

MAIN SHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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SB3 WORLDS MOST SMOOTHLY RUN SAILING EVENT IN 2008!

We have come to the end of an action packed year for the National Yacht Club. The high point of the year was the SB3 World Championship that took place in brilliant weather in September. The event was organised by our SB3 World's committee under Rory Byrne, whose total dedication to the event for many months paid dividends when the event was celebrated in the media as being the "most smoothly run Sailing Event in 2008".

I would like to extend my gratitude to Rory for all his hard work. I would also like to thank the Race Officers, Jack Roy and Con Murphy whose expertise and commitment ensured that the full schedule of races was completed. I also greatly appreciate the efforts of Sandra Moore who ran the race office so efficiently and Roger Bannon who, with his "team", carried out the arduous task of measuring all through the week. All this work was carried out with dedication and good humour. I am indebted to those members who volunteered their boats to act as committee boats and flagships for the event. Finally I would like to thank the huge number of National Yacht Club members who volunteered their time for the week to help run this event

and, of course, a special word of thanks to the Manager and his staff for effort above and beyond the call of duty. It would not have been possible to attempt this scale of organisation without their generosity and commitment.

The greatest winner of all was the National Yacht Club. For over a week all the Club members gelled together for one cause and the feeling of camaraderie was palpable. This euphoria peaked at the night of the closing ceremony when the Club buzzed with the proud sense of a "job well done".

I would also like to thank the sponsor's for the event: The Irish Sports Council, Irish Sailing Association, Dublin Port Company, Pierse, Shanahan Engineering, Laser Card, Dun



Tony Castro (Designer of the SB3 and 1720) with NYC Commodore Peter Ryan

Laoghaire Harbour Company. Their support that week was very much appreciated. The cost of staging an event of that size stretches far beyond entry fees alone and their generosity in supporting this world class event is acknowledged by all involved. Most of those sponsors are regular sponsors of events in the Club in the past and we look forward to their continued support in 2009. We have just been given another opportunity to relive this

commitment in 2012 when the World Youth Championships will take place in Dun Laoghaire. Our neighbours, The Royal St. George Yacht Club have been successful in applying to run the event. Due to the scale of the event they require the backing of the National Yacht Club. We are looking forward to bringing our experience to bear and working together with the Royal St. George and the event organised Brian

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Dublin Bay covered in SB3s!



Our Junior and Youth Sailing has been going from strength to strength. NYC sailors had fantastic results in the Junior September Series.

420s	Ross McCarthy 1st, Jill Roy & Megan O'Hare 2nd
Laser 4.7s	Leo Hickey 1st, Eimear McIvor 3rd & Amy Lynch 4th with 18 entries
Optimists	Tadhg Donnelly 3rd, Sean Donnelly 4th with a staggering 50 boat entry and in the RS Feva, Eoin O'Neill came 4th out of 18 entries.

Well done to all our sailors. The Junior sailing programme then took a break until half term when the Leinster Squad and the new NYC Topper Squad started their winter Training programme. We invited Dave Cockerill, the RYA National Topper Coach, over to coach our NYC Toppers. With a dreadful forecast, we did not know if we would get any sailing in but our intrepid Topper sailors with a couple of Optimist sailors who had been invited to try out a Topper for the weekend, got out for two days of fantastic sailing which they all thoroughly enjoyed. We plan to have Dave over again to coach our Toppers as well as an RYA Optimist Coach whom Dave has recommended.

We are now half way through our winter training programme with a great team of parents helping with the organising of the training and planning for Spring Training and then for our summer courses.



NYC Junior Eimear McIvor winner of DL Sept series Laser 4.7 with the Commodore

Spring Training for NYC Juniors will start after the February mid term break – Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Laser Leinster Squad – keep a look out on the ISA website for training dates in the spring.



NYC Junior Tom Byrne racing in the Gorman trophy

Events away

For our Optimist sailors, we strongly recommend the class training week in Schull during the February mid term break – details will be on www.iodai.com. The Laser Munsters Championships are in Baltimore as usual over the Easter Weekend (April 11-12) with the

ISA Youth Nationals taking place the following week April 14-17, venue should be up on ISA website shortly.

2009 Junior Summer Training course dates are as follows:

- ❖ Course 1 – June 8 – June 19
- ❖ Course 2 – June 22 – July 3
- ❖ Course 3 – July 13 – July 24
- ❖ Course 4 – July 27- August 7
- ❖ Course 5 – August 10 – August 21

We also plan to run Minor courses for our 7-9 year olds concurrently.



Optimists competing for the Gorman Trophy

The International Sailing Federation (ISAF – where I've just had the honour of being elected onto their Youth and Development Committee!) have announced that Ireland and Dun Laoghaire will be hosting the ISAF Youth World Championships in 2012. This event will be jointly from the Royal St. George Yacht Club and National Yacht Club. We have four years to prepare our sailors for this event – presently the ISAF Youth Classes are the Laser Radial, the 420 and the RX:S windsurfer for both boys and girls, and the Sirena SL16 cat and 29er skiff for any combination of boy/girl. In the new year, we'll be launching a programme to ensure a full compliment of Irish sailors in the event with some podium finishes!

Cathy MacAleavey, NYC Junior Organiser



Winter is upon us once again and all the keel boats are safely on the hard, ably placed there by our Commodore Peter and his perennial team, helped also by our boathouse staff. It is customary for the boat house captain to be in attendance at the lift out but a chance to compete in the Rolex middle sea race could not be turned down, so my apologies.

With all the extra sailing activities since the close of the summer season, the hard is as busy as ever especially at the weekends. With this in mind we now have a boatman on duty on Sundays. I would like to welcome Stephen to our boathouse staff, he comes to us with his many boating and maintenance skills, to help us out with this additional workload.

Wayne our head boatman has run a very successful evening course on rope work, a six week course on whipping, knots and splicing. Due to the hands on nature of the work the "student" numbers was kept down to ten. In late January he is going to run the course again, this time splitting it into two classes, one for dinghy and day sailors covering the lighter rope work and one for cruiser racer requirements. Watch the notice board for dates.

By the time you read this it will be the New Year. On behalf of all the boat house staff and Olivier our Sailing Manager, may we wish you a Happy New Year.

SB3 WORLDS – A GREAT SUCCESS

From September 19 to 26 the National Yacht Club was transformed as it played host to 500 competitors and another 300 supporters and volunteers for the inaugural World Championships for the Laser SB3. The final tally was 137 entries from 11 nations, making it the largest one design keelboat event in the world for some time (and possibly the largest ever).



PHOTO: JOE FALLON

SB3 Worlds going downwind

Months of planning, fund raising, recruitment of volunteers and publicity has been undertaken by a whole range of members to put the event together. This championship saw the unprecedented involvement of an 168 volunteers. In total we had 18 sponsors large and small. There was also a significant level of help and support the all the other Dunlaoghaire Yacht Clubs and The Dunlaoghaire Harbour

Company, Dublin Port Company, Shanahan Engineering, Laser Card and Pierce construction each lent substantial financial support.

Amazingly the sun shone brightly for the whole 10 days! Unbelievably it did not rain! The full compliment 16 races were sailed on each of the two courses with out a hitch. During the event, the National Yacht Club was transformed as the



PHOTO: JOE FALLON

Runner up, David Hudson and crew in City of Cape Town, hiking hard!

infrastructure necessary to measure launch and retrieve boats was put in place. The club facilities were well able to cope and with the increased traffic and the bar did very well indeed on one or two nights.

The dust has finally settled for one of the club's biggest ever undertakings and we can collectively congratulate our selves on a job well done. The event did well competitively and financially. The club enjoyed that wonderful combination of luck and judgement to pull off a massive success.

A show case event

The level of interest from the sailors worldwide as we got underway was demonstrated by the huge amount of focus on the event from the yachting media. In the month of September alone Yachting World, Yachts and Yachting, Dinghy Sailing Magazine, Afloat and many others published specials on the event and the NYC. Most of these publications have now written post event reports which cover the onshore and racing activities in detail. The event was also covered by and excellent piece on RTE. The event website, linked to the National Yacht Club website, received 45,000 unique visitors during the event its self and 80,000 visitors in September. Visitors to the website came mostly from the USA. Daily reports on the racing were posted by the main sailing blogs such as 'the daily sail', 'sailing anarchy' and 'bang the corner'. Just try typing 'SB3worlds' or 'NYC' into YouTube to get a flavour of the volume of material.

Accolades far and wide

Reporting from the media, feedback from competitors and other stake holders (e.g. the ISA), has been uniformly positive. We have received many formal letters, e-mails, and phone calls to express thanks and appreciation as well as admiration for a job well done. Onshore logistics were noted as impressive, particularly the final day's feat of retrieving 80 boats in two hours leaving plenty of time for the closing ceremony. It seems now that the

race management process we put together including sailing instructions, course layout, rescue, mark laying, and measurement will be adopted as standard practise for SB3 events going forward. Competitors were genuinely touched by the efforts that the NYC put into the event. The view expressed by many was that NYC staff and volunteers went about business in a confident, professional and friendly manner. A focus for many competitors was the opening and closing ceremonies which were carried off excellently and left quite an impression on our foreign visitors.

Thanks to one and all

The NYC is multi faceted busy club made up of many groups of sailors and non sailors. Of course not every NYC member or class was involved in directly in this event. I would like to



PHOTO: JOE FALLON

World champion Geoff Carver (UK) with the trophy!

thank these groups in particular for their support and the accommodating manor with which they facilitated our efforts to put the event together. Also of course are the key members who posses skills in particular areas of shore and race management. In the members we have a very strong pool of shore based and on the water talent here at the NYC and we get better at this every year. Most importantly we must also be aware of the extremely high quality of the club staff at all levels. Without exception they all did an amazing job beyond the normal call of duty which needs to be recognised.



The Club has had an extremely busy and successful sailing season which culminated in the SB3 Inaugural World Championships held September 20-26. This event is been reported separately in this issue.

I would like to echo the sentiments of our Commodore's comments and thank the Event Coordinator Rory Byrne and all the very many volunteers who gave so freely of their time, to make this event such an outstanding success.



More SB3s

The summer sailing season concluded with some further successful events with our own Members end of season race on Thursday September 4. The Optimist end of season championships (Gorman Trophy) completed a full programme of racing despite weather delays, and had a good turnout of 78 entries. The Flying Fifteen East Coast Championships were held on October 4 and 5 in very breezy conditions and it was a very successful and enjoyable occasion for all competitors, under the able guidance of PRO Jack Roy. Our Junior and Youth members continue on with their sailing activities, with a Topper coaching event organised in October & November. Our Junior Winter Sunday series with the emphasis on coaching and training, started on 2nd November and continues for seven Sundays. The ISA Leinster Laser squad also use the NYC for their coaching series which started on October 11.



Three generations of the Shanahan family in the SB3 worlds – Liam Snr., Ben and Liam Jnr.

2009 Sailing Season

We have now finalised our Sailing Calendar for next year, which will be another busy season for the Club, with some major National and Regional Championships.

2009 EVENT CALENDAR

Event	Dates
J 109 Open	April 24-26
ISORA Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead	April 25
Early Bird Dinghy Regatta	April 26
RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire to Arklow	May 9*
Multihull East Coast Championships	May 16/17
RAYC Baily Bowl (one designs)	May 16/17
ISORA Pwllheli to Wicklow	May 23
Skellig Hotel Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race	June 6-9
NYC Summer Junior Training courses start	June 8
NYC Junior Regatta	July 1
ISORA Holyhead to Dunlaoghaire – Liver Trophy	July 3
Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta	July 9-12
RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire to North India	July 24*
Laser Leinster & Junior National Championships	August 1/2*
DBSC Cruiser Challenge	August 22/23
RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire – ODAS M2 Buoy	August 29*
Dun Laoghaire September Junior Series	September 6, 13, 20, 27
Flying Fifteen National championships	September 11-13
ISORA Abersoch to Howth	September 12
Optimist Irish End of Season Championships	October 3-4
Mermaid & FF Frostbite Series	Every Sunday in October
*Events and Dates yet to be confirmed	

ISORA – DECEMBER '08



ISORA Champions, Sean Lemass and Tony Tennyson being presented with The Wolfs Head by Anne-Marie Ryan.

The ISORA Offshore series reached its finale on November 15 with its AGM and Prize-Giving Dress Dance in the National Yacht Club. The event was a huge sell-out with 138 crammed into the dining room. Despite this, a great night was had by all and the revelry continued into the early hours of the morning.

The Overall ISORA Series winner was Sean Lemass and Tony Tennyson and *Galileo* who collected the coveted Wolf's head Trophy. Vincent Farrell and Tsunami took overall second place. Philip Dilworth and Orna took third place. The White Sail Class was won by Richard Mossop and *Yahtzee*. The special ISORA Pen Maen Trophy was won by Liam Coyne and *Tyred Dreamin*.

Santa Claus arriving from the North Pole



in the the Club Launch, Josephine, on Sunday, December 7

The race schedule for 2009 was agreed at the AGM and is as follows:

1. Saturday, April 25 – Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead (Offshore).
2. Saturday May 9 – Dun Laoghaire to Arklow (RAYC Day Race)
3. Saturday, May 23 – Pwllheli to Wicklow (Offshore).
4. Friday, July 3 – Holyhead to Howth (100 mile + RORC Race Offshore).
5. Friday, July 24 – Dun Laoghaire to North India. (RAYC Night Race)
6. Saturday August 29 – Dun Laoghaire to ODAS M2 Buoy. (RAYC Day Race)
7. Saturday, September 12 – Pwllheli to Howth

Any queries should be addressed to the Sailing Manager in the National Yacht Club sailing@nyc.ie or Peter Ryan at commodore@nyc.ie

Peter Ryan, Chairman ISORA.



Alison Blake, winner of Sigma 33 Tuesday series, also winner of Sigma 33 Ladies race. Crew L/R Gerry O'Sullivan, John Daly, Stephen Blake, Alison Blake (helm), Sean O'Sullivan, Gerard Flannery, Jack Logan.

CRUISE IN COMPANY

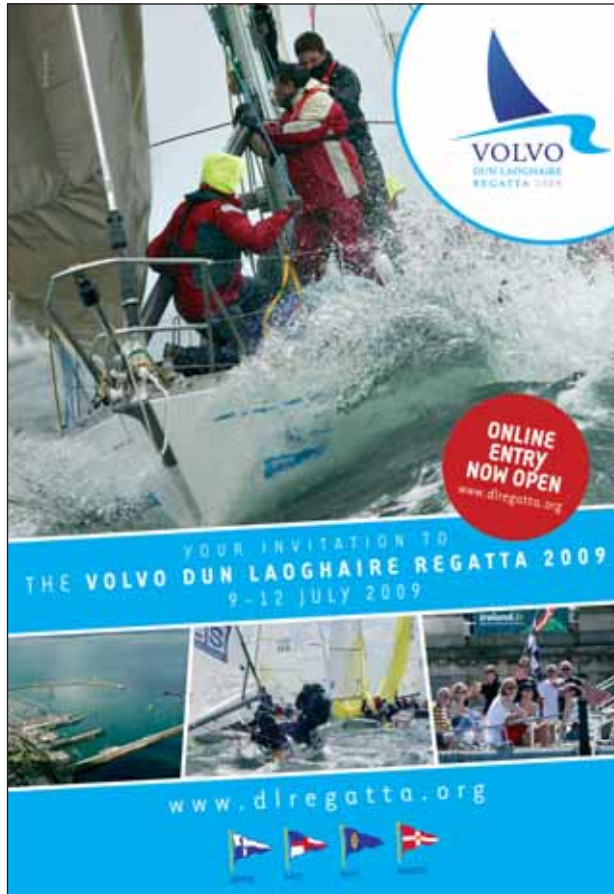
A meeting for the boat owners and crews who wish to participate in next years NYC Brittany Cruise in June/July will take place in the Club on Thursday, January 19 at 19.00 hrs. Following the meeting dinner will be available at 20.15hrs. Those intending to have dinner should book directly with the Club Manager.

At the meeting we shall outline the proposed itinerary and places where we intend to meet for social get togethers. Boat owners who are not familiar with the Brittany Coast will be given information and guidance on the most attractive locations to visit and the most suitable ports for fuel, food and shelter.



Vice Commodore (RStGYC) Patrick Blaney, Cathy MacAleavey and ISA President Peter Crowley celebrating the conclusion of the SB3 worlds

The first rendezvous port will be Concarneau on Friday July 3. This is a fine port town with a good marina. There will be no formal date of departure from Dun Laoghaire, thus allowing boats adequate time to make their own time schedule. However, it is likely that most boats will leave Dun Laoghaire on Saturday or Sunday June 27 / 28. More information on January 19, or contact Peter Cullen, Email address; tedburn@iol.ie



Carmel Winkleman and Simon Coate enjoy a quiet moment during the SB3 Worlds



Army No. 1 Band at the Closing Ceremony

SEASONAL GIFT IDEAS

- Silk Club Tie €30;
- Tee-Shirt €45
- Sailing Jacket €65
- New** Silk Bow Tie €30;
- New** Silk Clip Bow Tie €30.



Sailing News



December sees us well into the competition season for all of us snooker aficionados. The combined McWilliams and Elgan Trophy competitions are currently rolling along and should be at the quarter-final stage before Christmas.

The final will be played on the evening of the Preston Ball Auction dinner which will be held next year on Friday, January 16. Guests are welcome and telephone bids will be taken. Be sure to note the date for this popular event.

The photograph of Charles Preston Ball with his nephew Henry Ball and the Imperial Airways Handley Page Hercules, was received from his relation George Ball and is an interesting memento for those of you that knew him. The draw for the first Father & Son competition has been made and is posted on the Notice Board. There are fourteen entries and we hope this will grow in popularity. The first round is to be completed in January 2009. Happy Christmas to you all.



The Golf section of the Club continues to go from strength to strength and our last outing for 2008, to Killiney Golf Club on Friday, December 5, was a great success. Joe Buckley and Claire Allright won the men's and lady's prizes while the combination of Bernie Buckley, Joe Buckley, Alan Pope and Kevin Blake took the team event. At a very successful dinner in the Club that evening Roger Bannon was crowned "Golfer of the Year".

We are now an official Golf Society, and from next year, will return cards to clubs where required. We will also issue society handicaps to anyone who has played and returned cards for three outings. By the end of this year, 65 members will have played in the outings, and if we include member friends, this figure would be significantly higher. Our outings were as follows: **April:** Bray Golf Club, 26 players; **June:** Woodenbridge Golf Club, 32 players; **October:** Charlesland Golf Club, 58 players; **December:** Killiney Golf Club, 40 players.

Plans are already under way for 2009, and we will probably have five outings. The first one is booked for March, and the rest will be booked over the next month or so, but take note that we will have an "away" event in Dingle (possibly a 2-day event) at the beautiful Ceann Sibéal Golf Links. This will co-incide with the end of the Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Yacht Race, so keep a space in your diary around that time. If you have not yet played in one of the outings, but would like to play, just register your interest by calling Ann at the office, or better still, by email to secretary@nyc.ie or contact Alan at 087 8173398. All newcomers are especially welcome.

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Craig to make this another world-class event to remember.

Staying with sailing we are proud to have representatives of the Club taking part in two boats in the Volvo Ocean Race. Honourary Members, Damian Foxall on Green Dragon and Ger O'Rourke on Delta Lloyd are taking part in this huge event. We wish both of them fast and safe sailing over the coming months and we are following their progress with interest. Staying with offshore sailing we would like to congratulate Sean Lemass and Tony Tennyson and the crew of Galileo who won the overall ISORA Series and the wonderful silver Wolf's Head Trophy. The Club was honoured recently when Junior Affairs Organiser, Cathy MacAleavey was appointed to the Youth Development Committee of the ISAF.

On the home front we would like to congratulate Chris Johnson on winning the 31.7 Nationals, Paul O'Higgins for winning their class in the Howth Autumn League and Dave Gorman who, with Chris

Doorley, won the Flying Fifteen Championship of Ireland. Next season we look forward to the Dingle Race in June and the Dun Laoghaire Regatta in July.

The Club has been very active over the winter on the social scene. The NYC Golf Society, run by Alan Dooley, has run several very successful and enjoyable golf outings with an increasing numbers of players. Alan promises to continue this in 2009 and to formalise the Society with affiliation to the GUI. Monday evenings in the Club is like a university campus. Ida Kiernan is running an extremely successful Beginner's Bridge course and hoping to recruit some of these new players into the ranks of the NYC Bridge Club. At the same time Jim Gorman is educating new Navigators to take their Yachtmaster Exam. Meanwhile, down in the JB Room Gerry Dunleavy is getting tied up with the "Knots Course".

On other nights the Club hums to the sips of the Rear Commodore, Larry Power and Pat Byrne and Wine Supper attendants and Pat Whelan and the chatter of the Bar Quiz competitors. While down in the depths of the Club, Dick Wharton has organised a "Father & Son" Snooker competition. All the above illustrate just how multi-faceted the Club has become. The hill walkers, led by Desmond Campbell, are also very active.

On the Marina front we understand that the Preliminary Report prepared by the Consultants RPS, has been submitted to the Harbour Board. We have no information on the findings of the report but we hope to be able to report progress to the AGM in March.

Since our last Mainsheet the world economy appears to have disintegrated. Although the finances of the Club are in good condition, accurately budgeting for 2009 is extremely difficult. The finances of the Club rely heavily on contributions from the Bar and Dining Room and I ask all Members to consider using the facilities of the Club for any family or business function that may arise. Our Club Manager, Padraic Conneely runs a friendly and efficient operation and you can be assured that he will accommodate any Member's functions no matter how big or small they might be.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to Michael Bolger, who has been the driving force in producing and editing "Mainsheet" for many years.

In closing I would like to wish all Members and Staff and their families a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Peter Ryan, Commodore,
commodore@nyc.ie



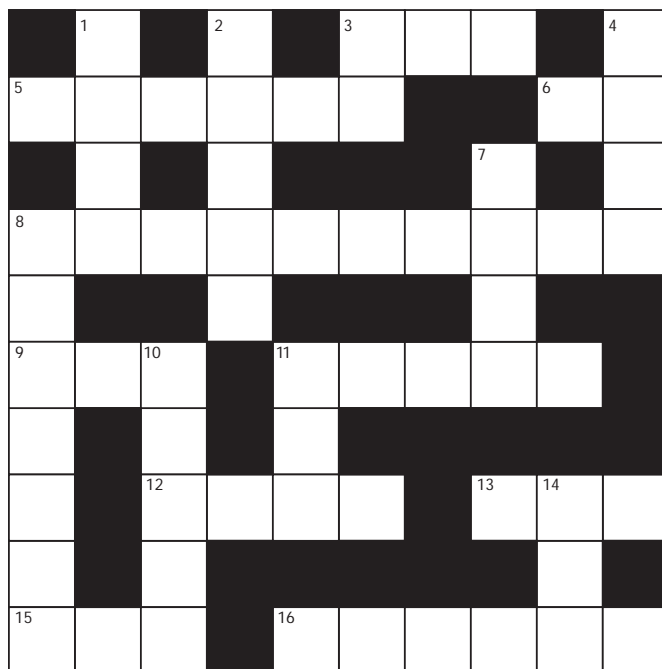
The Club walking group meets on the first Sunday of each month from October to April. So far this season we have walked the Roundwood lakes, Ballinastoe Woods and from the Club around Dalkey and Killiney heads and back to Dunlaoghaire. Average attendances are 12/24.

In January we will be doing a town walk meeting at the Round Tower carpark in Sandymount at 2 pm with a break for afternoon tea in the National Gallery. The February walk will be in Glendalough meeting at 12 noon. We leave on time so please be punctual. All members are welcome together with families and children. It is advisable to have boots and raingear as we always meet regardless of the weather and stop for a picnic lunch halfway through the walk.

Notices are issued by email a week in advance and also appear on the Club notice boards. If you are not already on the circulation list and wish to be included, email Desmond Campbell, who organises the walks at, desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk.



A really easy one to help cope with the festive season. Entries to reach the Navigator before Sundown, April, 1. As usual the prize for the first correct one opened will be dinner for two at the National with a bottle of house wine. The winner of Navigator No. 43 was Johnnie Philips. Well done Johnnie.



Across

- 3 This cap is cold (3)
- 5 Card game which controls the vessel (6)
- 6 Don't stop (2)
- 8 Essential skill for offshore racing (10)
- 9 Eve's boat? (3)
- 11 Adores (5)
- 12 Hold to be true (4)
- 13 Sounds like a bore to have the lot (3)
- 15 X (3)
- 16 Yearn to the north for the coward (6)

Down

- 1 Song for solo voice (4)
- 2 Speak off the cuff (5)
- 3 This is that is (2)
- 4 Earth's satellite (4) moon
- 7 Emend back for the flow of things (4)
- 8 Blow 315 degrees (7)
- 10 Indian warrior (5)
- 11 Untruth (3)
- 14 Dangerous shore (3)

Answers to Navigator 43

Across: 3. UFO, 5. Tiller, 6. To, 8. Widowmaker, 9. Now, 11. Stags, 12. Deal, 13. Elm, 15. Sin, 16. Stoops; Down: 1. HiFi, 2. Bloom, 3. Ur, 4. Boar, 7. Skeg, 8. Windows, 10. Woden, 11. Sea, 14. Lip.

IT ALL HAPPENS AT THE NATIONAL

Sailing, Sail Training - Adult and Junior, Weddings, Parties, Quiz Nights, Golf, Bridge, Bridge Lessons Advanced and Beginners, Wine Suppers, Hill Walking, Private Functions, Business and Social, Ladies Day Lunches, Snooker, or just a quiet drink in the Members' Bar. There are so many possibilities, some fine meeting rooms and excellent facilities.

There will be a Club information clinic from 10.30a.m. on March 7, 2009. Representatives for the various Club activities will be available to answer any questions members may have. An information sheet will be posted on the web-site in advance. You should ensure that you are aware of all of the facilities and activities available in your Club.

CONTACT THE CLUB MANAGER AND LET HIM KNOW HOW THE NATIONAL CAN HELP YOU!

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

There are plenty of opportunities to sample and enjoy the delights provided by Head Chef, Cormac and his team making the National Yacht Club an ideal venue for all occasions.

Saturday, January 10

Fish Dinner

Head Chef, Cormac Healy will team up with Peter Caviston and Kevin Dundon in an evening of superb Seafood cuisine.

This will be a sell out Dinner. Early booking is essential. €50pp

Saturday, January 24

Game Dinner

Cormac Healy and Peter Caviston will join forces again this time to serve up a really special game dinner. Be prepared for some surprise guest appearances during the evening. An alternative to game will be provided on the menu. Early booking is essential as places for this night will have to be limited. €50pp

Thursday February 12

Speaker supper with Michael Holland - Arctic 2 Antarctic

This is an epic story of a brave crew and a boat that took them to the ends of the earth.

Supper 8.30pm

Talk 9.30pm

€25pp

Saturday, February 14

St Valentines Day Dinner:

Enjoy a sumptuous meal with musical entertainment provided by the very popular Slovak Festival Ensemble.

Dinner 8.30pm €45pp

Saturday, March 7

Italian Dinner

A taste of Italy - wines and cuisine. Musical entertainment for this evening will feature members of the Dublin Baroque Players.

Dinner 8.30pm €45pp

Tuesday, March 17

St Patricks Day

Family Lunch
One of the most popular lunches of the year. Early booking advisable. The best of Irish Fare with traditional music.

Friday, March 27

Junior Members' Disco.

This will be for 13 to 16 year olds. More details to follow.

JANUARY 2009

Thu 1 Clubhouse open 9.30am-8pm

Bar open 12 Noon-8pm.
No Catering facilities

Fri 2 Normal Bar and Catering facilities

Sat 3 Club Dinner

Sun 4 Family Lunch

Wed 7 Bar Table Quiz - Round 7

Thu 8 Bridge Supper

Fri 9 Preston Ball Auction Dinner

Sat 10 Fish Night with Peter Caviston and Cormac Healy with special guest Kevin Dundon. See highlights.

Sun 11 Family Lunch

Tue 11 Ladies Day Lunch

Wed 14 Wine Supper

Sat 17 Club Dinner

Sun 18 Family Lunch

Wed 21 Bar Table Quiz - Round 8

Thu 22 Cruising Group meeting followed by Sailing Supper

Sat 24 Game Dinner. Peter Caviston and Cormac will create a wonderful menu and also provide for non-game persons. See highlights.

Sun 25 Family Lunch

Wed 28 Wine Supper

Sat 31 Dragon Class Dinner



FEBRUARY

Sun 1 Family Lunch

Mon 2 Knots & Splicing Workshop 7.30pm.
This workshop will run for six weeks

Wed 4 Bar Table Quiz Round - Round 9

Sat 7 Ireland v France Rugby International. Big TV Screen in Bar,
Brunch served before match
Club Dinner

Sun 8 Family Lunch

Tue 10 Ladies Day Lunch

Wed 11 Wine Supper

Thu 12 Speaker Supper with Michael Holland Topic: Arctic 2 Antarctic.
The voyage of Micael Holland and his crew to Antarctica on Celtic Spirit. See highlights

Sat 14 Italy v Ireland Rugby International. Big TV Screen in Bar,
Brunch served before match
St Valentines Day Dinner with live music. See highlights.

Sun 15 Family Lunch

Wed 18 Bar Table Quiz - Round 10

Sat 21 Club Dinner

Wed 25 Wine Supper

Sat 28 Ireland v England Rugby International
Big TV Screen in Bar. Brunch served before match
Club Dinner



MARCH

Sun 1 Family Lunch

Wed 4 Bar table quiz - Round 11

Sat 7 Italian Dinner with live music.
See highlights.
Club Information Clinic

Sun 8 Family Lunch

Tue 10 Ladies Day Lunch

Wed 11 Wine Supper

Sat 14 Scotland v Ireland Rugby International. Big screen in Bar
Club Dinner

Sun 15 Family Lunch

Tue 17 St Patricks Day Lunch. See highlights
Sunday Winter-time hours.

Wed 18 Bar Table Quiz - Round 12

Sat 21 Wales v Ireland Rugby international; Big screen in Bar
Club Dinner

Sun 22 Family Lunch

Wed 25 Wine Supper

Fri 27 Junior Disco in JB Room

Sat 28 Sailing Awards Dinner

Sun 29 Family Lunch



APRIL

Wed 1 Bar Table Quiz Final in Dining Room
- Supper served before Quiz.

Sat 4 Club Dinner

Sun 5 Family Lunch

Wed 8 Inter Club Quiz

Sat 11 Lift-in and Lift-in Dinner

Sun 12 Easter Sunday Family Lunch

Fri 17 Preston Ball Snooker Final Dinner

Sat 18 Club Dinner

Sun 19 Family Lunch

Sat 25 Start of Season Dinner with live music

Sun 26 Family Lunch

Thu 30 Sailing Suppers

