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Another challenge?

Adventurer Steve Fossett's latest attempt to complete a solo circumnavigation of the world in a balloon, which ended in Brazil on August 17 reminds us that it is eight years since his yacht *Lakota* smashed the Round Ireland Record.

That fantastic sail was set up and crewed by Cathy MacAleavey and Con Murphy (NYC) and the stupendous time they achieved was 44 hrs. 42 mins. and 20 secs.

– an average speed of 15.84 kts for the 708 nm course, as verified by official timekeeper, Gerry Pinkster.

This record gave the National

Yacht Club the magnificent Cork Dry Gin Round Ireland Record Trophy. The three foot high cup has been the centre piece of our trophy display cabinet ever since and is the pride of the NYC's collection of silver. The record sail also gave the NYC the right to host and officiate any future round Ireland record attempts.

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THE ROUGH ROUTE TO DINGLE

The balmy conditions at the start misled everyone. This year's fifth National Yacht Club D2D Race was truly no stroll in the park. *Emircedes* skipper, Michael Horgan's typically laconic comment that the race was "character forming" said much, as did his decision to put his crew's safety first by retiring off the Skelligs when *Emircedes* was still a front runner for overall victory.

The pasting that the fleet took from the high winds and awesome seas between Bull Rock and the finish, and the exhausted faces on display afterwards at Dingle Marina, testified that this is an event for

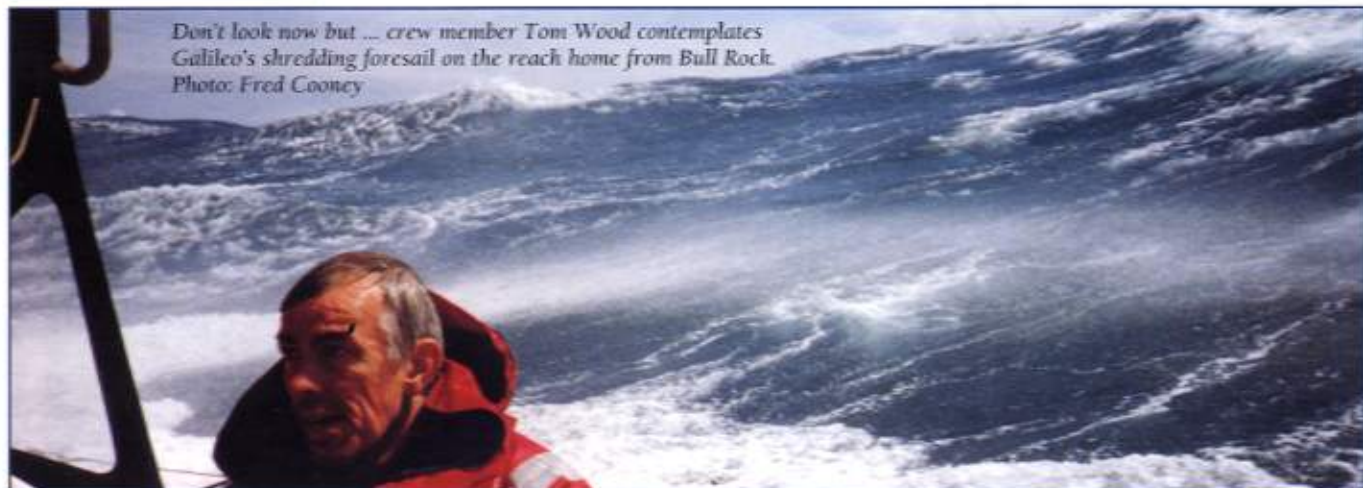
the most proficient offshore skippers and crews. If you suspect exaggeration, just look at the photograph!

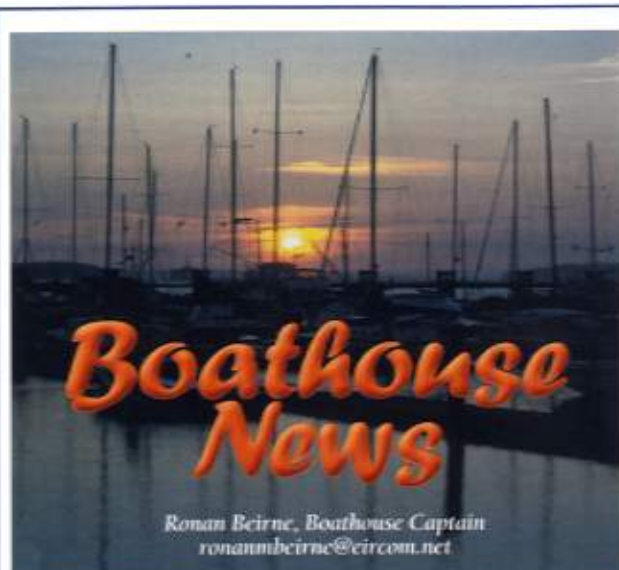
Thankfully, and to their great credit, everyone came through safely, many with outstanding

results. Denis Doyle's success in again helming *Moonmaster* to line honours, retention of the overall Trophy by the *Joggerman* "B" Team (who led on IRC handicap at every reporting point), *Galileo's* success in securing third place (with a shredded foresail!) on her very first race, and the heroic deeds of our friends from *Whitby* in *Obsession* – these especially will live in our memories.

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Don't look now but ... crew member Tom Wood contemplates *Galileo's* shredding foresail on the reach home from Bull Rock.
Photo: Fred Cooney





- **Lift-out** is planned for Saturday, October 20, 2001. Booking forms are now available.
- **Winter Sailing:** Space will be allocated for youth training, frostbite dinghies and flying fifteen winter programme. There is a separate form for booking dinghies and fifteens.
- **Junior section dinghies** must now be removed and deposits may then be returned.
- **Dinghies and fifteens** must vacate a week before lift-out to provide space for cradle and trailer delivery.
- **RiBs:** A limited number of spaces will be available for RiBs. Preference given to those who volunteer to assist with the winter sailing programme.
- **Marina boats** may use the crane for lifting and short term hard standing over the winter months, booking with boathouse office.
- **Private mooring licensees** must make specific arrangements with Colm Dempsey for winter service. A space for this is on the winter storage form.
- **Powerboat certificate training course** will take place after lift-out. Details to follow on website www.nyc.ie and on notice board.
- **April 13, 2002: lift-in**

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ANOTHER CHALLENGE

To date no yacht has attempted to challenge Lakota's record, but among the new breed of 100 ft+ multihulls, interest has recently been expressed in the record and no doubt it's only a matter of time before another challenge is mounted. The record time set back in September 1993 is not just a round Ireland record, but also an ISAF and WSSRC (World Sailing Speed Record Council) ratified World record for a circumnavigation which still stands. (The closest other circumnavigation record is the Round the Isle of Wight record which achieved an average speed of 13.82 kts).

A recent rumour suggests that Tony Bullimore had expressed an 'interest' in taking on the challenge.



Crew of Lakota with Cup, from left to right: Con Murphy, Cathy MacAleavey, Steve Fosset (US), David Scully (US) and Brian Thompson (UK)

THE GREAT GLEN RAID

NYC Sailing Secretary on Lough Ness in the 15' Orkney Ketch "AUK" taking part with Cathy and 40 other boats in "The Great Glen Raid" - a week long race up the Caledonian canal from Fort William to Inverness





At the time of writing seven of our top level of the Youth Training section are awaiting results of the ISA Level 5 exam. Marks of 50% will get them a pass, 75% will get them an invitation to train to become an instructor. I am confident that most will get the invitation. Having seven sit the exam is the highest number any club, I think, has had in recent years. Further, the quality of the people going forward this year is very high – a testament to the training and commitment of all the people concerned.

At the other end of the spectrum it was great to see the beginners blossom from the timid "I'm not sure if I want to do this" stage at the swimming test in June, to the "let's dunk the instructors" stage on the last day of the course. The Junior Organiser would get the same treatment if they could get their hands on him! As one parent of two beginners commented, the initial fear of capsizing is the key. Once they get over this and discover that capsizing is some of the best fun of all, they're away! In fact for a period of level one and two all they want to do is capsize.

With the level five exam, the summer season for the youth/junior section draws to a close. It has been a good season and the weather was kind by and large.

Instructors

The opportunities now open to kids in their late teens are vast and it seems this is particularly so when it comes to sailing instructors. Early in the year, at a time historically when the junior organiser of big clubs are deluged with CVs and applications for summer employment, it became clear that this year was different. "A" grad instructors, apart from being at a time of life when work starts impinging on sailing, were off travelling in great numbers. Far from teaching on Dublin, they were off to places like Hawaii, Chicago, Cape Cod and Greece. There must have been as many ISA qualified instructors in the Caribbean this year as on Dublin Bay itself. A sort of young sailing Diaspora; the world is truly their oyster it seems.

We fared well, benefiting from the experience of well practised "A"s namely Gareth Clarke from Clontarf and our own Chris Hegarty, both of whom had already done their travelling. They led great teams for each of the courses. They were ably assisted by Al Mitton, David Cullen, Ian Hickey, Aisling Murray, Fiona Dunleavy, Dylan Gannon, Chris Chapman, Natasha Kelly, Jessica Nowlan, Paul Baker, Philip O'Reilly, Ronan Ryan and of course, Caroline Jago who was administrator and shore-mum. Thanks to them all and also to the others who helped from time to time. In particular David Cullen, who worked on all three courses this year and was highly regarded by all, will be upgrading to "A" during the winter and has agreed to be head "A" for next year.

Apart from instructors, much work was done in organising and running the courses. In this I would like to mention the hard work done in particular by Susan O'Grady as well as David Mulvin and Joe McDonnell and Boathouse Captain, Ronan Beirn. As ever, the Club and boathouse staff were as helpful and encouraging as could be.

ISA Small Boat Sailing Scheme – Logbooks

During the year we have seen a change in the ISA training

programme. Up to now, the ISA ran two separate training regimes. The National Sailing Scheme and Youth Training Scheme. Yacht clubs ran courses under the YTS while commercial training schools worked by the NSS. Switching from one course to the other mid course was mildly problematic as different aspects of sailing were not covered in the order. This year the ISA have brought these together into the "Small Boat Sailing Scheme". The new scheme has only four main levels, but with many add-on components for which separate certificates can be obtained.

While those on level four and five of this year's course continue on the old course and old logbooks, levels one, two and three have been operating on the new course and new logbooks. The new logbooks for those who achieved a certificate at levels 1-3 are being written up at the moment and certificates attached. These will be available for collection from the Club Secretary on payment of £4.50 for the logbook. Please note that the logbook is important and must be kept safely – it is your record of your sailing achievements and must be produced for the next course and at any level exams.

DBSC Autumn Series

The DBSC Autumn Series for junior dinghies kicked off on the last weekend in August. This event is run to provide some semi-serious racing after the junior sections of the various clubs have packed up. DBSC and in particular the organisers Ciara Brown and Eddie Tingle could not do more to try and provide racing to please. While the racing is being run out of the RStGYC this year, it will be run from the NYC next year. It is disappointing it is not being better supported this year as it really is a great event.

Winter Training

While the summer may be over the Club has, under the chairmanship of Colm Murray, set up an extensive winter training programme. In-depth coaching on a three week course is difficult. Responding to an expressed need, the National Yacht Club has planned youth winter training programme over ten Sunday mornings from September 30 to December 16, 2001 (excluding October 18 and 21, lift-out and bank holiday). Optimist, mirror and laser classics will be on the water from 10 a.m. to lunch. Debriefing with video footage will follow for optimists and mirrors. Lasers will continue till 3 p.m. and then debrief. Refreshments will be available to parents in the J.B. room. Participants from other waterfront clubs will train with our juniors and cadets. No Dun Laoghaire laser training has been provided in winter time. Our coaches will provide instruction and analysis in all facets of the sport enabling our youth to enjoy their sport while developing their skills.

Start of the Mirrors at the DBSC Autumn Series. Our own Vice Commodore Chris Moore visible in the background as Race Officer of the Day



Prize-giving Dinner and Disco

Finally, the annual Junior Prize-giving Dinner and disco will be on Friday, October 12. I will be writing to those taking part in the courses about this.

FB Mal Nowlan



NYC WIN GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE

Kinsale Yacht Club once again played host and provided their excellent facilities in staging the Alphyra Flying Fifteen National Championships held from July 20 to 22. The 34 boat fleet enjoyed a weekend of mixed weather from pouring rain to no wind to 20 knots and glorious sunshine.

The fleet was divided into three categories namely gold, silver and bronze. Gerry Donleavy and David Gorman emerged as National Champions following a weekend of very tight racing. Congratulations to Fraser Mitchell and Peter Glanville who won the silver fleet with Michael McCambridge and Howard Kent taking the bronze. All three teams represented the National Yacht Club.



Ger Dunleavy and Dave Gorman closely cover Ken Dumbleton and Greg McGibney

Due to the fog race one was held in Kinsale's "inner harbour" which made for difficult racing as the wind was bouncing all over the place. Justin Burke and Allen Green sailed a very good race and won well from Sean Craig and Ben O'Donoghue in second.

The OOD decided to take the second race outside as the fog was starting to lift. This race was sailed in 10-12 knots and was won by Darren Martin and Simon Murray from Donleavy and Gorman in second who had led for most of the race.

Saturday brought stronger winds with two goods races sailed in 10-18 knots of breeze. The general recall seemed to even the good luck/bad luck equation for the day as Donleavy sailed two good races and won both quite well.

Sunday morning greeted the fleet with sunshine and no wind. Race one, which was won by Craig and O'Donoghue, turned into a procession after a large wind shift.

The break between races allowed crews to perform the arithmetic necessary in determining what needed to be done to win. Only three crews could win overall with Donleavy and Gorman needing a fourth to take the title. Donleavy covered the fleet to finish third in race six and take the title by just two points from Burke with Martin a further one and a quarter points behind in third.

LASER MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Laser Masters World Championships was held from August 12 to 18 under the burgee of the RCYC. The event attracted the largest ever laser fleet and entries had to be capped at 320 boats. Three members of the National competed, Mark Lyttle (apprentice), Conor Grimley (apprentice) and Frank Cronin (master).

Twelve races were scheduled over six days. As it turned out six races were sailed inside the harbour at East Ferry in conditions of poor visibility and winds force 3-5. Four more races were sailed outside Roches Point in both light and moderately heavy conditions. The last day's racing was cancelled due to high winds.

Mark put in a terrific performance with very consistent results in his fleet of 91 boats to finish 4th overall, only barely missing the bronze medal. He finished on equal points as third but lost out on the tie break rule. Congratulations to Mark on wonderful performance.

Conor only in his second season of laser racing finished 81st in his fleet. A great performance for one so new to lasers. Well done Conor.

Frank, having put in a lot of training, finished 27th in his fleet of 70 boats. After a shaky start finishing a number of races in the twenties and thirties he scored three solid results in the teens: 11th, 16th and 17th. He says this is a good platform to campaign for next year in America.

RUFFIAN NATIONALS

The 2001 Ruffian National Championships were held July 13 to 15 under the burgee of the National Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire. Competition was keen, with 20 boats competing over the three days, most having a discard they weren't proud of by the end of the series! Principal race officer, Con Murphy did an excellent job running six races in light, often fluky winds.

The light winds obviously suited Ruff-Nuff, skippered by Derek Mitchell, who, by the end of the first days racing, had two wins under his belt. Scamp, skippered by Gerry Jones, was lying second with defending champion, Fred Ridgeway, sailing Scruffian, lying third. The slightly stronger winds on the Saturday gave rise to some very close racing but not even a win for Chris Moore's Paramour and Scruffian in races three and four respectively, could deny Ruff Nuff the championship. Two third places meant by the end of the



day, the title belonged to them. Icicle, helmed imaginatively by Colm Murray, took the Silver Fleet trophy.

1720 SPORTSBOAT UPDATE

Six pairs of fresh underwear please. That was the request in Kinsale earlier this season made by Brian Lennon (Xerox) to Adam Winkelmann (Yoke). This came at the end of a memorable windy day in Kinsale at the 1720 National Championships in June. Yoke had gone airborne off the crest of a breaking wave to pass Xerox not to starboard or port but over the starboard quarter. At the time Xerox was travelling at about 12 knots and Yoke at something pushing the 20 knot mark downwind. It was a terrifying and yet exhilarating moment that marked the start of a great season of 1720 sailing.

Unfortunately the NYC 1720 representation at the National Championships did not bring home any silver, and as usual Mark Mansfield became national champion in the class. However, at other events our 1720 sailors have performed well. Martin Byrne (Key Events) won the Dublin Docklands Development Authority sponsored Liffey Challenge against 18 other 1720's racing in the river between the East Link and Matt Talbot bridges. This was a test of tactical ability, nerve and crew skills in close quarters. My own memory of the event has given me the odd sleepless night. A knot in the spinnaker halyard at just the wrong time in mid drop conspired to result in us hroaching at 6 knots towards a significant immovable obstruction in the form of the Quay. Not a pretty sight from the owners perspective at the back of the boat.

Thankfully in other events we have fared slightly better. Yoke has succeeded in winning the Royal Alfred Superleague, including a win at the NYC regatta. Both Pura Unleaded (Paul Barrington, Byrne and Smith) and Sun Microsystems (Richard Stafford) have campaigned extensively throughout the season. The new boys on the block in Hot Stuff (Jones, McWhiston and Murphy) have climbed the learning curve quickly and hopefully will soon start to collect.

Closer to home the 1720 fleet continues to thrive both in Dun Laoghaire and in Howth. A better turnout for mid-week racing at DBSC would be nice, but the weekend racing continues to attract a fleet in excess of 20 ultra competitive boats, many of which are based in Howth. The NYC participation is key to the success of the class both within the club and in the bay. Herein lies the key point for this article. One of the unique aspects of the class these days is that we sail as a combined fleet of boats based both in Dun Laoghaire and Howth. This provides a healthy environment of inter-club participation and sustains many friendships, rivalries and the usual slugging sessions. The 1720 fleet have managed to sustain a Royal Alfred participation in Howth where all others have ceased. I urge other classes and sailors to seek out such interclub opportunities, and most important of all, do the sponsors and the host clubs a favour by turning up for the prizegiving. Special thanks to DDDA, Cork Dry Gin, Parallel Internet, Windmill Leisure and Key Events for their event sponsorships this season.

Adam Winkelmann, 1720 Class Captain

NYC REGATTA



Commodore and Vice Commodore on NYC Regatta day

Regatta 2001 was one of the most successful ever with 257 boats taking part, encompassing 25 classes with a total of 67 programmes. The courses, however, were a little short. The fact that 1720's were fast, relative to other classes, should be looked at for future regattas to avoid possible collisions with slower boats.



The A Team on NYC Regatta Day



Regatta Day photos M. Chester

Snooker News



Congratulations to the winners of various competitions now that another successful season is finished. Commiserations to Frank Cassidy who has been the runner-up in every final of the Elgan Cup since the competition was inaugurated.

The Club are again winners of the inter-sailing clubs' snooker competition. A new competition was started between the NYC and HUSC for a perpetual trophy. NYC won the inaugural game.

Preston Ball Trophy: Winner: N. Masterson, Runner-up: D. Morley; **McWilliams Memorial Doubles:** Winner: G. Doherty & O. Murphy, Runner-up: H. Kearns & M. Rothschild; **McWilliams Trophy:** Winner: R. Wharton, Runner-up: J. Hall; **Elgan Cup:** Winner: J. Hall, Runner-up: F. Cassidy

Entry forms for competitions for the coming season will be available from 1st September. New members are especially welcome and invited to contact Joe Buckley or David O'Reilly. Don't be deterred if you haven't played snooker before now. Games are played on a handicap basis and your fellow members will explain the rudiments to you. It is proposed to hold the Snooker AGM on September 19.

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THE ROUGH ROUTE TO DINGLE

So also will the camaraderie of the après race celebrations in the Skellig and elsewhere throughout Dingle together with the quiet efficiency of harbour master, Brian Farrell, the unstinting work of the young members of Dingle Sailing Club and the unique generosity of our sponsors, Piense. For many competitors, the gentle cruise back to base provided time to reflect on a complete sailing experience.

Planning for D2D 2003 is now underway, bolstered by Ged Piense's most welcome announcement that his company will again sponsor the event. The châteaux are already making enquiries!

The basic format – race, Dingle, cruise home – will of course be retained. After all, why change a winning formula? But we will also seek to build on what this year demonstrated most clearly of all – that the National Yacht Club's Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race has truly come of age. It now ranks, in the *ex cathedra* view of nautical scribe, Winky Nixon, as one of the great events in the offshore racing calendar.

NEW MEMBERS ROLL FROM MAY 2001

We welcome the following members who have joined the National Yacht Club this year since May.

Ross McParland
Phelim O'Connell
Jim O'Rourke
Carl Ruddy

Damien Butler
Joanne Gibney
Stephanie Hegarty
Caoimhe Lambert
Gemma Miller
Eva O'Grady

Ian Downing
Anthony Durkan
Sarah Gorman
James Gormley
Grainne Grimley
John Hennessy
Roisin Kehoe
Kate Matthews
Denise McMahon
Elizabeth Miller
Joan Morgan
Kevin Nowlan
John O'Mahony
Carmel Quigley

Noelle Roberts
Margaret Ryan
Katherine Vaterlin
Susan Watters

Alva Hope-Ross
Maeve Jennings
Barry Jennings
Michael Keagh
Paul Leech
Paul Maguire
Paul Moore
Gemma Moran
Anthony Murphy
Peter Sherry
Patrick Swords
Orna Tubridy
Mona Tyndall

FULL

David Chapman
John Condran
Dermot Gray
Stroud Hall
Sean Kelly
Patrick Levins

ENSIGN

Paul Ahern
Fergal O'Connor
Nils Vaterlin

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Mark Burke
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Diane Davison
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Patrick Brophy
Stephen Butler

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David Brady
Mark Byrne
James Carroll
Barry Donoghue
John Farrelly
Patricia Flemming
Yvonne Gordon
David Gould



Bridge News

Bridge is back at the National Yacht Club from Thursday, September 27, 2001. I look forward to welcoming our Bridge members to our regular Thursday night game. We always like to see new members enjoying the club so just come along at 7.20 p.m. any Thursday and meet the rest of the gang, I promise, you will enjoy the evening.

The diary dates should keep us busy for the coming months. I look forward to a well attended and fun season – see you there! Remember we start at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convener

Diary Dates

Thursday, November 1:	Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy (Individual Competition)
Thursday, November 29:	Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy 1st Session (Pairs Competition)
Thursday, December 6:	Bill & Eva Nolan Memorial Trophy 2nd Session (Pairs Competition)
Thursday, December 13:	Christmas Party & Prize Giving
Thursday, January 10:	Bridge Dinner



Walking Group

First walk of the new season is scheduled for Sunday, October 7 and will continue on the first Sunday of each month. Venues and meeting times will be posted on the club noticeboard at least one week in advance. New members are particularly welcome and most walks are suitable for families including children and dogs. Look forward to seeing you on October 7.



The Navigator



Across

3. With the start of 13 across is 11 down (3)
5. Oppose in the boat (6)
6. No back (2)
8. With two you might get twin twins (10)
9. Snake (3)
11. When woolly not good for the fruit (5)
12. Listen to the north close by (4)
13. First half of 11 down (3)
15. Meadow (3)
16. Beckham wears one? (5)

Down

1. Fast bird (4)
2. Leah and Rachel's father (5)
3. Indicates location (2)
4. Burden (4)
7. Eastern dress (4)
8. Not offshore (7)
10. One of three which included Nina (5)
11. See 3 and 13 across (5)
14. Rural head (3)

THE DUN LAOGHAIRE COMBINED CLUBS

EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE

in aid of
The RNLI

at the
Royal St. George Yacht Club

The exhibition will be opened by
Mr. Shay Moran, Commodore of the
Royal St. George Yacht Club

on
Thursday, September 27, 2001

at
8 p.m.

and will continue on
Friday and Saturday,
September 28 and 29

from
12 noon until 8 p.m.

On Saturday, September 29 there will be a fork supper and Auction of Selected Paintings. There will be exhibits from both Club members and guest professional artists.

All exhibits will be on sale with a percentage of the proceeds going to the RNLI.

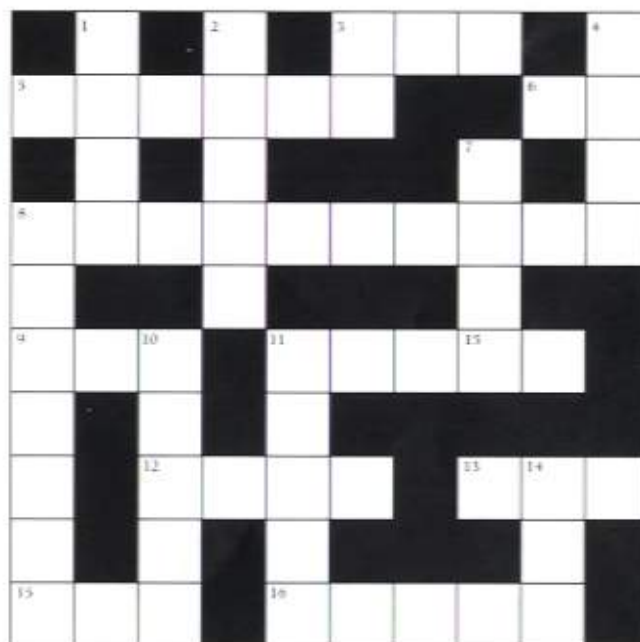
Professional artists include:

Anne Blaney	George Walsh	Teresa O'Connor	Patrick Cahill
Louise Mansfield	Susan O'Brien	Berthold Darrin	Ted Jones
Gerard Glynn	Fergal Flanagan	Janet McNaughton	Michael Beer
Paul Kavanagh	James English	Liam Tracy	Liam O'Neill
Patrick Lynch	Fabrice Flanagan	John Warden	Gerard Glynn
Stephen Cole	Bethan Darrin	Donnald Hickey	
George Gilroy	Norman McCaig	Roy Lynskey	

If you would like to exhibit a painting (or two) or a sculpture, please contact

David O'Reilly by phone: 086 2555279
or email: fan@indigo.ie

To reserve a table for supper please call the RStGYC catering office at (01) 2801811.



Another easy one to while away the autumn hours. Entries to reach the editor before sundown on October 31, 2001. The prize will be *dinner for two with a bottle of house wine* for the first correct entry opened.

Results to Navigator No. 23.

Across: 1. NYC, 5. Forego, 6. TT, 8. Gulf stream, 9. Dab, 11. Snack, 12. Ibex, 13. Fin, 15. Nay, 16. Reeve.

Down: 1. Tofu, 2. Delft, 3. No, 4. Stem, 7. Rear, 8. Gudgeon, 10. Briny, 11. Steer, 14. Ire.

Congratulations to **Hubie Kearns** who gets the prize of dinner for two plus a bottle of house wine for his winning entry.

Social Calendar

O C T O B E R

Wednesday	3	Bar Table Quiz
Saturday	6	Flying Fifteens East Coast Championship Dinner
Sunday	7	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	10	Wine Suppers
Friday	12	Youth Section Prizegiving Dinner and Disco
Saturday	13	Rugby International Bruch with Big Screen TV in Dining Room Dun Laoghaire Autumn Series Prizegiving Dinner.
Sunday	14	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	17	Bar Table Quiz
Saturday	20	Rugby International Bruch with Big Screen TV in Bar - Club Dinner with Piano Music
Sunday	21	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	24	Wine Suppers
Friday	26	Sigmas Dinner
Saturday	27	D'n'D Night
Sunday	28	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	31	Bar Table Quiz

N O V E M B E R

Friday	2	Mermaid Dinner
Saturday	3	Club Dinner with Piano Music
Sunday	4	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	7	Speaker Supper with Kevin Dwyer - The hidden Ireland - Supper: 8.30, Talk: 9.30 p.m.
Friday	9	Ruffians Prizegiving Dinner
Saturday	10	Club Dinner with Piano Music
Sunday	11	Family Luncheon
Tuesday	13	Ladies Day Luncheon
Wednesday	14	Bar Table Quiz
Friday	16	Flying Fifteens Prizegiving Dinner
Saturday	17	D'n'D Night
Sunday	18	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	21	Wine Suppers
Saturday	24	Royal Alfred Dinner
Sunday	25	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	28	Bar Table Quiz

D E C E M B E R

Saturday	1	Club Dinner with Piano Music
Sunday	2	Family Luncheon
Wednesday	5	Wine Suppers
Friday	7	Ladies Christmas Dinner
Saturday	8	First Christmas Dinner Booking Forms
Sunday	9	Santa Party Children's Luncheon
Tuesday	11	Ladies Day Luncheon
Wednesday	12	Bar Table Quiz
Saturday	15	Second Christmas Dinner Booking Forms
Sunday	16	Family Luncheon
Saturday	22	Club Dinner with Piano Music
Sunday	23	Family Luncheon
Monday	24	Christmas Eve Luncheon Clubhouse will close at 4 p.m.
Friday	28	Normal Bar and Catering Facilities
Saturday	29	Club Dinner
Sunday	30	Family Luncheon
Monday	31	New Year's Eve Gala Dinner and Dance

Christmas Dinners

December 8 and 15. Early booking is advisable for both dates. Carol singing, Christmas hamper draw, dancing. £25 pp. Non voucher dinners.

Santa Party

The great man will arrive at 12 noon. Booking forms at porters desk. £7 per child to include Santa visit and present.

New Year's Eve Gala Dinner

Black tie, dinner at 9 p.m., dancing till late. £30 pp - Booking Forms



Christmas Eve Luncheon.

Lunch served at 1 p.m. Adults: £15, Children: £7.50. Booking Forms. Early booking for all Christmas luncheons and dinners is advisable.

Speaker Supper

The topic for first speaker supper for the season is Kevin Dwyers. The Hidden Ireland, a fascinating look at Ireland's inland waterways. Supper at 8.30, £15 pp.

Old Favourites

Why not join in some of the regular social activities over the coming months? On a ~~Wednesday~~ Wednesdays you can discover a new wine over a splendid supper at the popular Wine Suppers or pit your wits against other members and friends at the Club Bar Table Quiz.

Both of these 'Old Favourites' are great fun and newcomers are always welcome. The ever popular D'n'D nights will also be in much demand. At £40 per couple you won't get any better value on the waterfront. Bring your friends.

Saturday Night Club Dinners

Extensive menus, pleasant company and friendly club atmosphere.



Ladies Luncheons are one of the best supported of all the Club's social activities with speakers from the world of art, politics and fashion, writers, garden experts, antiques. Come along and see for yourself. Better still, bring a friend or make up a table.

Sunday Family Luncheons are very relaxed. Children are welcome. Mums and Dads can relax, read the papers, chat and leave the washing up to others. A really great way to spend Sunday afternoon.

For further details regarding any of these events please contact Club Manager, Padraic Conneely, entertainments officer, Anita Begley or check the Club notice board.

