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Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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CLUB IS ACTIVE AND IN GOOD HEALTH

At last, after two years of bad summers, we have had weather something approaching normal. This summer the Club has been very active on all fronts, particularly in sailing as you will see when reading the sailing section.

It would be an understatement to claim that the Club is a hive of activity during the winter months. Depending on your taste for excitement you can choose from a range of activities including **Bridge**, both beginners and more expert, **Snooker**, **Bar Quiz** and **Wine Suppers**. Or if you are more adventurous there is **Golf** and **Walking**. See Club notice boards and elsewhere in this issue for further details. The usual full calendar of events has already been planned for the autumn and winter and details will be circulated.

The Bar and Catering sections of the Club have also been very busy throughout the summer and our Club Manager, Padraic Conneely, continues to provide us with exquisite cuisine at very attractive prices. The new *Feature Dish*, prepared for Saturday night dinner is proving very popular and numbers dining have increased.

The end of the year, particularly approaching Christmas, is when most members have Crew Dinners, Class Dinners, Office Parties and other family occasions. I ask all members to consider the excellent facilities of their Club when arranging such occasions. Be assured that Padraic will cater for your every need.

On the House front, upgrade works to the showers have been completed and commissioning of these and the ventilation system in the changing rooms is nearly complete. Members can now be

confident that, no matter where they finish in a race, there is now always a hot shower waiting for them!

To take advantage of the good summer, the area under the flagpole has been protected by windbreakers. This area is proving very popular with members in the good weather. It is envisaged that this area would be further developed and upgraded for next summer.

Long overdue, our E-zone, electronic newsletter will shortly make its debut. It is intended that it will be emailed on a fortnightly basis, to all members who have registered their email addresses. It will inform members of news and events that have been posted on the website. It will take the place of the random emails issued presently. I strongly urge all members to register their email addresses with the office and obtain their user name and password. In this way they will be kept informed of happenings in the Club on a fortnightly basis and will have access to those restricted areas of the NYC website.

On a sad note, two of our past Commodores died this year. Liam Boyd in April and recently Franz



Winkelmann. Liam was Commodore from 1972 to 1974 while Franz followed in office from 1974 to 1976. I offer their families my condolences. May they rest in peace.

To conclude, I can confirm that the Club is in good health and that its members are extremely active on many fronts. I ask all members to continue to support your Club and this will ensure its continued success into 2011.

Peter Ryan, Commodore



It is with great concern that we heard about NYC Honorary Member, Mark Pollack's recent serious accident having earlier, against all odds, successfully completed the Round Ireland with Mick Liddy in the Double Handed Open 40 Daft.com. We wish Mark the best of luck and God's blessing in his long and difficult road to recovery and look forward to seeing him sailing again from the NYC in the not too distant future.



The Club ran five very successful two-week Junior training courses over the summer under senior instructor Ben Mitchell and an excellent team of instructors. Participation was again very high with the two July courses being completely booked out and with over 300 course participants.

Our Junior and Youth programme is the single biggest and most important section of sailing in the Club. Many of our Junior and Youth sailors competed with great success at championships at home and abroad at the European and UK Optimists Championships and the Laser, Feva and Topper World championships.



Optimist fleet start at the NYC 2010 Junior Regatta

To mention a few:

- ❖ **Optimists:** Sean and Taigh Donnelly, Conor Totterdell, Danial Raymond, Conor Kneafsey, Sara Cooney, Evi and Conor Byrne.
- ❖ **Toppers:** Partick and Grainne Young, Ben Raymond, Iseult Kneafsey, Alice Shanahan.
- ❖ **Fevas:** Taigh Donnelly, Tom Byrne
- ❖ **Lasers:** Emma Cooney, Sian Kneafsey, Leo Hickey, Will Byrne, Conor Deegan, Chris Raymond and many more.



Danial Raymond, Sorcha Donnelly, Sara Cooney and Conor Kneafsey at the XXIV Trofeo Rizzotti International Team Racing Championships in Venice

An NYC team also went to the Optimist Team racing Cup in Venice in May and had their stay extended courtesy of the Volcanic ash cloud! A course for disabled children was successfully run in the Club alongside our Junior course in July as part of a combined Dun Laoghaire Club initiative in this important area and two introduction days were held for visually impaired children. All in all another busy season for our junior and youth sailors that will be celebrated at the Junior Prize giving dinner and disco on Friday, November 12. Looking forward to the Autumn and winter, there is a busy September with the Dun Laoghaire Junior Sunday series as well as the Topper Leinster and Optimist End of Season Championships.

After that, winter training and coaching, including the very successful Laser Transition year student programme will kick in – full details will be emailed to members and posted on the website. Sincere thanks to the Junior Committee and all others whose hard work ensured that the Clubs Junior and Youth sailing continue to go from strength to strength.



NYC 'Nipper' course graduation with their instructors Ben Shanahan & Finn Murphy



Looking back, as the 2010 summer sailing season draws to a close, we have had a very successful junior training program with the number of dingies on the hard having increased, if that is anything to go by, means that the winter sailing activities will also be up in number. That added to the cruisers also being on the hard over the winter makes space very limited.

To assist Olivier in allocating as many places as possible and also the Boathouse staff keeping order, will dingy owners make sure that masts are not left protruding beyond the length of the boats hull. Lasers are, in particular, very bad offenders. Instructors and

parents can help by making sure that masts are disassembled and boats packed away properly.

Our Global Warming preparations (higher tides) are now complete. The guide rails for the pontoons have been raised by over half a metre and the gangway steps suitably adjusted. The drawbridge to the breakwater was modified at the start of the season.

As the time for lift out approaches, 16th October, can I ask cruiser owners to make sure their trailers or cradles are in a safe condition and strong enough to take the loads. In the past I have been concerned that the supports under some boats have barely sufficient to support the boat in high winds. This year if I have any doubts, after contacting the owner, if no action has been taken the Boat House will add the necessary supports and the owner charged accordingly.

My thanks to the Boathouse staff for finally completing the fitting of 24 new yellow mooring buoys and ground tackle. A back breaking and dirty job which to make matters worse had to be spread out over several months.

The last bit of news I have is that the Club has bought a new Secue rescue boat to be used inside the harbour.



OLYMPIC PROSPECTS

Annalise Murphy had a great end to her 2010 olympic campaign season, winning the Connaught Laser Radial championships on Dublin Bay and then qualifying for the medal race at the Sail for Gold regatta in Weymouth. To quote ISA director of performance sailing James O'Callaghan: – Annalise, in the Laser Radial Class, shone during the week. Conditions could not have been more mixed so the sailors had a challenging week. In fact the experienced race committee struggled with conditions resulting in the sailors regularly having 7 and 8 hour days. Murphy blitzed the fleet with a 1, 2 on the 25 knot plus day and sailed consistently in the other races to qualify for the Medal race in 7th position. Weed on her board hampered her progress in the Medal race but nevertheless she will be confident of her prospects at the Olympic venue.



Olympian Mateas De Silva in the Full Rigs, NYC's Annalise Murphy in the Radials and HYC's Diana Kissane in the 4.7s in a combined fleet of 115 Lasers.

The ISA J80 sailfleet were in the Club in July for the Club Family Championships (won by the Kirwans for the 2nd year running) and a Women on the Water day in which eight of the country's leading lady helms took over 60 women racing on what turned out to be a fantastic day's sailing on Dublin Bay. Guests of honour, sailing for their first time ever, were DLRCC Cathaoirleach Lette McCarthy and Minister for Sport, Arts & Tourism Mary Hanafin. All enjoyed a beautiful Butlers Pantry "Ladies Victorian Tea Party" in the Club dining room after the racing. Sincere thanks to Padraic and Susan O'Grady for the use of their Hanse 53 to support the WOW day and indeed to all the event volunteers without whose support, it would not be possible to host the many events the Club manages. Looking forward to the future, various committees are busy working on many events including the 2011 Dunlaoghaire-Dingle race sponsored again by the Skellig Hotel starting on June 11, 2011, the Dun Laoghaire Regatta Thursday, July 7- Sunday, July 10, 2011, the planned Figaro visit in August 2011 and the ISAF Youth World Championships in July, 2012. So, lots to look forward to – wishing you fair sailing.

Despite mixed weather on all fronts, sailing activity at the National Yacht Club continues to be as busy as ever and our members have yet again brought great success to the Club far and wide as detailed elsewhere in this issue.

Probably the most important racing – the regular Dublin Bay racing by our members continues to be well supported by our members and as popular as ever and the Club is most definitely the current power house of east coast offshore racing.

From an events point of view, after last years hugely successful Dun Laoghaire Regatta, this year saw each club host their own traditional one day regattas. The NYC Regatta on May 29 gave excellent racing to the 200+ entries although the social programme was somewhat spoilt by heavy rain (except for those fortunate to have secured dinner tickets who were rewarded with one of the finest regatta dinners ever!). Either side of our regatta, we hosted two Royal Alfred events, the Baily Bowl and Bloomsday Regatta, both of which enjoyed fine weather! Other notable events over the summer included the Irish Laser Masters Championships on May 22/23 won by Garath Flanagan of Ballyholme, our Junior Regatta (the country's biggest) on July 7 which had a fantastic entry of 170 boats and the Laser Connaughts on the August bank holiday won by Chilean

SAILING ACHIEVEMENTS

On the Olympic scene, Annalise Murphy came 10th out of a fleet of 91 in the Sail for Gold event in Weymouth. It was an incredibly tough and competitive Women's Laser Radial Class. She finished ahead of the Olympic medallists and former European and World champions.

This performance together with solid earlier results in her full time campaign leaves her 13th overall in the 2009/2010 ISAF

World Cup series and hopefully well on the way to London 2012. NYC members, Ben Lynch, Ronan Wallace and Ali Kissane also competed in the Olympic 49er in Weymouth in the Sail for Gold

On the International scene, Cathy MacAleavey, Con Murphy and Rory Byrne, together with Ross Nolan, Colin Jones with Gordon Patterson made the Gold fleet in the SB3 Worlds on Lake Garda. NYC disabled sailors, Ami Kelehan and Duncan Byrne, competed at the IFDS World Championship in Medemblik in the Skud 18 class.

On the National scene, John Lavery and David O'Brien came 2nd at the Flying Fifteen Nationals in Carrigfergus – David Mulvin and Ronan Beirne won in the Silver fleet.

In the keelboats, the main event of the summer was the NYC Regatta, held at the end of May. Club members featured strongly on the winner's podium. In Cruiser 0, Vincent Farrell in *Tsunami* won in both IRC and ECHO. Chris Moore in *Powder Monkey* won Cruiser 1 on Echo while Paul Kirwan in *Errislannan* took Cruiser 1 on IRC. Philip Dilworth in *Orna* won White Sail IRC. David Gorman in *Hy5ive* won the Flying Fifteens and Brian Cullen won the Ruffian class in *Ruff n Ready*.

In Cork Week, members Paul O'Higgins in *Rockabill V*, Philip Dilworth *Orna* and Paul Kirwan in *Errislannan* all won overall in their Class. *Errislannan* was joint winner of Boat of the Week.

In the ICRA Championships, hosted by the RStGYC, member



Rory Byrne

Paul O'Higgins won Cruiser 1. Vincent Farrell won Class 5 IRC White Sail and the Corinthian Cup. Liam Coyne in *Lula Belle* won Class 5 White Sail ECHO.

In Howth Yacht Club's Lambay Race, Philip Dilworth in *Orna* won the prestigious "Lambay Lady Trophy".



J80 fleet approaches the start line during the WOW (Women On the Water) day on Sunday, July 11



Mary Hanafin helps Sorcha Donnelly pack up the sails at the 'WOW' day

In the Round Ireland Race, six boats from the National Yacht Club took part in the fleet of 37. This reflects the very strong Offshore experience within the Club. One of those boats, *Daft.Com*, was sailed two-handed by Mick Liddy and visually impaired, Mark Pollock. Mark recently had a serious accident and we wish him a speedy recovery.

In ISORA, Vincent Farrell in *Tsunami* and Liam Coyne in *Lula Belle* are featuring strongly for the Overall Series.

On the Junior Sailing scene, several NYC junior and youth sailors competed in their class in both World and European championships. Sean Donnelly, the only non-Cork sailor to make Optimist Europeans Team, finished 30th. Others who represented the NYC with distinction include Patrick and Grainne Young (Topper), Emma Cooney, Sian Kneafsey (Laser 4.7), Will Byrne, Conor Kneafsey (Laser Radial), Taigh and Sean Donnelly, Conor Byrne (Feva), Conor Kneafsey, Danial Raymond (Optimist).

This is a huge success story for the Club and the season is still not over.

1914 'MOLLIE' TROPHY PRESENTED TO THE WATERWAG CLUB FOR DISPLAY IN THE NYC

At a Waterwag Club function in the National YC on May 12, NYC member Ian Meldon presented the Club with a trophy that has been in the possession of his family since it was won in 1914. The 'Mollie' trophy is a beautiful Copper framed oval mirror with an enamel burgee of the Dublin Bay Sailing Club and inscribed DBSC – Mollie – 1914. Waterwag *Mollie* was built in 1903 and raced in Dun Laoghaire for many years until the 1980's. In 2004, a new built wag was named *Mollie II* and this is now sailed from the National by Cathy and Con Murphy.

According to the Wag Club archivist's records:

Louis Meldon Joined The Wag Club about 1889 two years after the founding of the club. His first boat, a double ender, was *Rose* built in 1889 by Wm. Fife in Scotland. She was the first of many Water Wags built by Fife. Meldon achieve recognition in 1889 for sailing to the Wicklow Regatta in stormy weather along with two other Wags. *Rose* was followed in 1894 by *Rose Bud* built by J.N.

Atkinson. *Moss Rose* followed in 1896. built by Hollowey & Son on the south Quays of Dublin Docks.

It was the culture of those days to keep a racing boat for no more than a couple of seasons, after which she was sold off as a fishing boat. It was not the norm in those days for anybody to purchase a used racing boat. When the Transom wag was introduced he purchased No. 5, *Mollie* from J.T. Wigham about 1911. He subsequently bought No. 7 *Bluebird*. which he retained from 1921 till 1942. *Bluebird* was broken up some time about 1960.

The 1910 programme refers to a race on May 11 for the 'Mollie Prize'. In 1913 the 'Mollie Prize' was competed for on May 21.

At that time there were 'Club Prizes' which were generally cash prizes based on competitors paying an entry fee to the O.O.D. who was Tulip Newland. 'Special Prizes' were cups or sails or something else of value. Boats which won a Special prize gained four minutes on their handicap automatically. At that time most of the Club prizes were not perpetual prizes. Those prizes which were annual prizes were generally presented with conditions which allowed the first person to win the prize on three occasions to keep it, or to represent it.



Cathy and Con Murphy racing Water wag "Mollie II" on Lough Derg in June



The NYC Golf Society has been very active with several outings taking place. Roger Bannon is presently leading in the *Golfer of the Year* series. The inter-club highlight event of the year, the *Kish Trophy*, will be played for in an outing in Powerscourt Golf Club in September.



Royal Marine Hotel Ladies Trophy, Friday, September 24, 2010.
Powerscourt West Course

This is the main event on our 2010 golf calendar, and we are working hard to ensure it will be a big success. It is a combined Team and Individual event. The *Kish Trophy* will be awarded to the winning team at the presentation dinner. There is also a trophy for the individual overall winner, and of course, the Royal Marine Hotel Trophy for the Best Lady. We expect several teams from the other waterfront clubs and entities, so make sure you get your name in early. Registrations are now invited, individuals or teams of four welcome.

You can reserve a place by texting your name to 086-0784467 (NYC GolfText) or by email to Oonagh at secretary@nyc.ie or call Oonagh at the office 01-2805725. The timesheet will be published on the website www.nyc.ie, and a draft will be sent by email closer to the date. All entries will be acknowledged in early September. Tee is booked from 7:45 am onwards. A very small number can be accommodated in the afternoon. Play in fours, stableford; longest drive, ladies and men; nearest pin competitions. Presentation dinner at The National Yacht Club at 8pm, followed by a bit of fun (your committee are working on this). Hope to see you all there.

Golfer of the Year looks like this:

Men – one discard:	Roger Bannon	131
	Alan Dooley	130
	Joe Buckley	123
	Peter Ryan	118
Women – one discard:	Ann Irwin	112
	Anne Lyons	110
	Cathy Dooley	103

Rebels win in Woodenbridge

Cork had a long overdue win in Woodenbridge as Joe Buckley stormed home with a birdie at the last to pip Terry O'Brien who also carded a fine score. Cathy Dooley, who has been quietly impressive this year, moved her game up a notch to take the Ladies prize. Team prizes went to the Rebel County as well, Bernie Buckley leading Ted McCourt and Terry O'Brien to the Men's title. The Ladies team title went to Linda Corcoran, Maura O'Donovan, Geraldine Tennyson and Teresa Muldoon.

Woodenbridge, badly mauled by the Avoca River in the winter storms, was in miraculously good condition. Great credit is due to the Co. Wicklow club for repairing such extensive damage so quickly. As we sat down to a convivial supper in the clubhouse and marveled at the views on all sides the consensus was; we'll be back!



As we approach the Autumnal Equinox, the lure of the green baize becomes apparent as the activity in the Snooker Room builds from early evening onwards when some of the regulars get in some pre-competition practice.

The handicaps have been revised and will be posted on the notice board. The draws for the pre-Christmas competitions, i.e. the McWilliams, Elgan and the Johnston Memorial Doubles will take place this month and will be posted.

As usual, we will be organising the very popular inter-club competition and there will be snooker news on the Club website. Please notify the Club admin staff of your e-mail address to receive updates of news and competitions.

A few reminders of Competition Rules and Protocol:

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

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



We are nearly around to the walking season again which commences with the first walk on Sunday, October 3. The NYC Walking Group meets on the first Sunday of each month from October through to April starting at 12 noon and in Summertime – 1.00pm.

All members of the NYC are welcome including their families. No formal joining is necessary – just turn up on the day. Walks are of a leisurely nature in the Dublin and Wicklow hills and are generally of three hours duration including a picnic break. We always meet regardless of the weather.

They are organised and led by Desmond Campbell with assistance from Kevin Browne and Ken Slattery. Details are announced each month, a good week in advance, by email and a circular on the Club notice board. If you are not already on the list and want to be included, please email me.

Have you visited the Club Website?

NYC.IE

Members should contact the office to register for their individual code to access the members only area.

Bridge News

Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convenor
idakiernan@gmail.com

I look forward to welcoming all bridge players back to the tables at the end of September. It was a wonderful Summer. I hope everyone enjoyed, as much as I did, the great sailing weather, lots of sunshine and great fun. It is a pity it has to end but there's always winter sailing for hardy sailors. See you on the water in November!

New Bridge Club Monday Evenings

I am intruding an "Novice Plus" bridge club every Monday evening 7.30-10.15pm commencing September 27 to run until December 6. We will continue after Christmas if members wish. Let's see how the first season works.

We will run a competition each Monday with winners announced the following Monday. We will also run special competitions on selected Monday's. It is all about playing bridge. It is not a class. However, regular players will be there to help answer any of your questions.

I hope our recent new players and friends will support the new bridge evening. The purpose is to familiarise our new group of players into a bridge club atmosphere, without any pressure from regular players. We will have a host partner each Monday, so no excuse, you will always get a game.

Thursday Bridge Club

The new bridge season will commence on Thursday, September 30. Bridge will start at 7.30pm sharp and will be followed by supper in the dining room at 9.00pm. If you are attending please let me know by email – idakierna@gmail.com. I shall need numbers for the dining room.

Thursday Bridge Club Diary Dates:

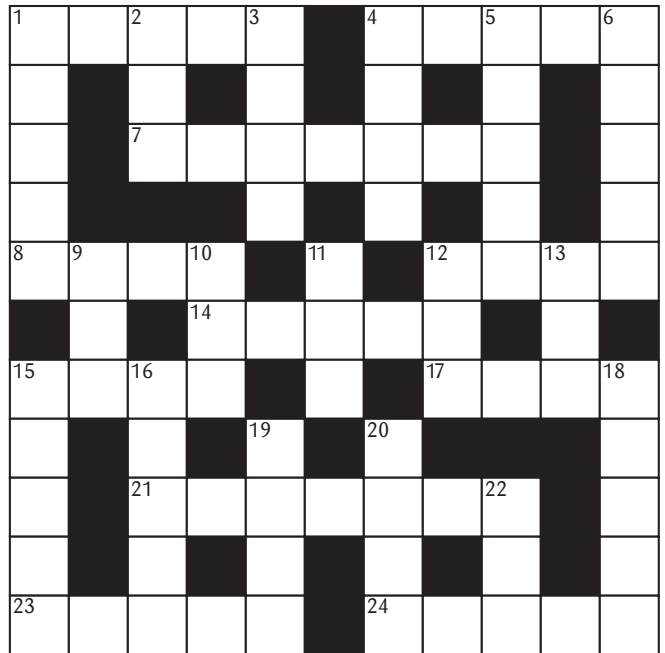
- September 30: *First bridge night – 7.30pm; Supper in dining room – 9.00pm;*
- November 11: *Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy, Individual competition;*
- December 2: *Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy, Pair's competition*
- December 9: *Bridge Party and Prize giving.*
- January 13, 2011: *Bridge 7.30pm, followed by supper.*

It is not my intention to run beginner's classes this year. However, if members are interested, please let me know and I may rethink the situation. I may arrange advanced classes on Monday afternoons for our regular players.

I would like to encourage members to attend either our Monday or Thursday bridge evenings. It's a great way to meet members and make new friends and I look forward to meeting you during the season.

Navigator No. 49

There was no winner for Navigator 48. This time a nice easy one to while away the winter nights. First correct solution opened will win dinner for two with a bottle of house wine. Entries to reach the navigator before sundown October 31.



Across

- 1 With 11 down: First OD (5)
- 4 Fears (5)
- 7 Fatherly star (7)
- 8 Avian home (4)
- 12 Seeing organs (4)
- 14 Once more (5)
- 15 Steep peak (4)
- 17 Lovers meet (4)
- 21 Pertaining to the oceans (7)
- 23 Breakfast, lunch & dinner (5)
- 24 Often said to be advancing (5)

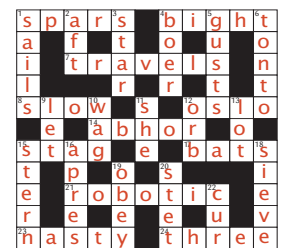
10 Label (3)

- 11 See one across (3)
- 12 Stop (3)
- 13 Newt (3)
- 15 Should rise to the top (5)
- 16 Scent (5)
- 18 Deserves (5)
- 19 Wagers (4)
- 20 Sole (4)
- 22 American agency (3)

Answers to Navigator 48:

Down

- 1 Wednesday's God (5)
- 2 Uppermost (3)
- 3 Thick hempen cord (4)
- 4 Obligation (4)
- 5 Before time agreed (5)
- 6 They are in Yorkshire (5)
- 9 Aural organ (3)



NYC COLLECTION

- Silk Club Tie €30
- Tee-Shirt €45
- Sailing Jacket €65
- Silk Bow Tie €30
- Silk Clip Bow Tie €30



Social Calendar

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

SEPTEMBER 2010

- Wed **1** Wine Supper – *The last of the Summer Wine Suppers. Suppers with Guest Speakers will commence in October.*
- Thu **2** Members' Race & Sailing Suppers
- Sat **4** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **5** Family Lunch
- Fri **10** NYC Golf Society Dinner
- Sat **11** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **12** Family Lunch
- Tue **14** Ladies Day Lunch – *Speaker: Ena Ronayne, 1pm, €20 to include Lunch & Talk. See Highlights.*
- Sat **18** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **19** Family Lunch
- Sat **25** End of Season Dinner, usual A La Carte Menu
- Sun **26** Family Lunch
- Thu **30** Bridge restarts – *Bridge Supper 9pm*

OCTOBER

- Fri **1** Supper & talk with Pat & Olivia Murphy – *The story of a nine year circumnavigation. See Highlights.*
- Sat **2** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **3** Family Lunch
- Mon **4** YMO Course commences 7pm
- Tue **5** YMC Course commences 7pm
- Wed **6** Bar Table Quiz, Round 1. *See Highlights.*
- Thu **7** Fitness Course – 10am, JB Room. *See Highlights.*
- Sat **9** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **10** Family Lunch
- Tue **12** Ladies Day Lunch – *Dun Laoghaire Historical Society Presentation*

OCTOBER

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- Wed **13** Wine Supper
- Fri **15** Photographer of the Year – *Supper & Prizegiving. See Highlights.*
- Sat **16** Lift-out
A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **17** Family Lunch
- Wed **20** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 2*
- Fri **22** Flying Fifteens Class Dinner
- Sat **23** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **24** Family Lunch
- Wed **27** Wine Supper
- Fri **29** Cruisers 1 Class Dinner
- Sat **30** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **31** Family Lunch

NOVEMBER

- Wed **3** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 3*
- Fri **5** Sigma Class Dinner
- Sat **6** I.S.O.R.A. Dinner – *Black Tie Dinner followed by Prizegiving & Disco.*
- Sun **7** Family Lunch
- Tue **9** Ladies Day Lunch, *Topic: Flower Arranging*
- Wed **10** Wine Supper
- Fri **12** Junior Section Prizegiving Dinner
- Sat **13** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **14** Family Lunch
- Wed **17** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 4*
- Sat **20** A La Carte Club Dinner
- Sun **21** Family Lunch
- Wed **24** Wine Supper
- Sun **28** Family Lunch

DECEMBER

- Wed **1** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 5*
- Fri **3** National Yacht Club Ladies Dinner – *Fashion Show & Charity Raffle*
- Sat **4** Rear Commodore's Christmas Dinner – *Mulled Wine Reception, Hamper Draw, Live Music with the Slovak Festival Ensemble, Booking Forms, €50pp.*
- Sun **5** Family Lunch
- Wed **8** Christmas Wine Supper
- Sat **11** Vice Commodore's Christmas Dinner – *Mulled Wine Reception, Hamper Draw, Live Music with Tropical Storm, Booking Forms, €50pp*
- Sun **12** Santa Party. *Santa will arrive at 12 noon. Visits begin at 12.30pm. Dining Room Lunch booked out. Bar food available. Booking forms for Santa at Porter's desk.*
- Tue **14** Ladies Day Lunch, *Speaker: Robert Mitchell; Topic: Christmas Wines.*
- Wed **15** Bar Table Quiz & Supper – *A Quiz Season Highlight.*
- Sat **18** Commodore's Christmas Dinner – *Mulled Wine Reception, Hamper Draw, Live Music with Tropical Storm, Booking Forms, €50pp*
- Sun **19** Family Lunch
Christmas Carols in the Bar
- Fri **24** Christmas Eve Lunch – *Booking Forms €30pp – Childrens' Menu available, Clubhouse will close at 5pm*
- Tue **28** Clubhouse reopens – *usual Lunchtime Catering Facilities in the Bar.*
- Wed **29** Normal Bar & Catering facilities
- Thu **30** Normal Bar & Catering facilities
- Fri **31** New Year's Eve Lunch – *Live music, 4-Course Lunch, Champagne Reception, Booking forms for reservations, €35pp*

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Ladies Day Lunches

2nd Tuesday of the Month from September to May, 1pm, €20pp – Sandra Moore has a list of varied & interesting speakers lined up for the season, starting with Ena Ronayne, The Garden Design Co., "Get to the root of the problem". B.Sc. in Horticulture, Ena is a teacher & runs the Garden Design Co. Ena will answer all your questions on planting, growing, design & garden maintenance. Tuesday, September 14, 1pm, €20pp.

Bar Table Quiz

Every 2nd Wednesday from October to April, 8.30pm, €10 per team (includes finger food) – Twenty years going & still one of the most popular events on the social calendar. Pat Whelan will have all the questions &, hopefully, you will have all the answers. Teams of up to six – visitors with members are very welcome. The Bar Table Quiz is proudly sponsored by local gents' outfitters, Frewen & Aylward.

Wine Suppers

On alternative Wednesday evenings, €30pp (includes tasting wines). Wine Suppers continue to grow in popularity. Wine experts, Consultants & Lecturers discuss the chosen wines of the evening. The menu of the evenings is created to reflect the wine region selected. Sincere thanks to Pat Byrne, of Findlater Wine & Spirit Group, for co-ordinating the speakers & to Larry Power MC for the evenings.

Speaker Supper

Friday, October 1, Supper: 8pm; Talk: 9pm, €20pp – Pat & Olivia Murphy will present a talk & slide show on their nine year circumnavigation during which they sailed 40,000 miles & visited 39 countries. It promises to be a memorable evening for sailors & non-sailors alike.

Fitness Course

Starting Thursday, October 7, 10am, €50pp – Lynn Anthony will run a six-week fitness course & the maximum number of participants will be 15. Participants must bring their own mat. The programme will include circuit training, flexibility work, yoga & muscular endurance activities. Book in advance at the Administration Office. Members unable to make the first course can book for the second course starting November 18.

Navigation Courses

Mondays & Tuesdays, commencing October 4 – Theory courses for ISA Yachtmaster Coastal & ISA Yachtmaster Offshore. Application forms at the Club or contact Jim Gorman, 086 2535670.

Photographer of the Year 2010

Friday, October 15, 2010, Supper: 8pm followed by Judges comments & prizegiving, €25pp. Categories: Landscapes, Sailing, Portraits. Entries for this competition are now being accepted. Please email your photographs to NYCDLphoto@gmail.com. The photographer of the year & other prize winners will be announced at the Supper.