

# MAINSHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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## MEASURE OF SUCCESS

**A**t this time the Club is about to embark on big changes in the management of member information and in the way that the Club communicates with the members.

There has been a problem in the past with the lack of a reliable comprehensive database of members. The installation and commissioning of a new accounts and membership management system, *Jonas Club Management*, is nearly complete. As well as providing superior accounts information it will also allow the Club to communicate better with the members. It is hoped that the normal mode of contact with the members will be by e-mail and this can be done instantly through the system. Those members who would prefer receiving information by post will be accommodated. To optimise the system, relevant and up to date member information is required. To do this in the shortest

possible time scale it has been arranged that the Club will phone each and every member and carry out a very brief survey. Information obtained through this will be entered onto the system and used to ensure that each member will receive only relevant club information and promotion details of interest to them. I ask every member to cooperate with this important data collection process. Eventually it is intended to introduce smart cards where members vouchers will be credited to the card and they can also make purchases from the bar and dining room using the card. The installation and commissioning of the new system has been project managed by Brendan O'Regan.

Another significant change that is about to take place is the installation of a newly designed website. The old website has served the Club well in the past and has been run exclusively by our Webmaster, Brendan Chawke. Brendan is currently working on the design of the new website, which will allow better navigation around the site and easier access to the many interest areas. The new site will be easier to update and will allow better communication with both the sailing and non-sailing areas of the Club. It will also be more secure. At some time in the not too distant future we expect to provide members with facilities to view and manage their own information and accounts online. This work is being project managed by Tony McGuire who is working alongside Brendan.

Finally, I would urge all members



to read pages 2 and 3. There you will find details of the various activities and facilities available in YOUR Club. These range from fine Wining and Dining, Ladies Lunches and Speaker Suppers to Hill Walking, Snooker and Bridge. All family and business functions are encouraged and catered for.

A measure of the success of the Club is the level of activity that takes place in the Club and the number of members who are involved in these activities. I ask all members to get involved in the Club and to use the fine bar and dining facilities.



*Old friends, Howth 17 Fleet welcome visitors to the National during the Dun Laoghaire Volvo Regatta*

# More to the National



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**L**ife is not all about sailing. As we write, the Snooker and Bridge sections, and the Golf and Hill Walkers are actively recruiting. Members are encouraged to take part in these activities over the winter months. Interested members should contact Club Manager, Padraic Conneely or check the Club website or notice board.

Club Manager, Padraic Conneely, has arranged a superb social calendar for the winter to entertain and enlighten the members – the regular **Wine Suppers**, **Speakers Suppers** and **Ladies Lunches**. The **Bar Quizzes** and the **Navigation** and **Rope Work** classes all commence in October. There is something there for everyone. We cater for all types of Functions, Meetings and Corporate events. Please contact Padraic Conneely on 280 5725 who will gladly help you arrange your particular function. Members, before you book the Christmas Party or any other function, why not call the Club first and see what your Club can do for you. Additional information on any of the services/events listed please call 280 5725.



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## Mornings

**Tea/Coffee with Homemade Scones** served from 10.30 a.m. Tuesday-Sunday; **Bar Lunches** served Tuesday-Friday, all courses individually priced. Fresh Homemade Soups/Sandwiches also available. **Saturday Family Brunch** – Full NYC Breakfast served from 10.30 a.m., Milk Shakes and Children's portions available. **Sunday Bar Food** – Filled Baguettes, Roast of the Day, Fish Dish of the Day. Main Courses €9.25.

## Lunches

**Dining Room Lunches** served Tuesday-Friday from €20-€25.50 Booking advisable; **Family Lunches** served every Sunday from 1 p.m. **Three course Lunch and Coffee** €26.50. Please book in advance as the Family Lunch is one of the most popular days at the Club – Children's Menu and Children's half portions available.

## Evenings

Tuesday to Friday we serve our very popular **Evening Bar Menu** 6.30-9 p.m. Main Courses €12; Our Signature Dish: Fresh Cod and Chips. Dinner served in the Dining Room Tuesday-Saturday from 7 p.m.; A-La Carte menu. Starters from €6.50, Main Courses from €18. Booking advisable.

**W**e host the NYC Quiz Season, commencing on Wednesday, October 7 and continuing on every second Wednesday thereafter.

Teams of six, €10 per Team, 8.30 p.m.

This season Frewen and Aylward the well-known local Gents' Outfitters will sponsor Vouchers to the value of €100 per Quiz night and will also provide spot prizes over the season.

As part of the sponsorship Frewen and Aylward will also offer a 10% discount to all NYC Members.

- ❖ The Quiz entry sheet is on the notice board beside the Manager's office. On alternative Wednesdays you can enjoy a sampling of two wines, listen to a Sommelier talk about the wines and enjoy a dinner based on the origin of the Wines – *all that for €30 pp.*
- ❖ The first Winter/Spring Wine Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 8.30 p.m.
- ❖ Ladies Day Lunches are on second Tuesday of every month September to May.
- ❖ Sandra Moore has a super line up for the new season starting with a fashion show on Tuesday September 8 at 1 p.m., €20 pp.

**T**he new Bridge season will commence on Thursday, October 1, at 7.30 pm, sharp. The first evening will be social. Bridge will start at 7.30 p.m. sharp and will be followed by supper in the dining room at 9 p.m. A relaxed evening to get us in the groove again after the "lovely summer". If you are attending please email me – [idakiernan@gmail.com](mailto:idakiernan@gmail.com) and let me know. I need the numbers for the dining room.

## Diary Dates

- ❖ Thursday, 1 October 1: *First bridge night – 7.30 pm, Supper in dining room: 9 p.m.*
- ❖ Thursday, November 19: *Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy, Individual competition*
- ❖ Thursday, December 3: *Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy, Pair's competition*
- ❖ Thursday, December 10: *Bridge Party and Prizegiving.*
- ❖ Thursday, January 7, 2010: *Bridge 7.30 p.m., followed by supper.*

Last year we ran a very successful beginners course throughout the winter season, it is my intention to continue with that group this coming season with stage two. The classes will be more advanced and you will get the opportunity to play more hands of bridge. The classes are not suitable for beginners. If members and their friends are interested in participating in the beginner's class please contact me at same the email address [idakiernan@gmail.com](mailto:idakiernan@gmail.com). If there

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are sufficient numbers I will arrange a beginners group so let me know as soon as possible. It is also my intention to hold an advanced class on Monday afternoons for our regular players. If you are interested please let me know. I encourage new members to attend our regular Thursday bridge evenings, or any of the above classes. It's a great way to meet members and make new friends. I look forward to meeting you during the season.



**C**ongratulations again to all last season's winners and competitors as we approach the start of more of the same – time and tide!

There was a mix up with dates last season, and we have, therefore, fixed the calendar of main events as follows for the coming year.

- ❖ Monday, September 21 – Draw for the McWilliams and Elgan Trophies.
- ❖ Thursday, October 1 – First round of both commence.
- ❖ Thursday October 1 – Draw and commencement of the Johnston Memorial Doubles Trophy.
- ❖ Thursday January 7 – Draw for the Preston Ball Trophy.
- ❖ Friday January 15 – Preston Ball Auction Dinner
- ❖ Friday April 23 – Final of Preston Ball Trophy and Prizегiving.

This year all competitions will be limited to 64 entrants. There will, therefore, be no preliminary rounds. The club will invoice all entrants a total of €70 which will cover the cost of the Preston Ball Auction Dinner, including wine and the €25 subscription for one or all of the competitions (€45+€25). The Snooker Committee hope the new format will be supported and welcomed by all.

For those interested in playing 'pool', come on Mondays at 19.30 hrs starting on November 9 There will be prizes for all and this will be followed by the 'Turkey Pool' on December the 7, 14, and 21, always a bit of fun. The dates for the Billiards Trophy and the Father & Son Competition, for which we eventually got a winner, will be fixed at a later date.

There will be a games night every Monday from November 2. The format is ideal for

new players (experience not necessary) to enjoy convivial company and craic. Snooker players put this date in your diary: Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7pm.

Your committee for 09/10 comprises myself in the chair, Tony Corcoran, Hubie Kearns, Tom Mulligan (he of Inter Club fame), John Henry McConnell, who came back in with the tide, and perhaps the Badger (Baker), if no written objections are received in time! Looking forward to seeing you at the table.



**W**e are more than half-way through the year and have four golf outings under our belts already. It has been a very busy season so far and there is much more to come!

Why not join the National Yacht Club Golf Society – it only costs €25 to become a member, and look at what you get!

We run a fairly similar format for each outing: individual prizes for best stableford scores and team prizes, usually the best two on each hole to count. Low handicappers always go out first. The less experienced are at the back which works well. If you do not have an official handicap, don't panic, we can provide a society one to keep you going.

Still to come are three great outings, all of which are open to you and your friends. The first of these is the "Kish Team Trophy" in Powerscourt on Friday, September 25. It will be our biggest event of the year. We are expecting about 75 players and are planning a party in the club afterwards for the prize-giving ceremony. Early booking is advised (registration now open). This is a combination of two events in one. You can enter a team of four or as an individual (in which case we will fix you up in a team).

NYC golf is a great chance to meet people in the Club, maybe those you rarely come across. Each competition is followed by a presentation supper, an opportunity to share a few stories and have a few glasses. All the outings this year are reported, with pictures, on the club website [www.nyc.ie](http://www.nyc.ie) so why not take a look. Call the office or email [secretary@nyc.ie](mailto:secretary@nyc.ie) for the user-ID/password.

If you are interested in taking part in any or all of the remaining three outings, book as early as possible with Ann at the office 01-



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2805725. If you have any other queries about the NYC Golf Society or how to get involved, I'd be glad to hear from you on 087-8173398.

## Next Outings

- ❖ Waterfront "Kish", Friday, September 25, Powerscourt Golf Club, Tee time: 8.00-11.30, Supper in NYC.
- ❖ Captain's Prize, October 23, St. Anne's Golf Links, Bull Island, Tee time: 11:00-13:00, Supper in NYC.
- ❖ Xmas Special, December 4, Charlesland Golf Club, Tee time: 10:00, Supper at NYC.



**N**YC walking group meets on the first Sunday of each month from October-April at 12 noon in winter and 1 or 2 pm when the clocks go forward. It is open to all members of the Club, their families and children. Even dogs have turned up on occasions!

We do a mix of hill/mountain walks and stay locally at Christmas and the New Year with a Dun Laoghaire/Dalkey walk in December and a town walk in January. We may have tea in the Club after the walk on December 6 (if it does not clash with the Children's' party!) Typical walks are such places as Glendalough, Djouce, Crone Wood/Maulin, Kilmashogue, Bray Head, Howth Head, Roundwood Lake, etc. We generally meet within a 20 miles radius of Dublin in either Wicklow or Dublin Mountains. The walks are suitable for all ages and average duration is Three hours with a break for a picnic lunch. Turnout is anything between 10 and 20 people.

A circular is issued a week in advance each month and details posted on the Club Notice Boards. We will also try and get details into the Mainsheet this season. We walk in all weathers; you don't have to book or even say you are coming – just turn up on the day.



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The summer sailing season of 2009 is fast drawing to a close. Despite the mediocre weather we had, the year has been very successful for sailing events in the National Yacht Club and for our members.



*Eyelid marquee in NYC for Prize giving at Volvo Regatta*

The first main event was the **Mitsubishi Youth Championship** in May. This event was run in conjunction with the Royal St. George Yacht Club. This event is a lead in to the ISAF Youth Worlds to be run by both clubs in 2011. Many of our leading junior sailors took part in this successful event over two days.

On Saturday, June 6, 38 boats stormed out of Dublin Bay on route to Dingle as part of the bi-annual **Dingle Skellig Hotel Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race**. This was the biggest ever number of entries, reflecting growing interest in offshore racing. Eight of the entries were from the National Yacht Club. Great interest was shown in the race due to the provision of "tracker units" on each boat, allowing their progress to be monitored on the Club website. The usual blend of hospitality and craic was in Dingle when the crews arrived on the Monday morning. The packed prize-giving dinner on the Tuesday night in the Dingle Skellig Hotel was another high point to the event. The event was won by **Legally Brunette**, Paul Egan, R.St.G.Y.C. The best National Yacht Club boat was **Orix Aviation**, who came 6th. I would like to thank Martin Crotty, Brian Barry, Con Murphy and our Sailing Manager,



*Ciara Dowling's "Ladies" team – winners of the Corporate Cup*

Olivier Prouveur, for arranging this huge event. Following the sailing event, two days of excellent golf was organised by Alan Dooley in the beautiful Ceann Sibeal Dingle Golf Club. Roger Bannon won the golf trophy commissioned by the Dingle Skellig Hotel for the golf event.

In offshore racing, **Galileo**, Tony Tennyson and Sean Lemass, have just taken part in the **Fastnet Race** and achieved a credible placing in the huge fleet of 300 boats. The Club has successfully run six of the seven races so far in the ISORA series. The last race is the **James Eadie Cup** from Pwllheli to Howth in September.

The Club was represented in the ICRA Nationals in Fenit by Paul and Finola O'Higgins who won Class 1 in the event on **Rockabill V**.

A new and hopefully a regular NYC event took place on the weekend of June 19. The event was built around our access to the ISA's 180 fleet of eight boats. The **Corporate Cup** was run on the Friday with eight teams battling in strong winds for the Trophy. The winner of the trophy was the "All women team" led by the Ciara Dowling and Lorna Dillon. On the Sunday a Family Race was organised. This involved eight of the family dynasties in the Club competing against each other. While the race was a friendly, there was no quarter given. The Kirwans won the event that turned out to be closely competed. The Halls were second while the Ryans/Horgans were third. My thanks to Adam Winklemann



*Dun Laoghaire Volvo Regatta – Cathy McAleavey in an SB3*

for instigating and organising these events. There was a great family atmosphere around the Club that day with Irish dancing, face painting, bouncy castle, etc. A very memorable Club event.

The big event of the season was the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta which took place in July. This event was particularly successful with over 450 boats taking part over four days. With the exception of a wet Saturday the weather performed for the event. The prize giving and closing ceremony took place in the fantastic Eyelid Marquee on our platform. It is estimated that 3000 people were there for that glorious occasion. There were several of our members who won their class: **Tsunami**, Vincent Farrell won Class 0 Echo, **Rockabill V**, Paul and Finola O'Higgins won Class 1 IRC, **Orna**, Philip Dilworth won White Sail Class. **Curraglass**, John Masterson won the Shipman Class, **Tiller Girl**, Jonathan O'Rourke, won the Mermaid Class while David Gorman won the Flying Fifteen Class in **Hy5ive**. It was great to see so many of our members excelling in such a significant event.

On the international scene Annalise Murphy is making serious waves in the Laser Class. She finished 8th in Female Laser Radial Worlds – best Irish Olympic sailing result for several years. She is Under 21 World Champion also. Claudine Murphy finished 14th in the Silver fleet of the event. The Club is extremely proud of their achievements and will support them in their Olympic qualification campaign. Sean Donnelly in the Optimist finished 7th in the Under 12 Gold fleet (146 boats) at the British Nationals in Largs. His brother, Tadgh, finished 35th from 109 in the Senior fleet.



**Ben Mulligan chases Annemarie McGorris in the Flying Fifteens fortieth anniversary event**

In cruising there was a very successful cruise-in-company to France of 10 boats from the Club. They met up in Concarneau, Brittany. Several junior members volunteered to crew for some legs of the cruise. This cruise was organised by Peter Cullen.

The 3-day event Dublin Bay Sailing Club "Cruiser Challenge" was hosted by the National Yacht Club over the last weekend of August. The season will finish off with the Dun Laoghaire September Junior Series, Flying Fifteen National championships in September and the Optimist Irish End of Season Championships in October.



**Kirwins - winners of the Family Plate on Family Day.**

As part of the Club's commitment to junior sailing the Club retained the services of sailing coach Russell McGovern to train our junior sailors. He has also provided training to other members in other classes. This has proved to be a great promotion for junior sailing in the Club.



**Dun Laoghaire to Dingle start off the 40 foot**

There has been a very active Junior Section this summer with ten weeks of training organised by our Junior Organiser, Cathy McAlevey. Two Adult training courses have also taken place.

As can be seen from the brief review above, there is a huge amount of sailing activity going on in the Club. None of this is possible without the generous volunteering of member's boats and time to the events. We are blessed with great Race Officers in Jack Roy and Con Murphy and Race Office Manager in Sandra Moore. It is impossible to mention everyone who has given their time and expertise. This generosity is the essence of the National Yacht Club and their contribution is greatly appreciated.



**J80 Corporate Cup**

## JAPAN '09

I headed out to Japan expecting light air conditions, but soon realised that we could get any condition. We went out for the practice race and after doing split tacks came to the conclusion that there was more wind coming off the cliffs on the right-hand side of the course. I lead the practice race for the first three legs before heading in (as its bad luck to finish a practice race!).



**Annalise Murphy in Japan**

We launched in 2-3 knots on the first day but it increased to 7 knots so racing started an hour later than scheduled. I had a good first day with a 9 and a 16 and my downwind speed was really good so with more wind forecasted for the next day I was looking



forward to the rest of the event. On Day 2 there was about 12 knots and a big swell, I had an 11 and a 15, by this stage it was becoming clear there was an advantage in getting out to the right hand side of the race course. Day 3 there was about 15 knots same direction and a big swell again, I got a great start off the committee boat in the first race and was the 1st person to tack out to the right, this saw me rounding the top mark in second right behind Sophie De Turckheim of France and a big gap separating us from the rest of the fleet. I spent the rest of the race keeping Anna Tunnicliff the US olympic gold medalist behind me. In the next race I capsized on the downwind but managed to get back to 11 by the finish. I came in on a high knowing I had made it into the gold fleet comfortably.

I was very nervous going into gold fleet racing as the fleet is much closer together and everyone in the gold fleet are so fast, so I was hoping I would be able to keep in around 20 position overall. I went out early to do split tacks on the first day of finals to find that the race committee had moved the course 1 quarter of a mile further from the right shore and that the right side was not paying as it had been the last 3 days I had a 19 in the second race which I was happy with and overall really happy with my first day of finals. Day 5 was brilliant I rounded in the first race just behind Lijia Xu and then passed her on the reach to lead the race, but ended up second by the finish. In the second race of the day I came in on a high as I had the best results out of the whole fleet with a 2nd and a 4, and was now in 10th place. The last day brought big breeze in with 18-20 knots and a big swell, I had a 4 in the first race and I knew that was enough for me to finish in the top ten, so went into the final race knowing I could only move up. I ended up getting a 14 in the last race to finish 8th overall. At the prize giving they announced me as the under 21 world champion which was just an added bonus considering I went to Japan hoping to finish in the top 40!

*Annalise Murphy*



*The winning crew of Legally Brunette at the Dingle prizegiving*

## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

**The National Yacht Club has formal reciprocal membership arrangements with other clubs in Ireland and overseas.**

Members are welcome to visit our partner clubs on presentation of their NYC membership card. Our members may use the facilities of the host club subject to that club's house rules.

Likewise members of our reciprocal clubs are most welcome to visit the National where they may enjoy our facilities in the company of like-minded members.

Active agreements are in place with:

- ❖ Royal Cork Yacht Club, [www.rcyc.ie](http://www.rcyc.ie)
- ❖ The Stephen's Green Hibernian Club Dublin, [www.sghc.ie](http://www.sghc.ie)
- ❖ Bruxelles Royal Yacht Club, [www.bryc.be](http://www.bryc.be)
- ❖ Dar es Salaam Tanzania, [www.daryachtclub.com](http://www.daryachtclub.com)
- ❖ Galway Bay Sailing Club, [www.gbsc.ie](http://www.gbsc.ie)
- ❖ Gordon's Bay Yacht Club, [www.gbyc.co.za](http://www.gbyc.co.za)

Our sailing members have established contacts with other clubs in Australia, China and London where formal arrangements are being established. Details of these will be posted on the NYC web-site when formally established.



**This summer has been a very busy one for our junior section sailors and also for our competition sailors. The NYC Optimist Squad has gone from strength to strength.**



*Toppers and Optimists racing at the Mitsubishi Youth Championship on May 8.*

We have had Tadgh and Sean Donnelly flying the National flag at both home and internationally. Two of our Topper Squad, Emma Cooney and Sian Kneafskey were selected onto the Irish National Squad. They have competed successfully at the World Championships in Austria and the British Nationals in Pwethlli. The big news this summer was that the National Yacht Club now has a Club Coach in Russell McGovern, Russell campaigned a 49er at the last Olympics. Russell has been a fantastic addition to the NYC team, he has set up Laser, Topper and Optimist Squads, organising elite training for them which has been run in parallel to the existing youth sailing programme.

Katie Malcolm our Senior Instructor has run 10 weeks or 2 x 5 week

courses this summer with over 200 sailors taking part. Our shore mum and artist in charge Ciara Winkleman added a whole new dimension to the summer programme, with organised art lessons which allowed for theory of sailing to be taught in a far more interesting and fun way of learning. We hope to continue these art classes through the winter.

Olivier has to be thanked for organising the cruise in company to Brittany, taking eight of our young cadets. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to experience offshore sailing. All of our sailors have been in the prizes this summer at Club Junior Regattas, provincial and national competitions. So well done to everyone.

### Events for your diary

- ❖ Dun Laoghaire Harbour Co. September Junior Series running for the four Sundays in September,
- ❖ The Topper Traveller Series in the NYC on September 5
- ❖ Optimist Gorman Trophy the first Weekend in October.

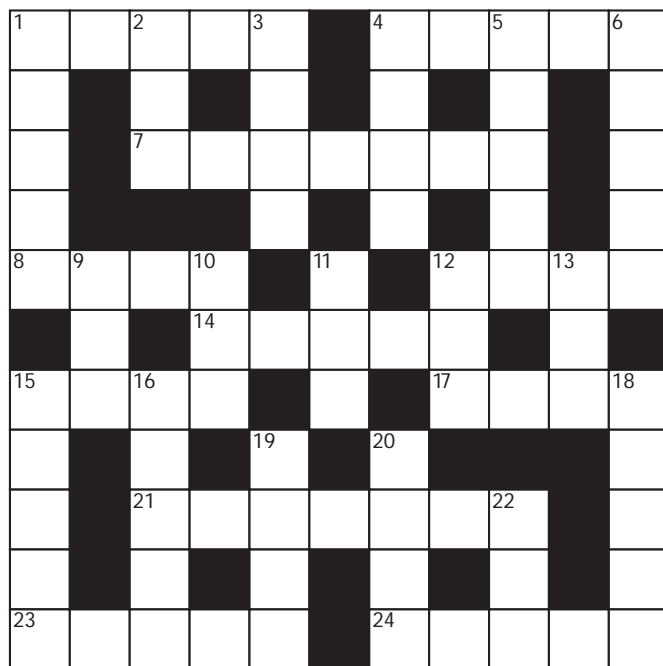
Russell will be organising our Winter Training Programme you will be informed of a parent's information night, which will take place sometime in September. The Junior Dinner is on Friday, October 9.



NYC members Claudine and Annalise Murphy with Rory Fitzpatrick enjoying the Laser Worlds opening ceremony at Karatsu, Japan



A simple little puzzle to test your patience during the off-the-water evenings. Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown, October 21. Dinner for two at the Club with a bottle of house wine for the first correct entry.



**Across**

- 1 Car for the sailors (5)
- 4 Musical notation (5)
- 7 Stretches (7)
- 8 Leading edge (4)
- 12 The boat for China (4)
- 14 US State (5)
- 15 Nutty sort of mat (4)
- 17 Back stab the nocturnal mammal (4)
- 21 45 degrees (7)
- 23 Fathers (5)
- 24 Welsh vegetable (5)

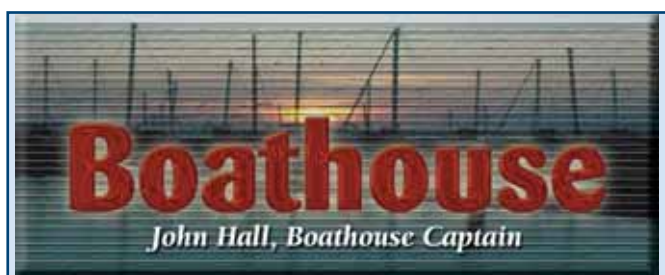
- 9 Much reported by the National Enquirer (3)
- 10 Male Irish tree (3)
- 11 Should be raised to stimulate effort (3)
- 12 Cry (3)
- 13 Often anachronistically (3)
- 15 Throws a line (5)
- 16 Better bull (5)
- 18 Masts, gaffs, booms, etc. (5)
- 19 Balls (4)
- 20 Clear out water (4)
- 22 English for the cravat (3)

**Down**

- 1 Open to corruption (5)
- 2 Dangerous shore (3)
- 3 Up and down German (4)
- 4 Type of wagon (4)
- 5 Broken lease for the artist (5)
- 6 For best effect should be well greased (5)

**Answers to Navigator 45:**

Unfortunately, there was no correct entry to Navigator 45.  
 Across: 1. Baton, 4. Jibes, 7. Cockpit, 8. Deal, 12. Tern, 14. Ennui, 15. Held, 17. Sail, 21. Counter, 23. Sisal, 24. Peach. Down: 1. Board, 2. Tic, 3. Nick, 4. Jape, 5. Butte, 6. Stern, 9. Eve, 10. Led, 11. One, 12. Tis, 13. ROI, 15. Helms, 16. Licks, 18. Leech, 19. Bull, 22 Stop, 22. RHA.



I am now halfway through my three-year stint as Boathouse Captain and it has certainly opened my eyes as to what it takes to run the Club and the amount of time that the members of both committee and sub committees give to the Club. That said all of this is for nothing if it's not supported and appreciated by the rest of the members.

In past editions have been quoting the Boathouse and Platform rules - Vehicles on the Platform on race days - Boat left over night on the breakwater without good reason - Platform fees not paid - etc. But I must say that the response has been very good throughout this summer which in turn means the Boathouse staff have more time to attend to other duties and I think it shows in the orderly appearance of the Platform and the high standards of maintenance of the Clubs equipment. So thank you for your cooperation during the year so far. Last winter Wayne our Head Boatman gave two courses on knots and splices. We had a beginner's course before Christmas and an advanced one after the holiday, with a maximum of ten persons on each. I'm thinking of running the same again this year, if you are interested please phone Olivier (Sailing Manager). Dates will be announced later. Lift out for the Keel Boats will be October 17.

**The Willie Maguire Model Collection**  
 is being presented to the Club at a special dinner on November 14 at 8.30 p.m.

# Social Calendar

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

## SEPTEMBER 2009

- Thu **3** Members' Race  
Sailing Suppers
- Sat **5** Club A-La Carte Dinner
- Sun **6** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Tue **8** Ladies Day Lunch –  
Fashion Show, Pamela Scott Collection, 1 pm, €20 pp.
- Wed **9** Wine Supper
- Sat **12** Flying Fifteens Nationals Championship  
Championship Sailing Suppers
- Sun **13** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Sat **19** Club A-La Carte Dinner
- Sun **20** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Fri **25** NYC Golf Society Dinner
- Sat **26** End of Season Dinner with live music, €40 pp.
- Sun **27** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Mon **28** Registration for Navigation Courses – 7.30 pm  
Beginner's Bridge – 8 pm  
  
Basic Electrical Course for Sailors – Start of a 10-week course – contact Paul Cunningham, 086 8066374, paul@marineelectrics.ie

## OCTOBER

- Thu **1** Bridge Club recommences – 7.30 pm
- Sat **3** Club A-La Carte Dinner
- Sun **4** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Mon **5** Yachtmaster Offshore Course – 7.30 pm and every Monday finishing March 15, 2010.
- Tue **6** Yachtmaster Coastal Course – 7.30 pm and every Tuesday finishing March 9, 2010.
- Wed **7** Bar Table Quiz Round 1 – 8.30 pm – Entry Sheet on Notice Board in Hall. Teams of up to six, €10 per team.
- Fri **9** Junior Prizegiving Dinner and Disco
- Sat **10** Club A-La Carte Dinner
- Sun **11** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Tue **13** Ladies day Lunch – Topic: Living with Colour; Tina Dunne, 1 pm, €20 pp.
- Wed **14** Start of Autumn/Winter Wine Suppers – Guest Speaker: Peter Roycroft, Regional Sales Manager; Findlater Wine & Spirit Group
- Thu **15** Speaker Supper: Speaker: John Galligan, John Galligan Travel. Topic: Cruise destinations and all aspects of cruise holidays, Supper 8.30 p.m., Talk 9.30 p.m., €20 pp.
- Sat **17** Lift-out Dinner with piano music, Tie Rule applies
- Sun **18** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Wed **21** Bar Table Quiz Round 2
- Sat **24** Club A-La Carte Dinner, Tie Rule applies
- Sun **25** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Wed **28** Wine Suppers – Guest Speaker: Noel Tymlin, Portfolio & Training Manager, Findlater Wine and Spirit Group
- Sat **31** Special Halloween Night Dinner and Disco €40 pp.

## NOVEMBER

- Sun **1** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Wed **4** Bar Table Quiz Round 3
- Sat **7** I.S.O.R.A. Prizegiving Dinner Dance – Black Tie
- Sun **8** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Tue **10** Ladies Day Lunch – Topic: Flower Arranging with The Flower Boutique, Dun Laoghaire, 1 pm, €20 pp.
- Wed **11** Wine Suppers – Guest Speaker: Liam Campbell, Wine Consultant and Lecturer
- Sat **14** Willie Maguire Model Boat Collection Dinner – 8.30 pm
- Sun **15** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Wed **18** Bar Table Quiz Round 4
- Fri **20** Flying Fifteens Prizegiving Dinner
- Sat **21** Cruisers 3 Class Prizegiving Dinner
- Sun **22** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Mon **23** D.B.S.C. A.G.M., 8 pm
- Wed **25** Wine Suppers
- Sat **28** R.A.Y.C. Dinner
- Sun **29** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available

## DECEMBER

- Wed **2** Bar Table Quiz Round 5
- Fri **4** I.C.C. Lunch  
Ladies Dinner and Fashion Show
- Sat **5** Rear Commodores Christmas Dinner – Booking Forms, Live Music, Mulled Wine, Hamper Draw, €50 pp.
- Sun **6** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available
- Tue **8** Ladies Day Lunch – Topic: Christmas Wines, 1 pm, €20 pp.
- Wed **9** Wine Suppers – Guest Speaker: John Wilson, Wine Correspondent, Irish Times
- Sat **12** Vice-Commodores Christmas Dinner – Booking Forms, Live Music, Mulled Wine, Hamper Draw, €50 pp.
- Sun **13** Santa Party – Dining Room Lunches booked out. Lunches served in Bar  
Santa visit – Booking Forms at the Porters Desk
- Wed **16** Christmas Bar Table Quiz. Supper served in Dining Room followed by Quiz
- Sat **19** Commodores Christmas Dinner – Booking Forms, Live Music, Mulled Wine, Hamper Draw, €50 pp.
- Sun **20** Family Lunch – 1 pm, Children's Menu available.  
Christmas Carols in the Bar 5 pm – an evening for all the family to get into the festive spirit
- Wed **24** Christmas Eve Lunch – Booking Forms, €30 pp.  
Children's Menu available  
Clubhouse will close at 5 pm
- Tue **29** Club house will re-open with usual Bar and Catering facilities.
- Thu **31** Gala New Year's Eve Lunch with music by the Slovak Festival Ensemble, Booking Forms, €35 pp., Children's Menu available.