able to get 24 players out onto the course, although we had to refuse a number of late applicants.

The course was superbly presented and, in spite of a smattering of rain and the threat of worse, everyone teed-off on schedule. The rain got heavier in the last hour but everyone completed 18 holes and we had a very pleasant supper in the clubhouse immediately afterwards. Pat and Anne Irwin ran away with 1st and 2nd prizes. Robert O'Keeffe, Michael Raymond, Alison Raymond, Linda Corcoran, Peter Ryan, Peter Wise, Roger Bannon and Ted McCourt were also on the rostrum. Over the two outings, 30 players have turned out and there is strong interest from others yet to participate. A number of regular golfers support the outings including Roger Bannon, Adam Winkleman, Kevin Blake, Pat and Anne Irwin, and Joe Buckley but there are also many irregular golfers like myself, who support the outings, play club golf occasionally and enjoy the mix of competition and social. For newer members, this is a great way to work your way into the Club, to get to know some people and have a bit of fun. You do not need to be a golf club member to enter the outings.

Our next outing on October 24 is to Charlesland GC (near Greystones) for the Waterfront Team of Four competition. This is attracting a lot of interest and we may have over 40 players – and a bit of a night afterwards in the National. If you have not yet entered, contact Ann in the office as soon as possible (01-280 5725). This outing will see teams from NYC, RStGYC, RIYC, Dun Laoghaire Harbour Co., and possibly DMYC. Although this is principally a team competition, there are several prizes for individuals too, men and ladies, and hopefully a few surprises. We are still taking team and individual entries for this outing.

To round off 2008, we plan to have a Christmas Outing in late November or early December, hopefully a Friday afternoon – and this will be advised by email and by notice on the Club notice board. There will be a Golfer of the Year award based on overall scoring (to be defined) after this event.

The golf section is in the process of being set-up as a formal golf society, affiliated to the GUI. I hope to be able to advise on this shortly. Any suggestions which might make the golf more enjoyable are most welcome, and can be emailed to the Club at [secretary@nyc.ie](mailto:secretary@nyc.ie) and marked for the attention of Alan Dooley – GOLF. Alternatively you can call or text me on 087-8173398.



**T**he NYC walking group meets on the first Sunday of each month from October to April. We commence at 12 noon in the Winter months and 1.00 or 2.00pm during "summertime" hours.

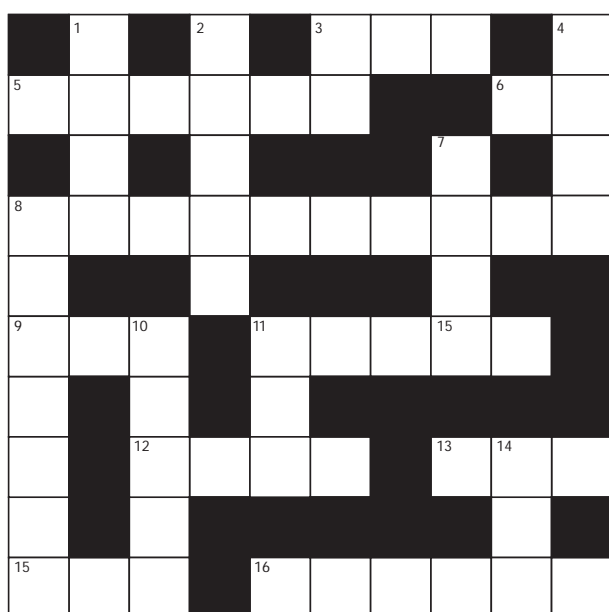
The walks are a mix of gentle hill climbing and on the level, such as around Roundwood lake and Dublin City which we generally do in January. Other venues are Glendalough, Djouce Woods, Annamoe, Crone Wood, Bray Head, etc. We seldom go more than 20 miles outside Dublin. All members are welcome with families and children. It is advisable to have boots and raingear as we always meet regardless of the weather and we stop for a picnic lunch halfway through the walk. We are punctual and we leave within five minutes of the start time.

Notices are issued by email a week in advance and also appear on the Club notice boards. If you want to be included in the circulation please email Desmond Campbell, who organises the walks at, [desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk). The first walk this season will be on October 5 in Roundwood meeting at 1.00pm. August 28, 2008.



**A** bumper entry in which the omission of clue No. 6 failed to deter the aficionados. The creativity displayed by many entrants in solving the missing clue was superb and, for the sheer range of possibilities posited, the prize must go to Paul Barrington, Vice Commodore.

Navigator No. 43 should not prove too difficult and, as usual, the prize for the first correct solution opened, will be dinner for two and a bottle of house wine. Entries to reach *The Navigator* by sundown on October 31.



**Across**

- 3 Did one land at Rosewell (3)
- 5 Farmer on board (6)
- 6 Sounds like a brace (2)
- 8 This block could get you a pension (10)
- 9 Not later. (3)
- 11 The label in the vessel is deer (5)
- 12 Red is better than white (4)
- 13 The cockney version of 5 across (3)
- 15 Moral lapse? (3)
- 16 Goldsmith's lady does this (6)

**Down**

- 1 High Fidelity (4)
- 2 Flower (5)
- 3 Ancient city (2)
- 4 Wild pig (4)
- 7 Stabilising strut or pin (4)
- 8 Where opportunities occur? (7)
- 10 God! It's Wednesday's (5)
- 11 'C' we sail on (3)
- 14 Cheek (3)

**Answers to Navigator 42**

Across: 1. Sod, 5. Growth, 6. Id, 8. Navigators, 9 Rip, 11. Brake, 12. Pram, 13. Elm, 15. Tor, 16. Steers; Down: 1, Aria, 2. Swain, 3. Sh, 4. Adds, 7. Soak, 8. Norwest, 10. Paper, 11. Bears, 14. Lir.



**Beginners Bridge**

**H**ave you ever wondered what the game of Bridge was all about? Have you ever tried to read the Bridge section in the newspapers and wondered, what is meant by 1 Spade, 1 No Trump doubled etc.?

Strange language! Well, all will be revealed on Monday, September 29, from 8-10pm in the NYC. I have arranged for the Contract Bridge Association of Ireland (the governing body or the ISA of Bridge) to make an introductory presentation to Club members and to their friends. The presentation will explain the basic game.

If the numbers are adequate, a bridge a course will be arranged. The course will run for 10 weeks and cost €120. Notes on each class will be provided. The course is designed for members and their friends who have no knowledge of bridge – absolute beginners. Bridge is fun, and bridge is for all age groups, like every other sport or game, when you know what to do – it's easy.

**Improvers – Bridge**

A course for Improvers will also be held during the winter months. Again this will depend on numbers. It is hoped to hold the class on Monday mornings in the Club – 10.30am to 12.45pm, commencing on Monday, October 6 for 8 weeks. Names will be taken on Monday, September 29 or email me.

Professional Bridge teachers will run all courses.

Please email me at [idakiernan@gmail.com](mailto:idakiernan@gmail.com) if you are interested in any aspect of the game of bridge.

To all regular bridge players – bridge will recommence on Thursday, October 2, and not Thursday, September 25 as originally intended. See you on October 2, 7.30 pm sharp.

**NAVIGATION CLASSES**

Yachtmaster Offshore: Monday, October 6 at 7.30pm

Yachtmaster Coastal: Tuesday, October 7 at 7.30pm

Registration for both classes

Monday, September 29 at 7.30pm

**Course Instructor Jim Gorman: 086 2535670**

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**A Defibrillator is located in the Managers Office.**

Please ask any member of staff to show you it's location in the office.

A number of staff are trained to use the defibrillator.

A copy of the Club's Safety Statement is located at the porters desk.

We would advise all Members to study this document and adhere to safety notices in the Clubhouse and on the Platform.

# Social Calendar

Booking required for ALL Dining Room services. All Dining room booking with the Catering Team on 2801198/2805725

## A word from the Manager

Padraic Conneely

### Have you dined at the Club recently ?



There are plenty of opportunities to sample and enjoy the delights provided by Head Chef, Cormac and his team.

Why not try one of the following

**Bar Brunch/Breakfast** in the Members Bar every Saturday - 10.30am-2pm. Booking not required

**Evening Bar Food** served Tuesday-Friday, 6pm-9pm. Booking not required

**Bar Lunches:** Tuesday-Friday, 1pm-2.15pm Booking not required

**Sunday Bar Food:** Tea/coffee & home-baked scones served from 10.30am. Full Bar food menu available 1pm-2.15pm. Booking not required.

**Dining Room Lunches** Tuesday-Friday, 1pm-2.15pm.

**Dining Room Dinners** Tuesday to Saturday, 7pm-9.15pm (Tie rule in operation on Saturday Evenings in the Dining Room from October 18)

**Sunday Family Lunch** from 1pm-2.15pm.

**Booking required for all Dining Room Services**

### Old Favourites & Speaker Suppers

Make a note in your diary for October 1 the first night of the Bar Table Quiz: Teams of six - get a panel together - this Quiz will run until March 2009 on alternative Wednesday nights. - General knowledge questions, Spot prizes, Nightly raffle, finger food, great fun - all for €10 per team. Time 8.30pm. Quiz entry sheet on notice board in Hall or contact Padraic who will help you enter your team.

### Wine Suppers Start of 2008/2009 Season

Wednesday, October 8 - Discover a new wine, enjoy the cuisine, hear some of the top Wine experts talk about their favourite wines. The wine suppers are one of the favourite events of the Winter/Spring Programme. Bookings required - 8.30pm

### Ladies Day Lunches and guest speakers

We recommence the Ladies Day Lunches on Tuesday, September 9 and the topic for this Month is *Colour me Beautiful*. The Ladies Lunch is held on the second Tuesday of every month and we have a wide range of speakers lined up for you to enjoy.

### Speaker Suppers

**Friday, October 17:** Captain Ted McCourt will give a talk with Powerpoint Presentation on the safety of Flying today. Early booking is advisable as this evening will be a sell out.

**Thursday, October 23:** In the wake and footsteps of Ireland's Medieval Pilgrims Sailing and Walking the Camino de Santiago 2007 - with Past Commodore Michael Horgan and Alan McGettigan - An evening not to be missed - please book early to avoid disappointment

## SEPTEMBER, 2008

Thu **4** Members Race - followed by Sailing Supper

Sat **6** Club Dinner

Sun **7** Family Lunch

Tue **9** Ladies Day Lunch - Topic: Colour me beautiful.

Sat **13** Club Dinner

Sun **14** Family Lunch

Sat **20** Club Dinner

Sun **21** Family Lunch

SB3s Worlds Opening Ceremony - 6pm

Fri **26** SB3s Worlds - Closing Ceremony & Prizegiving

Sat **27** End of Season Dinner - with live music

Sun **28** Family Lunch

## OCTOBER

Wed **1** Bar Table Quiz - Round 1

Fri **3** Junior Section Prizegiving Dinner & Disco

Sat **4** Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships

Sun **5** Family lunch

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Wed **8** Wine Supper

Sat **11** Club Dinner

Sun **12** Family Lunch

Tue **14** Ladies Day Lunch - Topic: Antiques

Wed **15** Bar Table Quiz - Round 2

Fri **17** Speaker Supper - How safe is flying? A talk & presentation on the safety of flying today with Captain Ted McCourt - Supper: 8.30pm; Talk: 9.30pm; €25 pp - See Highlights

Sat **18** Lift-out Dinner - with music

Sun **19** Family Lunch

Mon **20** Knots and Splicing Workshop - 7.30pm - See boathouse news

Wed **22** Wine Supper

Thu **23** Speaker Supper - with Michael Horgan & Alan McGettigan - Saint James' Gate to Santiago de Compostela - Supper: 8.30pm; Talk: 9.30pm; €25 pp - See Highlights

Fri **24** Inter Club Golf Dinner

Sat **25** Club Dinner

Sun **26** Family Lunch

Wed **29** Bar Table Quiz - Round 3

## NOVEMBER

Sat **1** Club Dinner

Sun **2** Family Lunch

Wed **5** Wine Supper

Sat **8** Ruffian Class Dinner

Sun **9** Family Lunch

Tue **11** Ladies Day Lunch - Topic: Making, selecting & wearing jewellery

Wed **12** Bar Table Quiz - Round 4

Sat **15** I.S.O.R.A. Dinner

Sun **16** Family Lunch

Wed **19** Wine Supper

Fri **21** Flying Fifteens Dinner

Sat **22** Club Dinner

Sun **23** Family Lunch

Wed **26** Bar Table Quiz - Round 5

Sat **29** Rear Commodore's Christmas Dinner - Mulled Wine, Live Music with Tropical Storm, Christmas Carols - Booking Forms - Non Voucher Dinner - €45

Sun **30** Family Lunch

## DECEMBER

Wed **3** Wine Supper

Fri **5** Ladies Christmas Dinner and Fashion Show

Sat **6** Vice-Commodore's Christmas Dinner - Mulled Wine, Live Music - Christmas Carols - Booking forms - Non-Voucher Dinner - €45

Sun **7** Santa Party - Lunch in Dining Room (booked out) - Lunches will also be served in Bar - Santa will arrive at 12 noon - Booking forms for Santa visit at porters desk

Tue **9** Ladies Day Lunch Topic Christmas Wines

Wed **10** Christmas Table Quiz

Sat **13** Commodore's Christmas Dinner - Mulled Wine, Live Music, Christmas Carols - Booking forms - Non-Voucher Dinner - €45

Sun **14** Family Lunch

Sun **21** Family Lunch - Christmas Carols in the Bar 5 pm - An evening for all the family to get in the festive spirit

Wed **24** Christmas Eve Lunch - Booking forms - €30 Adults - Childrens Menu available €10 - Clubhouse will close at 4pm.

Sun **28** Club reopens Family Lunch

Tue **30** Dining Room and Bar Lunches - Club House will close at 8pm.

Wed **31** New Year's Eve Lunch - Live music with the Slovak Festival Ensemble. Adults €35 - Childrens Menu available €10 - Booking forms - Clubhouse will close at 8pm. - Clubhouse will reopen with normal Bar & Cater facilities on Friday, January 2, 2009