

MAIN SHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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THIS IS YOUR CLUB!

We are starting into another busy sailing season in the National Yacht Club. We hope that the "Gods of Weather" will look on favourably on us after the last two dreadful seasons. The sailing activity kicks immediately into top gear with the staging of the Mitsubishi Youth Championship hosted jointly by the National Yacht Club and the Royal St. George Yacht Club as a lead up to the ISAF Youth Worlds in 2012.

For the keelboats boats the Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race is one of the main events in the Club's calendar. A fleet of over 30 boats are expected to be on the start line on June 6. This year's race is being made more interesting by the use of a "tracker" system on each boat giving the position of each boat every hour. This event is being sponsored by the Dingle Skellig Hotel who is also providing a fantastic rate for accommodation for the event. After the prize giving dinner on Tuesday, June 9 the NYC Golf Society have arranged for a two-day competition to take place in Dingle Golf Club on the Wednesday and Thursday. This will give an opportunity for all to extend their stay in Dingle and enjoy the atmosphere and the craic.

The other main sailing event in the calendar is the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta being hosted jointly by the four harbour clubs. This takes place from July 9-12. A full program of racing and an extensive and coordinated social program should ensure that this is the biggest and best sailing event in these waters this year. The detailed social program will be circulated to all members and I would encourage all members to become involved and enjoy this great event. Members are invited to bring along their family and friends to the social activities every afternoon and evening. The National Yacht Club Regatta Dinner will be on the Friday night July 10.

Our Junior Section will again take to the waters under the leadership of our Junior Organiser, Cathy McAleavey. Five two-week courses

have been organised starting on June 8. This is a very important part of the sailing activity of the Club and is the spawning ground for our future sailors and the future members of the Club.

The National Yacht Club is again running the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association (ISORA) race schedule with seven races. The first race was on April 25. The series includes a RORC race run in conjunction with the Royal Dee Yacht Club in July. This race is also a feeder race to the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta.

The National Yacht Club is also hosting championships for the J109s, Cruiser 3s, Lasers and the Toppers as well as hosting the Flying Fifteen National Championships. The success of all these events relies heavily on the generosity and support of the members who donate their time and boats to these events. Again, I encourage all members to take part in all these events. Our

Sailing Manager, Olivier Prouver is actively recruiting volunteers and would love to hear from all interested members and cadets.

The highlight of the Club's cruising calendar is the Cruise to Brittany organised by Peter Cullen. It heads off towards Concarneau on June 9. Ten boats are expected to take part in the flotilla. We look forward to hearing the tales and see the photographs of this trip. Anybody interested in taking part in this event should contact the Sailing Manager or Peter Cullen.

As part of our sponsorship arrangement of the ISA J80 Sail fleet, the Club has use of the boats on the weekend of June 19. The sail fleet schedule will include the Corporate Cup team racing event on the Friday and 'Family' team racing on the Sunday. The Sunday event promises to be great fun where all members can try out the thrills of sailing in a series of short races to be run in the



Carlisle Basin in front of the Club. A full Family entertainment program has been arranged and all members are encouraged again to become involved and invite their family and friends to this unique event.

The Billiard room under the stewardship of Dick Wharton had a most successful season, which concluded Friday, May 1, with the final of the Preston Ball Trophy. In an exciting three framer Ross Hall getting the better of former champion Tony Corcoran, by two frames to one. Well done Ross.

The NYC Golf Society being run by Alan Dooley is very active and has already held two outings this year in Killiney and Woodenbridge. A further five outings are planned with the high point taking place in Dingle after the Dingle Race. It is a great opportunity for members to get to know each other and extend the friendship beyond the water.

Due to the success of the Beginner's Bridge Course run by Ida Kiernan, a further five weeks course has just commenced. Any members interested in learning to play bridge or who would like to take part in the Club's bridge should contact Ida or the Club Secretary, Ann O'Gorman.

The very popular Wine Suppers are also continuing into the Summer Period. Details of these are set out on the Social Program.

As set out above there is a huge sailing and social program



Lift-in at the National

PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

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After a short break for Christmas, spring coaching got under way again. Ollie Green, the top RYA intermediate Coach came from the UK to coach the NYC Optimist Squad. Ben Lynch coached our Topper sailors and Annalise Murphy took our Lasers.



National Junior Sailors after a fun week at the ISA Youth Championships in Schull, Easter 2009

Normally only the very hardy partake of the spring coaching but this year we had a record 35 boats taking part. IODAI had its second coaching session on our third weekend. It was decided to run a Grand Slam competition in the afternoons. Congratulations go to Tadgh and Sean Donnelly who finished second and sixth respectively and to Aisling McIvor who finished fifteenth.

Tadgh and Sean Donnelly represented Ireland in Braassemeeer Easter Regatta in the Netherlands, Sean had a fantastic event making it into the Gold Fleet and finishing on 90 and Tadgh on 110 out of an entry of 212 boats, a great achievement for these sailors. They then headed straight for the Irish Optimist Trials in RCYC Crosshaven, along with Aisling McIvor, where they finished 15, 18 and 51 respectively.

The next big event on the calendar is the Mitsubishi Youth Regatta on May 8 and 9. Hopefully we will see a great turn out of NYC sailors. Summer courses start on Monday, June 8. There will be five, two-week courses running until the end of August. Booking forms are in the Club and on our web site. The NYC Junior Regatta is on Wednesday, July 1.

A fine performance for NYC juniors at the ISA Youth Nationals in Schull

A large contingent of NYC juniors and their families converged on the picturesque West Cork village of Schull this Easter to compete in the ISA National Youth Championships. The sunny weather made for pleasant conditions for parents on land while the very windy conditions tested the racing skills of the sailors to the max.

This year's competition saw an extremely competitive field from North and South with the country's top junior sailors represented in each fleet. Four days of racing were completed in mostly strong breeze of 15 to 25 knots. The NYC had representatives in all six classes. Racing on the inner course over two days were the 21 Optimists where Sarah Cooney, Tom Byrne, Susie O'Neil, Conor Kneafsey, Aisling McIvor, and Daniel Raymond all did well. Special mention was earned by Daniel Raymond who, as the youngest competitor in the competition, showed tremendous determination in the tough conditions to finish his races.



Finn Murphy at the youth Nationals

Representing the NYC in the RS Feva class was Conor Deegan who crewed for Isabella Moorhead from Cork. They finished in second place over all (also first lady helm for Isabella) and achieved first place in three of the 12 races.

Our competitors in the 24 strong Topper class and its smaller version the Topper 4.2 comprised of Ben Raymond, Emma Cooney, and Sian Kneafsey. Emma and Sian were 10th and 12th respectively. Emma was also the first girl in the fleet.

The 420 class had the added excitement that a qualifying place to compete as the Ireland Ladies team in the world championships was being decided. Conditions were extreme at times as the Atlantic swell provided mountainous waves on day one. This made for very fast downwind planning and more than a few spectacular wipeouts. Hazel O'Neill sailed into 6th place while crewing for Diana Kissane from Howth. This is enough to qualify them for the Lake Garda 420 World Championship event which will be held in August this year.

Eimear McIvor, Louise O'Callaghan and William Shanahan competed in the Laser 4.7. In the windy conditions this fleet was at the top end of its sailing capacity and racing had to be moved to the more sheltered course halfway through the week. Eimear came out on top of the NYC participants and finished third girl in this competitive fleet.

The Laser Radials had 11 races over long courses in heavy wind and waves which turned the event into something of a marathon. The fleet was very competitive as most of the top ranking Irish junior radial sailors were in attendance. The racing was characterised by long grinds upwind followed by high speed roller coaster downwind legs. Capsizes, gear failure, and death roles a plenty provided enough material for several episodes of 'you've been framed'. Amy Lynch, Chris Raymond, Ben Shanahan, Will Byrne, and Finn Murphy competed for the NYC. Finn finished in an excellent fourteenth place just behind the elite top group. Will and Ben had a battle royal as the two remained neck and neck in the placing through out the week.



Competitors at the ISA Youth Nationals in Schull



Sailing in Dublin Bay has now become an all year round activity with DBSC hosting their very successful Winter and Spring racing series.

NYC members were very successful in the DBSC Spring Chicken Series with Philip Dilworth on *Orna* claiming first place followed by John Roberts on *Quite Correct* third overall. The sailing awards for 2008 were presented at a dinner in the Club on Saturday, March 28, 2009. This is a very prestigious event in the sailing calendar and awards are presented to members for outstanding sailing achievements. Nine awards in total were presented with magnificent trophies given to the recipients ranging from the best family cruise, racing successes to the finest sailing achievement by a cadet member.

The new sailing summer season has just started with the first race on Saturday, April 25. After a very dismal start to the day, the weather cleared to bright sunshine in the afternoon, which resulted in an enjoyable race in light winds to ease us all gently back onto the water.

We have a very busy season of events and we are very grateful, as always, to our team of volunteers and boat owners who make these events possible for the Club. If you feel you would like to get involved in the Race Management team, please contact Sandra Moore with your contact details.



Ruffian Team Racing event - Hong Kong March 2009

On Wednesday, March 11, a large party of Ruffian sailors, set off via Paris for Hong Kong. This was in response to an invitation from the Hong Kong Ruffians to team race in Victoria Harbour. When joined by five others who had been on holiday beforehand, the combined party comprised 19 Dublin Bay sailors, three Carrickfergus sailors and four non-sailing partners. We started with practice racing in the harbour on the Friday afternoon, followed by a four-hour (!) drinks reception that evening.

On Saturday, team racing began in earnest and RHKYC won the morning match in very light airs despite Colm Murray getting the gun. In the afternoon the wind got up and the Irish did better with Alan Claffey claiming a second place and we won the second match. So, one-all after Day 1.

On Sunday, the morning match was again sailed in very light airs, and despite Mary Chambers getting the gun, RHKYC won – so it was all down to the afternoon race.

The second Sunday match featured a race out past the harbour to a mark in the South China Sea, and again the wind got up. This was more what the Irish were used to and, coming to the finishing mark, were 1, 2, and 3. Larry Power was very unlucky to break a spinnaker pole. This meant that Mary Chambers again got the gun and the Irish still managed to win the match.

So it was a draw at two matches all. But, on countback, RHKYC won by a single point! So the crystal trophy went back to Hong Kong. They have indicated that they might have a return match in Dublin Bay in the next 2 or 3 years. When they come, we will really have to pull the stops out if we are to match what they gave us!



Grand Slam Optimist fleet start – March 28, 2009

In the meantime, the Irish Ruffians had a wonderful time – well worth the money spent – and we have also significantly raised the profile of the Ruffians in Hong Kong, whose numbers had been dropping. Our thanks should go to our sponsors Helly Hansen and McWilliams Sails who were kind enough to assist with team clothing and bags. Special thanks are due to Larry Power as team leader, ably assisted by Alan Claffey, for liaising with Hong Kong and making all the arrangements for a fantastic trip. We all look forward to the reunion.

40 YEARS A GROWING

Who would have thought in 1969, when Bill Godkins Boat Yard in Kinsale took an order for six Flying Fifteens from Teddy (Bryan S.) Ryan, Sean Nolan and Co., that 40 years later the fleet would still be thriving and more active than ever. Any one who has ever sailed in one of these beauties will know, full well, the reasons for their appeal. With some 4,000 boats built, the Flying Fifteen could, arguably, be one of the largest keelboat classes in the world.

As a keel boat the Flying Fifteen offers tactical small boat racing, often in huge fleets. National Championships attract around 30 boats. European and World events can begin with over 100 on the start line.

Designed by the legendary Uffa Fox, the 6m (20ft) Flying Fifteen has maintained its reputation as an exciting and competitive two-man racing craft over several decades. It provides access to sailing for men and women from 15 to 75 and beyond. The Flying Fifteen has been modernised over the years with Uffa Fox agreeing to changes towards the end of his life to improve the design specification and sail plan.

The first world championships were held in Perth, Australia in 1979 and subsequently have alternated between the Northern and Southern hemispheres biennially. The NYC last hosted the Flying Fifteen Worlds in 2003 to great acclaim.

The first European Championship took place in Spain in May 2004 and last July the 2008 European Championships were held at Kinsale Yacht Club in Cork. It's huge success was due to the tremendous efforts of NYC members Alan Green and Chris Doorly. 2008 also saw an outstanding performance on the water from Dave Gorman and Chris Doorly to win the National Championships in extreme conditions in Strangford Lough. While at the recent World championships in Melbourne the Dun Laoghaire Fleet were represented Alan Green, John Lavery, Gerry Dunleavy, Ken Dumbleton and Tom Murphy.



The NYC has been the club of choice for Flying Fifteen sailors in recent years encouraged by the excellent facilities, long slipway and electric winch, not to mention the camaraderie and strong sailing ethos that prevails in the Club.

This year the NYC will host the National Championship in September 11/13 and, in June 16/17, together with the Royal Alfred Yacht Club, the South Coast championship will be run off.

NYC CRUISE IN COMPANY TO BRITTANY

The word among boat owners on the NYC platform is that some members have already got their charts plotted, their cruising guides ready and that they have spent much of the winter dreaming of sunshine, wine and crepes in Brittany. There has been huge interest and it is promising to be a great event.

The informal date of departure is Saturday, June 27 but some yachts may wish to leave earlier or later. It's their choice. This departure date should allow good time to cope with possible weather delays or extended stopovers en route. The first official rendezvous point is Concarneau on Friday, July 3. For those wishing to make a stopover, the Scillies at a distance of 200 miles from Dun Laoghaire, with its public moorings is the ideal place. Moving closer to Concarneau, Camaret or Audierne offer a nice entree to France.



Ben Shanahan in action at the Youth Nationals

After the first rendezvous in Concarneau, yachts will be well positioned to visit the many beautiful parts of Brittany: Belon, famous for its oysters; Ile d'Groix; Belle Ile; the Morbihan inland sea; La Roche Bernard on the river Villane; and Pornic where the second official rendezvous will be held.



Skipper of Quite Correct – Committee boat for the Optimist 'Grand Slam' Weekend – John Roberts

Apart from those heading from Dun Laoghaire, Barry McNeeney says that he plans to come north from his winter berth in Rochfort to join the cruise, share his local knowledge and take us to some of his favourite haunts.

Some boats, including the Koala, plan to move on south to La Rochelle and Royan in the Gironde (the entrance to Bordeaux). A "Cruise" briefing meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 13 at 19.30 in the Club. For more information contact the NYC Sailing Manager, Olivier Prouveur: sailing@nyc.ie.

NYC SAILING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The National Yacht Club awards for outstanding sailing achievement by members of the Club for the 2008 season were presented by the Commodore to the proud winners at the Sailing Awards Dinner in the Club on Saturday, March 28.

The Township Cup (1927), for the most impressive cruise, was awarded to John Taggart in *Dutch Courage* for his six week cruise with his wife Ann, friends and solo around the Western Islands.

The Muglins Cup (1946) for the most interesting family cruise, was awarded to Dermot Hicks for his cruise to Bilbao in his new Dehler 44.

The Boyne Regatta Cup (1870) for the best performance in offshore racing, was awarded to Sean Lemass, Tony Tennyson and Des Kelleher in *Galileo* for winning the 2008 ISORA series and finishing fourth in the Round Ireland race.

The O'Leary Cup (1946) was awarded to Martin Byrne and his crew Adam Winkelmann and Pedro de Andrade for winning the closely contested 2008 Dragon Class National Championships.

The Edward Yacht Club Trophy (1919) for the best performance in Dinghies, Mermaids or Flying Fifteens was awarded to Sean Nolan for his support of and continued success in the Flying Fifteen Class in Dublin Bay spanning the entire 40 years that the class has been in Ireland.

The John Byrne Memorial Trophy (1989) for the greatest contribution to sailing in the NYC during the year was presented to the SB3 Worlds organising committee under the chairmanship of Rory Byrne for their enormous commitment, effort and skill that ensured a hugely successful event.

The Winkelmann Trophy (2003), for the Cadet Member who is deemed for his/her sailing ability to be 'Cadet of the Year', was awarded to Annalise Murphy for her very successful season in the Laser Radial Class including finishing 5th at the Class Youth Worlds in New Zealand and 4th at the Europeans.

The Greystones 1892 Regatta Cup, for the NYC members who

2009 SAILING PROGRAMME

The main events to be hosted by the Club are:

April 24-26	J109 Open	September 5	Topper class traveller series (1 day of racing)
May 9/10	Mitsubishi Youth Championship	September 6, 13, 20, 27	Dun Laoghaire September Junior Series
May 16/17	Multihull East Coast Championships	September 11-13	Flying Fifteen National championships
May 16/17	RAYC Baily Bowl	3 – 4 October	Optimist Irish End of Season Championships
June 6-9	Skellig Hotel Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race	All Sundays in October	Mermaid & FF Frostbite Series
June 8	Start of NYC Summer Junior Training: Five two-week courses: 1. June 8-19; 2. June 22-July 3; 3. July 13-24; 4. July 27-August 7; 5. August 10-21	ISORA Races/Calendar	
June 19/21	J80 Sail Fleet Event	April 25	ISORA Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead
July 1	NYC Junior Regatta	May 9	RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire to Arklow(TBC)
July 9-12	Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta	May 16/17	RAYC Baily Bowl (one designs)
July 16/17 (changed)	Laser Leinster & Junior National Championships	May 23	ISORA Pwllheli to Wicklow
August 22/23	Cruiser 3 Championships	July 3	ISORA Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire – Lyver Trophy
August 29/30	DBSC Cruiser Challenge	July 24	RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire to North India (TBC)
		August 22 (changed)	RAYC/ISORA Dun Laoghaire - ODAS M2 Buoy(TBC)
		September 12	ISORA Abersoch to Howth

have, as a team, represented the Club with distinction, was awarded to Amy Kelehan, her crew John Twomey and her family for their long and successful Olympic campaign culminating in Amy and John competing in the Skud 18 class at the Beijing Para Olympics.

The Commodores Prize (2004), originally presented by Commodore Chris Moore to the winner of the last Dublin Bay 24ft race in the 2004 Regatta, was awarded to our long time DB24 skipper Chris Johnson for winning the highly competitive 2008 Beneteau 31.7 National Championships.



NYC Laser radio controlled fleet racing –
Sunday, March 28, 2009

VOLVO REGATTA

Over 170 entries are now already signed up for this year's Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta with almost three months still to go before it sets sail.

As a major boost for organisers a third of the entries are visitors. Visiting clubs include Northern Ireland's Royal North of Ireland YC and Royal Ulster YC who will race for a special trophy to celebrate 125 years of Belfast boats travelling south to race on the bay. Royal Ulster is sending a fleet of white sailboats. Welsh clubs participating are Pwllheli SC and South Caernarvonshire YC and Clyde CC Helensburgh SC from Scotland. English entries are in from Whitby and Liverpool YC, the latter sending a nine boat fleet. There are entries for 21 of the 25 stated classes with the white sail fleet providing the biggest number to date with 20 so far.

In the IRC0 class, which is shaping up nicely, Royal Cork has a show of strength with some of its Commodores cup stars returning: Antony O'Leary in *Antix Dubh* and *Blondie* skippered by Eamonn Rohan.

Irish clubs entered to date hail from Arklow SC, Bray SC, Carlingford Lough YC, Carlingford SC, Royal Cork YC, Skerries SC, Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club, Sutton Dinghy Club, Malahide YC, Howth YC, Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club and the four water front clubs in Dun Laoghaire: National, Royal St. George, Royal Irish and Motor Yacht clubs.



The platform has now made its annual switch from thirty five or so cruisers resting in their cradles to lines of active day sailors, SB3, lasers, fireballs, oppies and more.

That is not to say that the cruisers were the only ones on the hard over the winter, midweek our younger members were to be seen practicing after school and at weekends. The place was a hive of activity with junior training. Congratulations to the organisers for their time and effort. Of course all of these activities have to be supported with fully functioning equipment, the launching and retrieval of ribs and the checking of engines, fuel tanks, safety boxes and V.H.F. radios. These are the responsibility of the Boathouse staff. Many thanks to them for a job well done. This is the time of the year when I like to remind members of some of the platform rules:

- ✘ All day boats and dinghies must display a boat sticker, showing registration payment.
- ✘ The three-ton crane must not be used for maintenance; it is for launch and retrieval only.
- ✘ Boats are not allowed to stay overnight on breakwaters accept in special circumstances and they must book their stay at the boathouse.
- ✘ Vehicles are not allowed on the platform from midday Tuesdays and Thursdays and not at all at weekends.

As the recession deepens the boathouse like other area of the club must be cost efficient. Please take note that the launches, during non-racing day times, will only service the moorings on the hour and the half hour. With the introduction of the Jonas Membership and Accounting System, we hope to streamline payments for boathouse charges. Boat owners are requested to sign a direct debit or credit card mandate for boathouse services in which case the charge will be deducted from their account at the end of the month. Users who wish to pay by cash should pay for the service in advance and present a receipt to the boatmen before the work is carried out.

Olivier, our sailing manager has moved his office to the outside corner of the changing room block. This will give him a commanding view of the workings of the platform so, let us all be on our best behaviour.



Bridge News

Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convenor

I am happy to report that we have had a very busy bridge season, the Thursday evenings commenced the first week in October and ended on April 23.

In October we introduced a beginners course for members and their friends which was very well attended. I am delighted to welcome 'new blood' into the Bridge Section. Thursdays will be buzzing next season. We ran an improvers course on Monday mornings, before and after Christmas. It was very well attended with 16 regular players for Part 1 and 8/10 for Part 2. It was great fun and I hope it improved the bridge! Time will tell.

On to the competitions

The Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy, a pairs competition, was won by Cathy Dooley and Louise O'Regan. Paid and Rosalie Cassidy and Aileen and Michael McMahon were second and third.

The Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy, an individual competition, was won by Ailbhe Maguire. Bella Connolly and Barbara Kirwan finished second and third.

The G.I.N. Cup – Annual Inter-club Bridge Tournament took place on April 2, in the RStGYC. We had a superb meal, fine wines and excellent company. Our thanks to the George for looking after us so well. The Royal Irish were victorious with the George a close second and the NYC third. Congratulations to the Royal Irish.

The Maurice & Nora Crosby Memorial Trophy is a team of four event comprising seven local bridge clubs. The competition was held on Sunday, April 5. I am extremely happy to report that the NYC team came home with the trophy. The winning team were Jackie Flynn, Ida Kiernan, Michael Kiernan and Harry Kinsella. I would like to thank my team mates for bringing in a smashing result. It's the first time the NYC has won the Trophy in 28 years. It's great to end the season on a high!

Finally, I would like to thank the members once again for their support of the bridge section during the season. I would also like to thank the staff of the NYC for looking after us so well. The new season will commence on Thursday, October 1 at 7.30pm until 10.30-11pm. New members are welcome. We will have a host partner each Thursday (guarantees you a game if you have no partner) so there's no excuse not to attend. I hope we all have a wonderful summer.

Billiard Room

Dick Wharton, Chairman

The conclusion of a very active Snooker Season is upon us, albeit a bit late this year with the sailing season having already started. As we go to print the line up for the various finals has taken shape.



Ross Hall with Tony Corcoran just before the Preston Ball Final on May 1, 2009.

The autumn competitions for the McWilliams Trophy and the Elgan Cup, the finals of which took place in January, were won by Dermot Bennett and Ross Hall respectively. Congratulations to both players for their achievements. The final of the Johnston Memorial Doubles Trophy was played on the last Tuesday in April between old stalwarts Paul Johnston and Jack McIlree versus previous winners Eric Cooney and Michael Sweeney, with Eric and Michael prevailing on the night.

It was decided to inaugurate a Father and Son competition this year, with John and son Ross, Hall winning through. We hope that the competition will go from strength to strength over the coming years.

The Preston Ball Trophy Final and Prizegiving Dinner were held on Friday, May 1. Former trophy holder Tony Corcoran and Ross Hall went head to head for this premier trophy, with Ross getting the better of Tony by two frames to one – well done Ross. Next season all competitions will be limited to 64 entrants. There will be no preliminary rounds in an effort to stick to the time schedules for each round, which have got out of sync in recent years. All members will be circulated with details and dates in early September to be returned completed prior to the draws for the competitions. Thank you for all your support. It will be time to start again soon.

Congratulations to Dick Wharton who, at the Preston Ball dinner, was presented with the Louis Dillon award for his services to the Billiard Room. (Ed.)

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planned for the summer sailing period. The Club Manager, Padraic Conneely has prepared a comprehensive bar and catering schedule of what is available in the Club. This schedule is included with the Mainsheet. I feel that this schedule meets the needs of a good cross section of the members. I also feel that the pricing policy provides good value to members.

The National Yacht Club is your Club. It goes without saying that the success of the Club depends on how and how often you use your Club. The success of the bar and catering

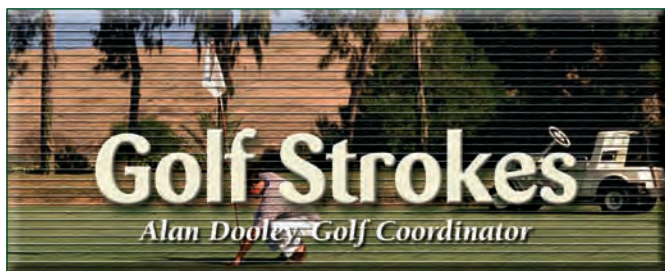
contribute significantly to the overall financial strength of your Club and allows funds to be made available to develop sailing and other aspects of your Club. I urge all members to use the Club as much as possible for social, family and business events. I would also encourage feedback on the facilities of the Club to ensure that the high standard of facilities is maintained. Any comments, good or bad, would be appreciated by e-mailing the Manager at manager@nyc.ie or myself at commodore@nyc.ie or by phone.

As outlined at the AGM, the new Membership and Accounts software package, Jonas, will go live in the second week of May. I am very grateful to Brendan O'Regan and the Club Manager, Padraic Conneely for project managing this

installation. This system will allow us to keep and retrieve better records of members. The point of sale units in the bar, dining room and boathouse will allow better tracing of accounts. This system facilitates sales of goods and services to be charged to member's accounts if there is direct debit or credit card details in place. All boathouse services will have to be paid for at the time. The system will progress to the next phase of secure web access to members' accounts later this year. This will coincide with the release of the new website that is being developed.

I wish all members an active, safe, enjoyable sailing season.

Peter Ryan, Commodore.



Paddy McMahon made NYC golfing history by aing the 17th hole at our outing to Woodenbridge. His tee shot sailed over the Avoca River, straight onto the green and a few bounces later into the cup. This feat was witnessed by his playing partners, Ann Irwin and Ger Tennyson, and by the handicap secretary and his partners. Well done Paddy.



Paddy McMahon and Ger Tennyson, Woodenbridge

All of this had seemed unlikely a few hours earlier as players arrived at Woodenbridge. Reports that this was the prettiest course in Ireland could not be substantiated for the whole place was enveloped in a Stygian gloom as the rain fell. A few took the

entirely reasonable view that this was not a day for golf and set off to amuse themselves elsewhere.

The die-hards who stayed and played were rewarded with an excellent day's golf as the rain eased, a few later finishers actually saw the sun. Paddy, Ann and Ger made off with the team prize, Alan Pope, despite a handicap adjustment stormed away to win the Men's competition and Ann Irwin repeated last years success on this course. Bobby O'Keefe and Paddy McMahon followed Alan Pope into the winners enclosure and Ger Tennyson and Maureen Murphy were runners up in the Ladies event. Brendan MacConville got nearest the pin on the 8th hole (he was the only one who managed to hit the green) and Manolo Demery got the longest drive. Next outing is in Bray on May 15 before the pilgrimage to Ceann Sibeal in Dingle on June 10 and 11.

Anice easy one to while away the off-the-water evenings. Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown on midsummers day, June 21. As usual the prize for the first correct one opened will be dinner for two at the Club with a bottle of house wine.

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Across

- 1. In Louisiana it's red (5)
- 4. Sounds like a jeer to alter course downwind (5)
- 7. Control centre (7)
- 8. It comes in red and white (4)
- 12. Seabird (4)
- 14. Sounds like a French version of one down (5)
- 15. Believed (4)
- 17. Motive power on board (4)
- 21. Contrariwise (7)
- 23. Is Sal with the rope (4)
- 24. Fruit like skin (5)

9. First lady (3)

- 10. He was out in front (3)
- 11. 2/2 (3)
- 12. It is almost it is (3)
- 13. Financial return for the French monarch (3)
- 15. Steers (5)
- 16. Strokes with the tongue (5)
- 18. After edge of sail (5)
- 19. Rubbish (4)
- 20. Don't go (4)
- 22. Holy grail for the artist? (3)

Down

- 1. On this and you are travelling (5)
- 2. Twitch (3)
- 3. Chip (4)
- 4. Joke or prank (4)
- 5. Flat top in Montana (5)
- 6. Cross rere (5)

Answers to Navigator 44:

There was no correct entry for Navigator 44.

Across: 3. Ice, 5. Bridge, 6. Go, 8. Navigation, 9. Rib, 11. Loves, 12. Stew, 13. All, 15. Ton, 16. Craven.

Down: 1. Aria, 2. Ad lib, 3. Ie, 4. Moon, 7. Tide, 8. Norwest, 10. Bison, 11. Lie, 14. Lee.

Dress & Impress

Dress and impress at the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta Best Dressed Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, July 11 at 12.30pm in the NYC and the RStGYC. The Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta has created an enormous amount of excitement on the Irish sailing scene with four days of top class racing complimented with an action packed programme of social events.

Saturday, July 11 is style day when the Best Dressed Lady Event is sure to get fashion pulses racing! Ladies dress to impress and the catch the eye of our fashion judges at the NYC and the RStGYC. Our panel of judges from Image Magazine and the fashion industry will be moving through the two waterfront clubs between 12.30pm and 3pm to select a short list of stylist ladies who will then take part in the final later that day. One lucky winner will win a fabulous prize and lots of surprise and treats are in store for all!

The judges will be looking for a individual sense of style with confident chic but remember ladies style does not have to break the bank, you can create your "look" for less! For further information and to make your booking contact: Padraic Conneely at the National Yacht Club: Tel: 01 280 5725.

Social Calendar

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



We cater for all types of functions and family occasions in the Dining Room, JB Room and the Granard Room – Weddings, Anniversaries, Family Functions and Parties.

Corporate entertainment and meeting rooms available for groups from 10 to 200 people.

Conference facilities available with Large Plasma screens and WiFi access.

Dining Room Service

Club Dinner:

- Club Dinner on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 7.30pm; All Dinner Courses priced individually with Main Courses priced from €18. Starters €6.50 & Deserts €5; Extensive wine list.

Club Lunch:

- Table d'Hote Lunch Menu served Tuesday to Friday: Two Course & Coffee €20; Three Course & Coffee €25.50;
- Family Sunday Lunch: Three Course Table d'Hote Lunch Menu & Coffee €26.50;
- Children's ½ portions & Children's Menu available.

Pre Sailing – Ready-to-Go Food

- Ready-to-Go Hot Breakfast Rolls (Saturdays only) – €5
 - Ready-to-Go Coffee/Sandwiches
- In a hurry please phone your order in advance.

Après Sailing

Thursday Sailing Suppers:

- Sailing Suppers during the sailing season – €20 with House Wine – €15 per bottle. Burgers with salad on the platform – €5

Saturday Sailing:

- Burgers with salad on the platform – €5

Special Events for Summer 2009

Wine Suppers:

- Monthly Wine Suppers on Wednesday evenings – Supper €28 including a sample of two Tasting Wines Commencing May 6
- Tasting Wines of the evening – €20 per bottle

Dinner with Dancing:

- Four Course Table d'Hote Dinner with Disco music – €30pp – Last Saturday of every month commencing May 30

Mid-Summers Ball – Saturday, June 20:

- Black Tie Evening with Champagne Reception, Gourmet Dinner & dancing to music by the Slovak Festival Ensemble – €60pp. Tables in Dining Room & on Covered Balcony

NYC Sail Fleet Open Day – June 21:

- Family Day in conjunction with the ISA Sail fleet. Invite friends & family to the NYC to take part in fun races for all the family. View the racing from the balcony or platform; Sunday Lunch in the Dining Room, BBQ on the Deck, Children's Entertainment, Live Music, Irish Dancing & lots more fun; 1st Gun: 2pm.

Bloomsday Lunch, June 16

Bloomsday, is one of the highlights of the summer season: 1pm Wine reception: with a Buffet of Kidneys, Livers & Cheese. 1.30 pm Lunch: We will have readings at intervals in the day & live music after lunch; Prizes for the most suitably dressed couple, lady & gentleman. Early booking is advisable. €35pp

Bar Dining Service

Morning Fare:

- Tea or Coffee with Homemade Scones served from 10.30am Tuesday to Sunday. Also a selection of Speciality & Herbal Teas.

Lunch Fare:

- Bar Lunches served Tuesday to Friday all items priced individually with Main Courses €9.25.

Evening Fare:

- Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 6.30pm; Traditional fresh Fish & Chips, our Signature Dish. Starters, Mains & Desserts all individually priced. Three course meal for less than €20.

Saturday Family Brunch:

- Full Irish Breakfast with Toast, Tea or Coffee from 10.30am €6.50. Milk Shakes & Childrens portions available.

Sunday Fare:

- Roast of the Day, Fish of the Day or Filled Baguettes available from 1pm till 2.30pm. Main Courses €9.25. Soups & selection of Sandwiches also available.

Contact

Club Manager, Padraic Conneely,
Tel: 280 5725, email: manager@nyc.ie

MAY 2009

- Wed **6** Wine Supper – Californian Food & Wines, Supper €28pp; Wines of the Evening €20
- Thu **7** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **9** Club Dinner
- Sun **10** Family Lunch
- Tue **12** Ladies Day Lunch Speakers: Pat & Olivia Murphy, 9 Years Sailing Round The World
- Thu **14** Sailing Suppers
- Sun **17** Family Lunch
- Thu **21** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **23** Club Dinner
- Sun **24** Family Lunch
- Thu **28** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **30** Dinner with Dancing – Four Course Dinner followed by Disco; €30 pp
- Sun **31** Family Lunch

JUNE

- Wed **3** Wine Supper – Italian Cuisine & Wines; Supper €28; Wine of the Evening €20
- Thu **4** Sailing Suppers
- Fri **5** Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race Sailing Suppers
- Sat **6** Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race Breakfast Club Dinner
- Sun **7** Family Lunch
- Thu **11** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **13** Club Dinner
- Sun **14** Family Lunch
- Tue **16** Bloomsday Lunch
- Thu **18** Sailing Suppers

JUNE (contd.)

- Sat **20** Midsummer Ball – Black Tie Dinner; Champagne Reception; The Slovak Festival Ensemble – See highlights
- Sun **21** Family Lunch
Special Family Day at the NYC – Bar-B-Que; Childrens Entertainment; Live Music on the Platform; Sailfleet Sailing; See Highlights & Club Notice Board
- Thu **25** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **27** Dinner with Dancing – Four Course Dinner with Disco €30pp
- Sun **28** Family Lunch

JULY

- Wed **1** Wine Supper – The Wines and Food of Spain, Supper €28. Tasting Wines €20
- Thu **2** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **4** Club Dinner
- Sun **5** Family Lunch
- Thu **9** Start of VDLR Regatta. Après Sail Live Music on the Deck with "Take it Easy" 6-9pm, BBQ Burgers, Sailing Suppers, J109 Reception, Marquee Boogie 9pm till late
- Fri **10** Breakfast Rolls available from 8am in the Members Bar; Après Sail Burgers; Music on the Deck "Rob Strong Band" 3-6pm; Live Music with "Rory O'Connor" 6-9pm; Regatta Dinner, Tickets €50; Advance Bookings Only. Marquee Party with Rock and Pop Band "Mirage" 10pm till late
- Sat **11** Breakfast Rolls available 8am; Burgers on the Deck; Live music 3-6pm "The Kirk Band"; Marquee Disco 6-10pm; Rock and Roll Marquee Party 10pm till late with the fabulous "Dead Ringer"
Ladies Day Lunch

JULY (contd.)

- Sun **12** Breakfast Rolls from 8am; Deck party from 2pm; Barbeque; Live Music: "The Amigos" Regatta Prizegiving 5pm
Family Lunch
- Thu **16** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **18** Club Dinner
- Sun **19** Family Lunch
- Thu **23** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **25** Dinner with Dancing – Four Course Dinner followed by Disco €30pp
- Sun **26** Family Lunch
- Thu **30** Sailing Suppers

AUGUST

- Sat **1** Club Dinner
- Sun **2** Family Lunch
- Wed **5** Wine Supper
Barbeque
- Thu **6** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **8** Club Dinner
- Sun **9** Family Lunch
- Thu **13** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **15** Club Dinner
- Sun **16** Family Lunch
- Thu **20** Sailing Suppers
- Sat **22** Dinner with dancing – Four Course Dinner followed by Disco €30pp
- Sun **23** Family Lunch
- Thu **27** Last DBSC Thursday Race
Sailing Suppers
- Fri **28** DBSC Cruiser Challenge
- Sat **29** DBSC Cruiser Challenge
- Sun **30** Family Lunch
DBSC Cruiser Challenge