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Commodore, Chris Moore

LET'S FINISH THE JOB

Rain, Rain, Rain. What a season so far! Despite this, the inclement weather has not had any real effect on our sailing. The Regatta season is already behind us, with all four Regattas providing great racing, good courses and great 'après sailing'.

Our own National Regatta was in particular a resounding success. The weather was great on the day, and let me say, the organisation was superb. Ronan Beirne our sailing flag, Con Murphy our sailing secretary and the Sailing Committee really pulled out all the stops, with great support from our club manager Padraic

Conneely and his staff. To all those who volunteered for duty that day both on and off the water, to those who manned and loaned committee boats, patrol boats, to the boathouse staff, race office and to many, many others, I say a sincere "Thank You" for making my first Regatta a day to remember.

On the social side, the world cup was upon us, and many a match was supported, refereed, and cheered by our sporting members on our new "wide screen" TV.

For the second year running, the club held a Bloomsday social, with a superb lunch washed down with copious glasses of Joycean wine, and Joycean readings from both Sean Murray and Cartan Finnegan. Indeed all members dived into the 'spirit' of things and dressed for the occasion, some even bringing in costumes from over the water for the younger Joycean fans.

Club Developments

I believe it is important, now, to bring members up to date on what has been happening since our information meeting in April.

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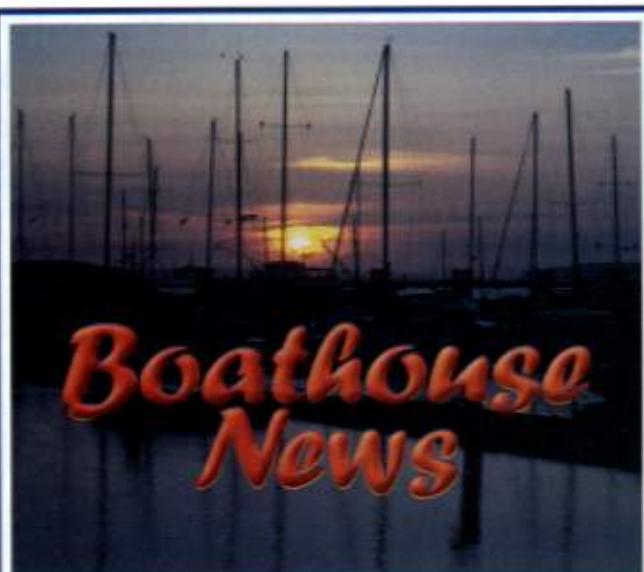
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The largest number of boats ever in an NYC Championship – 148 boats, three classes, sailing in six events including three National Championships and three Regional Championships, over three days last August weekend.



Platform

The presentation and organisation of the platform and equipment has been the source of much favourable comment from members. The credit for this belongs to the boathouse management and staff. Members are particularly requested to respect the platform environment and ensure that the results of cleaning or repairing their boats are properly cleaned up.

The new allocation of spaces for the dry sailed boats appears to be working well.

Members are reminded that the platform is a limited resource upon which there are many, often competing demands. The club is interested to promote sailing and sailing classes and the pursuit of these interests will determine what facilities are made available; this observation relates particularly to RIBs.

Lift Out

Lift out scheduled for October 12. Winter storage applications will be available from August 16 with deadline for receipt September 14, 2002.

Please note that the proposed premises development may impact on available spaces and allocation will be on a first come, first served basis.

Subcommittee

Frank Cronin has joined the boathouse subcommittee. Frank has a particular mission relating to dry sailed boats.

Insurance and Legislation

The ever increasing burden of rules and regulation bears significantly on the club and particularly on the boathouse.

Amongst the issues of concern are:

- 1 All persons using the club launches and RIBs must wear lifejackets. Members observing the rule are thanked and we look forward to thanking the remainder.
- 2 Contractors employed by members will be required to advise details of their insurance.
- 3 In the context of the general climate affecting insurance, our Insurers like others seek proactively to limit risk and consequently the interaction of the club with its members will unavoidably become the subject of more rules and regulations.

Members are reminded that the use of the club facilities is at their own risk.

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Let's finish the job

A number of meetings have taken place with the Architects, which have included Freddie Cooney, Terry Rowlands, Ken Slattery and myself representing the Club. The architects have taken on board all of the issues raised and developed new plans, which are displayed in this edition of Mainsheet, and on show in the club hallway. The principal area of concern was much larger changing rooms and as you will see this is now rectified. The internal plans are not yet finalised as there are still some issues around the kitchen and how it might operate on two levels. Cosmetic issues have also yet to be addressed such as the decking on the balcony, whether there should be a sitting out area on the roof of the new changing rooms, whether we should have the duty boatman's pod etc. It has been decided to leave these for the moment and to proceed to planning approval. The architects have spoken with the planners and while they have had a warm response that should not be taken as an indicative sign at this stage. We now need to go through a formal process of making the application and also we must document the history of the club building, so that we can deal with its formal 'listing'.

The Finance Committee has also been meeting under the chairmanship of Larry Power, Hon Treasurer and options for how we could go forward are currently being developed.

As you can see, considerable progress has been made and a significant amount of work been done by the development team and especially by Freddie Cooney, who is working tirelessly to get this project off the ground. I would personally like to thank Freddie for his support and considerable help at this time.

As soon as your committee has more information such as progress on the planning, how we might finance the development etc., I propose to call another information meeting and this is likely to be in September or October at the latest.

This is a most exciting development, which coupled to our previous major investment in the hard standing and breakwaters, will bring our Club forward to keep our unique position in the Dun Laoghaire Sailing scene. I know all members will support the committee in this development and I also ask you personally for your support with so vital a plan to the overall success of the National Yacht Club. Let's finish the job.

Chris Moore, Commodore



OLYMPIC
FUNDRAISING EVENING
 Friday, October 4, 2002 at 8 p.m.
 in the National Yacht Club — Tickets €50

FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
 Winners announced at the event — Tickets €10

- Exhibition of paintings by ●
 Conor O'Mahony and Leonard Shell.
- Ticket price to include wine, finger food and ●
 entry to draw for two paintings donated by Artists.

Sailing News

GREAT PERFORMANCES

The season started in earnest for many of our sailors on the Easter weekend – many of our keelboat sailors spent long hours on the platform preparing their boats for lift in and further south in Baltimore, our Laser sailors put in a great performance at the +100 boat Munster Championships.

Mark Lyttle finishing 4th overall and 1st Master in the full rig, Des Gibney 5th and Frank Cronin 24th. Claudine Murphy (15) together with Conor Byrne (15) qualified from this event and a trials in Kinsale the following weekend for the ISA's Youth Academy, a group of 16 of the country's best under 17 Laser and 420 sailors. Johnny Coate, crewing for Darin O'Reilly, won the 420 trials to represent Ireland at the 420 worlds.



Irish team – Laser Junior Radial Worlds, Buffalo Canoe Club, Lake Erie, Canada. Back row: Ross McDonald (Howth) Fred Cudmore (Cork) Conor Byrne (Dun Laoghaire), Jenny Murray (Cork), Revelon Minihon (Skull), Front row: Dultaght McColgain (Naas), Claudine Murphy (NYC), George Kingston (Cork), Geoff Tate (Dunmore East).

After a postponement of a month our Early Bird Regatta for dinghies was held with Con Murphy as OOD. Frank Cronin secured the Laser prize. In June a very successful National Regatta in ideal conditions saw many of our own members recording a win. Congratulations to *Emiredes*, *Harmony*, *Yobe* and *Alias*.



NYC Regatta, Dragon start

Many members have been competing overseas. Johnny Coate in 420's and Claudine Murphy in Canada with the Lasers. The new Thirty Something competed in the Tarbert based Scottish Series in the early part of the season. Ken Dumbleton leads the posse to Scotland for the British Flying Fifteen nationals.

The first Dublin Bay series records wins for Justin Burke & Alan Green in the Fifteens. *Exclamation* (Maurice Mitton) in cruisers and *Harmony* (Chris Johnson) in the 24's and appears too to be winning every event!

At time of writing news is coming through of great performances by *Humphry*, *Go Kart* and *Exclamation* in Cork week. While we are all racing in the Bay our Olympic qualifiers are travelling the length and

breadth of Europe. The trail has taken them from Mallorca to Germany to Turkey and are now in Greece. Aaron O'Grady, Ross Killian and Maria Coleman are competing at the highest level in their campaigns to qualify in Athens 2003. As part of our support a special event has been arranged for Friday October 4. I appeal to members to support this event and in particular to purchase tickets **NOW** so that funds may be sent to assist with the expensive campaigns.

BIGGEST LASER EVENT YET

Over the august weekend, the NYC hosted the biggest Irish Laser Championship yet in the history of the class when 147 Lasers – 44 Full Rigs, 76 Radials and 27 4.7s – competed in the Leinster, Radial National and Junior National championships.

Not since the 1984 Laser National Championships in the NYC has a laser fleet of this size been seen in Dublin Bay!! The prizes for the Radial and 4.7 rigs went to mainly northern sailors from Ballyholme and East Antrim, with Cork sailors taking most of the balance, while in the full rig, Dun Laoghaire sailors dominated led by Mark Lyttle of the NYC who finished 2nd overall. This was the first big dinghy championship hosted by the club since the platform was extended and what a fantastic facility it is for such an event! With the co-operation of the 1720 fleet, the platform was completely cleared for the visiting fleet for the weekend and comfortably coped with over 120 lasers. A major launching and retrieving operation run by Ronan Beirne and a team of volunteer members worked extremely well and received great praise from the visitors. On the water, the race management team under PRO Con Murphy with Martin Byrne assisting had a difficult task in the light variable winds but managed to get most of the races in. Thick fog rolled over Dublin Bay and Dun Laoghaire while the fleet was racing on Saturday afternoon, put all sailors were safely escorted back to the harbour – none the worse for their experience – by the fleet of supporting ribs. Paul Murphy with Mal Nowlan provided very effective on the water umpiring of the racing and in the race office Triona Byrne ran a very efficient operation dealing with the large numbers of competitors and assisting Noel Casey in the production of accurate and early results. Overall, a very successful event and a great experience for the large number of young NYC sailors in a Laser championship for the first time. Many thanks to the staff and large number of members who worked extremely hard all weekend to help make this event a great success.

ANYONE 4 SAILING?

Williwaw is the Club boat. Generously donated by former commodore Brian Barry, she was sitting on the hard waiting for someone to take her under their wing. With an enormous amount of encouragement and financial support from Commodore Chris Moore and his committee and Brian's contagious help and enthusiasm, we took *Williwaw* and cleaned her, buffed her, covered her cushions and were lucky to get a new engine.

Williwaw is now moored on the pontoon ready and waiting for any competent member to take her sailing. No launch, just step on and away you go.



Williwaw and crew

Williwaw has been busy this season, racing every Tuesday night, bringing people from the adult sailing course out every Wednesday night and even taking a cruise to Howth one Sunday escorted by Larry Power on *Paramour*. She has also taken on a number of humanitarian missions, such as towing home becalmed sailors.

The racing has been very enjoyable (don't ask about results!). There has been plenty of wind this season and the one thing we have found is that Williwaw will look after you in any conditions. When we started racing, we thought if we could just make it safely through the starting line without being hit or holing someone else's boat, we would be happy. However we mastered that quite quickly and we are now after speed. Larry Power has been appointed our spinnaker consultant. So watch out all you cruisers four!

The cruise was a great success. The flotilla of two with four adults and six children on board, departed at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. With the promised force two-three yet to materialise we motored across to Howth Marina, arriving to be greeted by the sun, the spectacle of the fleet of Howth 17s and very friendly faces on the marina. We had lunch, a lovely bottle of wine and to get a little peace and quiet the children were sent off with a Euro each to explore the sweet shops in Howth.

After lunch, the children (half way through level two of their sailing course) took us on a tour of exploration on Williwaw under motor around the marina and the harbour. Swallows and Amazons wasn't in it! We then moored and having convinced us to reward them with yet another Euro each, the children jumped in so that we could practice our man over board drill. Both life buoys and the rigid ladder were put to the test.



National Yacht Club Junior Regatta

After a drink in the bar and more visits to the shops (the Euros had to be spent and of course there were sweets in Howth that couldn't be found anywhere else in Dun Laoghaire), a sea breeze had come up. We had a perfect sail home. A fetch all the way home once we rounded the Bailey. We returned home in bright sunshine at about 7 p.m.



Paul Murphy, centre, with members of the international jury, at the prizegiving of the Laser Radial Worlds, Buffalo Canoe Club, Lake Erie, Canada, July 13-27, 2002



Are you tempted?? For anyone wishing to take out Williwaw either for a sail or to race (Some Tuesday & Thursday nights & Saturdays are available) the procedure is to give Anne O'Callaghan (01-6603746/086-8365299) or myself Andria O'Donovan (01-2853905/086-8059088) a call to check availability. If the boat is available, just ring the boathouse and put your name in the diary.

Anne O' Callaghan and Andria O' Donovan.



Emily Cavanagh, Junior Regatta

CRUISING

It's not a good time to report on cruising activities as it is the silly season and most of the people are not contactable.

Apart from a few like Cormac McHenry (currently in Norway) and Jim Gorman who got far away early most of the boats that stayed in Irish/UK waters did not have a good season. Exceptions are Tony Jobling who got to West Cork and found some good weather there. Ciaran Hughes (*Ragabash*) had two good weeks in Scotland while Michael Campbell (*Movita*) was forced to abandon a trip to the Scillies because of bad weather but had an enjoyable few days exploring Milford Haven.

SIGMAS IN SCOTLAND

The Sigma British Championships were held in June at the Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club in Rhu. Rhu is on the northern shores of the river Clyde at the entrance to the Gareloch, the home of the British Nuclear Submarine base. Without the 10 Dublin Bay Boats (9 - Dun Laoghaire, 1 - Howth), there would not have been an event as the total entry was just 26.



NYC Regatta, Dermot Baker, Sigma 33 Shillelagh

The weather was cold, winds were largely high and racing conditions exceptionally challenging. On a number of days it was



felt that if conditions were similar in Dun Laoghaire, racing would be postponed. Wind conditions on one day were Force 8 and this led to very difficult racing and many visits to the overnight sail-maker. On one of the days we had quite a number of spinnaker wraps leading to boats retiring and in one instance a flare being set off to burn the kite from the top of the mast. Broaches were both severe and regular. One race was started with many boats only sailing on a reefed down main with no foresail at all.



NYC Regatta, Dublin Bay '24' Class winner, Chris Johnson in *Harmony*

The Irish boats found conditions extremely challenging but nevertheless Tim Goodbody (RIYC) with *White Mischief* came second overall having had three firsts, one second and a third. The next best Irish boat was Tom Fitzpatrick's *Boojum* from Howth who came eighth overall. Freddie Cooney's *Dear Buoy* and Joe McDonald's *Blue Peregrine* were 18th and 19th respectively and led the squad from the National, which also included *Enchantress* and *Meltemi*. Many of the Irish boats picked up 'special prizes' such as a white stick for losing the way and another a very special swimming prize for man overboard!

The Clubhouse of the Royal Northern & Clyde YC is an old stately home (www.rncyc.com) where the hospitality was first class. Many evenings were also spent in the 'unofficial' HQ – the local pub – the Rhu Inn. As is customary, the Irish squad made it a most enjoyable week and even hosted a special night to launch next year's event in Dun Laoghaire at the RIYC. Target for next year are 70 plus boats.

Congratulations and very well done to the small but very supportive National Sigma fleet. Next year we want them all competing as there is no delivery trips, just a short sail to the start! If you are a Sigma boatowner or crew member, book your holidays for Dun Laoghaire in 2003.

Ken Slattery, Vice Commodore



Dave O'Reilly et al aboard *Ruffian 23*, *Ruffage* at the NYC Regatta

MERMAIDS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Mermaid Sailing Association (MSA) will be commemorated in the NYC on October 13, 2002.

The National Yacht Club has supplied many of the association's presidents and officers as well as some of its most illustrious sailors. The class ho[hopes to welcome as many of them as possible in October. The occasion will be marked by a special race to be run in conjunction with the NYC Frostbite series/ This will be followed by a light lunch and presentation of prizes in the NYC at 1530 about.

The class will make every effort to contact past and present Mermaiders, and hope that all NYC members who are or have been as associated with the Mermaid class will come along. Details and reservations from the duty manager NYC.



Frank Cassidy and crew aboard *Eileen* testing equipment before setting off to the Arc – can you tell what they are testing? Special prize for the first correct answer opened. Answers addressed to the editor before sundown September 7, 2002.



Noel Casey taking the sun off Fastnet

Bridge News

by Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convener

Look forward to welcoming members back to our usual Thursday Bridge evenings commencing on Thursday, September 26, 2002, at 7.30pm sharp.

All members are welcome, this includes novices, if you have completed a beginners course, now is your chance to gain more knowledge and experience with the game in a very relaxed atmosphere. Give it a shot, come along any Thursday evening I will arrange a partner for you, or bring a friend.

Dates to remember

GLADYS DOBSON MEMORIAL TROPHY:

Thursday, October 24, 2002 – Team of 4 event – (must pre-register)

BILL & EVA NOLAN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Thursday, November 28 & Thursday, December 5, 2002
Pairs competition (must pre-register).

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PRIZE GIVING

Thursday, December 12, 2002

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Thursday, January 9, 2003.



Jean Campbell and Larry Power at the Bloomsday Festivities



Tales of Walkers in France

The National Yacht Club Walking Group, having completed the mandatory six winter walks, embarked on the annual trip to Northern France in April. Led by Barry and Carol MacNeaney, the group boarded the Irish Ferries vessel *Normandy* in Rosslare on April 26.

It was blowing 5-6 from the north west and the trip was a little choppy. The weather abated overnight and, having landed in Roscoff at 10.30 am, we set off for Port Blanc, 70 km east of Roscoff. Following check-in there was a 'short' walk, about six miles to break-in boots and feet.

Walk number two took the group east of Port Blanc along the rugged coast past harbours, islands and dried out beaches. In fact the walk took us across many causeways, which flood at high tide blocking off the houses from the mainland. This walk was about 10 miles and tested stamina. Dinner, that evening, was in the Hotel in an attempt to keep the bar 'open'. It worked!

Walk number three was west of Port Blanc again along rugged coastlines passing through three small bays, about 12 miles in total. Dinner this night was informal and many walkers turned up at Le Canotier in Treguier, a small but interesting Restaurant run by a New Zealand lady married to a French Chef. The Mussels and Sole were excellent and a meal for two cost about €50 including wine.

Walk number four was from Perros Guirec via Ploumanach to the West. It was a beautiful day with warm sunny weather, registering over 30 degrees when we stopped for lunch. When the last of the walkers got back to the cars at Perros Guirec, a few drivers were caught having drinks on the promenade. On the walk back we visited the SNSM lifeboat station where we viewed the new boat six weeks old and having been on five missions.

Thursday, May 2 was another warm hot day and the walk was about 10 miles, with some opting out at various stages. One group of breakaways did a wine tasting over lunch on the beach. Chateau Villot 96 and Muscadet Serve et Maine with Tarte au Pomme. As this evening was the final night in France, the full group dined together in the Hotel Restaurant. An excellent meal was enjoyed by all followed by frolics in the Curragh Bar.

Friday, May 3 started with an unofficial walk (three walkers) of about three miles to finish off the trip. Total mileage was about 45 miles (70 kilometres) and the participants enjoyed the variety and challenge.

First walk of the new season is scheduled for Sunday, October 6 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 6.



Snooker News

The new snooker season will commence with the A.G.M. which will be held on Friday, September 27, 2002. The latest date for acceptance of nominations for the new committee is Friday, September 20, 2002.

Winners for the season 2001 / 2002 are

Preston Ball Trophy:	G. Doherty
McWilliams Trophy:	D. Cooney
Johnston Memorial Doubles:	T. Mulligan & T. Wood
Elgan Cup:	B. McAllister
Inter-club Competition:	Royal St. George Y.C.
Kish Trophy:	National Y.C.

NEW MEMBERS ROLL

We welcome the following members who have recently joined the National Yacht Club.

FULL

Ben Mulligan
Owen O'Connell
Brian Halford
Charles Clifton
John William Prior
David Crowe
Brendan Doyle
Dave Shanahan

Jennifer Blunden

COUNTRY

Ursula Nagle

OVERSEAS

David Malcolm Matthew

CREW

Judith Byrne
Oliver Lupton
Peter Cavanagh
Helen Cooney
David Collins
Coomhan McKernan
Noel McKeon
John O'Sullivan
Conor Murphy
Gerard Byrne
Aidan O'Leary
Eoin Maguire
Diarmuid Barry
Enda Cunningham
Ted O'Sullivan
Heindert De Ureeze
Neil O'Brien

ENSIGN

Adam Drew
Marita Murphy
Keelin Murphy
Colm Martin Rice
Catherine Cooney
Neasa Pierce
Doireann Ni Mhuircheartaigh

CADET

Brynmor Pattison

CLUBHOUSE

Nigel Ernest Thomas

SPOUSE

Susan Hughes
Deirdre Owens
Denise Pattison
Pamela Prior

H.Y.C.

Tony Brown
John M. Colvin

New Season of Ladies Luncheons

Our new season kicks off Tuesday, September 10 with lunch on the second Tuesday of each month until May, 2003.

Our first speaker is something of a coup – Dr. Paul Carson, thriller writer and Dublin G.P. His two novels to date are "Scalpel" and "Cold Steel", both worth reading. Why not block book all eight months in advance? We will have a varied programme for you, so don't be disappointed. Looking forward to September.

– Annette Bennett



The Navigator



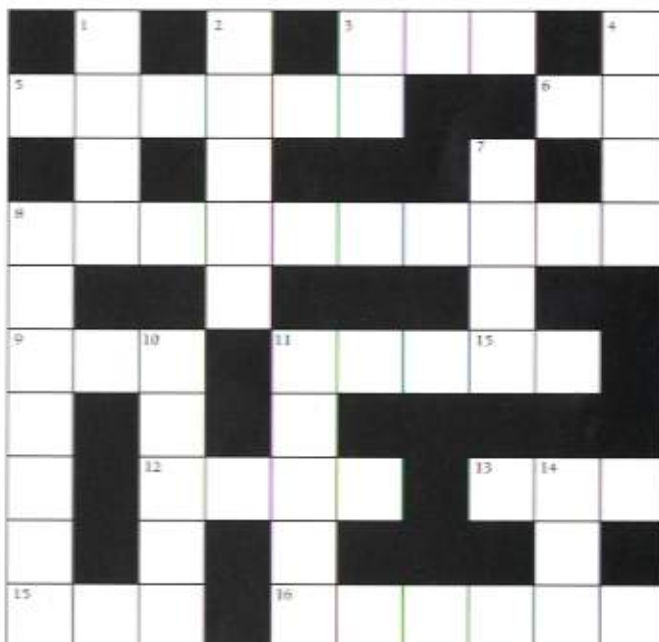
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Across

- 3 Not out sounds like for a drink (3)
- 5 I am five of this (6)
- 6 With seven to kill (2)
- 8 A dead end job? (10)
- 9 Groove (3)
- 11 Cardinal Mark (5)
- 12 Right angle to eleven (4)
- 13 Play Do (3)
- 15 Is this the kernel of the answer (3)
- 16 On bed on board (6)

Down

- 1 Scar tissue (4)
- 2 Pirate trophy (5)
- 3 Half a god (2)
- 4 A little less than 2 down for one foot (4)
- 7 One with the explosive for colour. (4)
- 8 Any one of a coxless pair (7)
- 10 No trick (5)
- 11 Flyers homes (5)
- 14 Firefly (slang) for baby (3)



Entries should reach the editor before sundown on September 30, 2002. As usual, the prize will be dinner for two with a bottle of house wine for the first correct entry opened. Congratulations to Simon Gates who gets the prize of dinner for two plus a bottle of house wine for his winning entry.

Results to Navigator 26: Across: 3. odd, 5. anchor, 6. me, 8. sportsboat, 9. hay, 11. helms, 12. rain, 13. jib, 15. sos, 16. thinks. Down: 1. snip, 2. chars, 3. or, 4. beat, 7. boom, 8. schools, 10. yards, 11. hoist, 14. inks

Social Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Sun **1** Family cruise – Barbeque. See Notice Board
 Thu **5** NYC Members Race with Sailing Suppers
 Sat **7** Club Dinner with piano music
 Sun **8** Family Luncheon
 Tue **10** Ladies Day Luncheon
 Sat **14** Club Dinner with piano music
 Sun **15** Family Luncheon
 Sat **21** Club Dinner
 Sun **22** Family Luncheon
 Sat **28** Last DBSC Race
 Club Dinner with piano music
 Sun **29** Family Luncheon

OCTOBER

- Wed **2** Bar Table Quiz Round 1 at 8.30 pm.
 Fri **4** Olympic Fundraising Evening – see highlights
 Sat **5** Flying Fifteens East Coast Championships
 Championship Dinner
 Sun **6** Family Luncheon
 Flying Fifteens East Coast Championships
 Tue **8** Ladies Day Luncheon
 Wed **9** Wine Supper
 Fri **11** Junior Section Prizegiving Dinner & Disco
 Sat **12** D 'n' D Night
 Sun **13** Family Luncheon
 Mermaids Anniversary Race
 Wed **16** Bar Table Quiz Round 2 at 8.30 p.m.
 Thu **17** Regatta prizegiving in Bar at 8.30 p.m.
 Sat **19** Lift out
 Lift out Dinner with piano music
 Sun **20** Family Luncheon
 Wed **23** North African Evening Head See highlights
 Sat **26** Club Dinner with piano music
 Sun **27** Family Luncheon
 Wed **30** Bar Table Quiz Round 3 at 8.30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- Fri **1** Mermaids Dinner
 Sat **2** Club Dinner with piano music
 Sun **3** Family Luncheon
 Wed **6** Speaker Supper – details to be posted on notice board
 Sat **9** Game Dinner – Head Chef, Cormac Healy will prepare a special
 game menu for this evening – early booking advisable, €32pp
 Sun **10** Family Luncheon
 Tue **12** Ladies Day Luncheon
 Wed **13** Bar Table Quiz Round 4 at 8.30 p.m.
 Sat **16** D 'n' D Night
 Sun **17** Family Luncheon
 Wed **20** Wine Supper
 Fri **22** Flying Fifteens Dinner
 Sat **23** Club Dinner
 Sun **24** Family Luncheon
 Wed **27** Bar Table Quiz Round 5 at 8.30 p.m.
 Sat **30** Club Dinner with piano music



National Yacht Club End of Season Members Race

Don't forget the National Yacht Club End of Season Member's Race on September 5.

The event is open to all yachts or dinghies which are owned or helmed by an NYC Member. See Notice Board for details.

Enjoy the day!

Olympic Fund Raising Evening

Friday, October 4, 2002



Exhibition of paintings by Conor O'Mahony and Leonard Sheil. Ticket price to include wine, finger food and entry to draw for two paintings donated by Artists. Tickets at €50

from Managers office, 8 p.m. A raffle draw will take place during the evening with many great prizes to be won. Tickets @ €10 from Manager's office.

North African Evening

Wednesday, October 23, 2002



A Gala Evening designed around the rich Food and Culture of the North African Nations. Time: 8.30 p.m. €35pp

Old Favourites



Join the Club's regular social activities.

Discover a new wine over a splendid supper at the popular Wine Suppers or try your luck at the Club Bar Table Quiz. Newcomers are always welcome at these fun evenings. D'n'D Nights will always be much in demand. At €40 per couple you won't get better value on the waterfront. Bring your friends. Enjoy extensive menus, pleasant company and friendly club atmosphere at the Saturday Night Club Dinners.

Ladies Luncheons

The new season of Ladies Luncheons begins Tuesday, September 10 and continues on the second Tuesday of each month until May of next year. There will be guest speakers and fine fare at these very popular occasions.



Sunday Family Luncheons



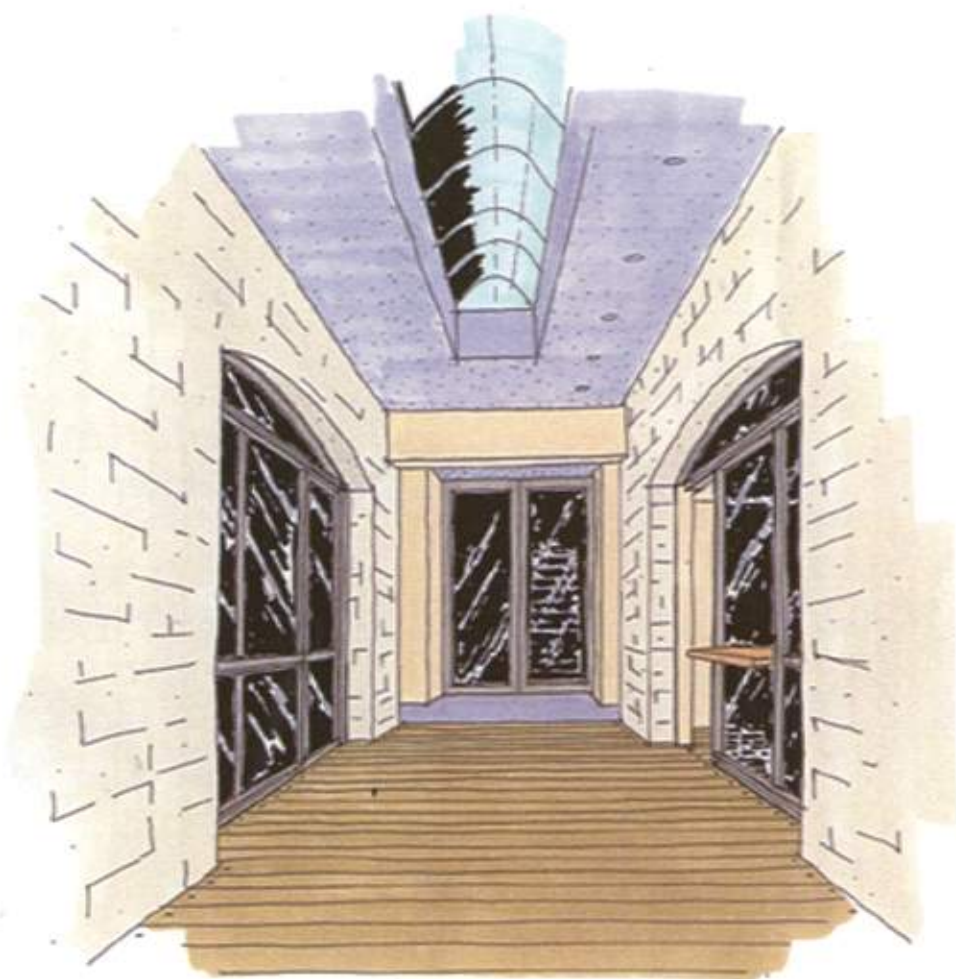
Sunday family luncheons are very relaxed and children are especially welcome. Relax, read the papers – a really great way to spend Sunday afternoons.

December Dates for your Diary

- Friday, December 6: Ladies Christmas Dinner
- Sunday, December 8: Santa Party
- Saturday, December 14: First Christmas Dinner
- Saturday, December 21: Second Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Family Luncheon
- Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve Gala Dinner and dance



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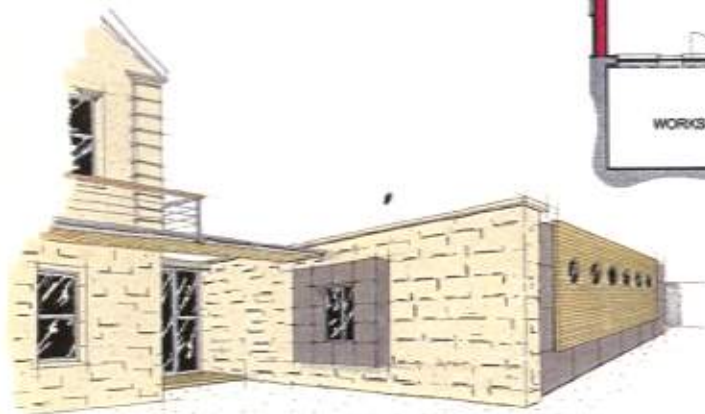
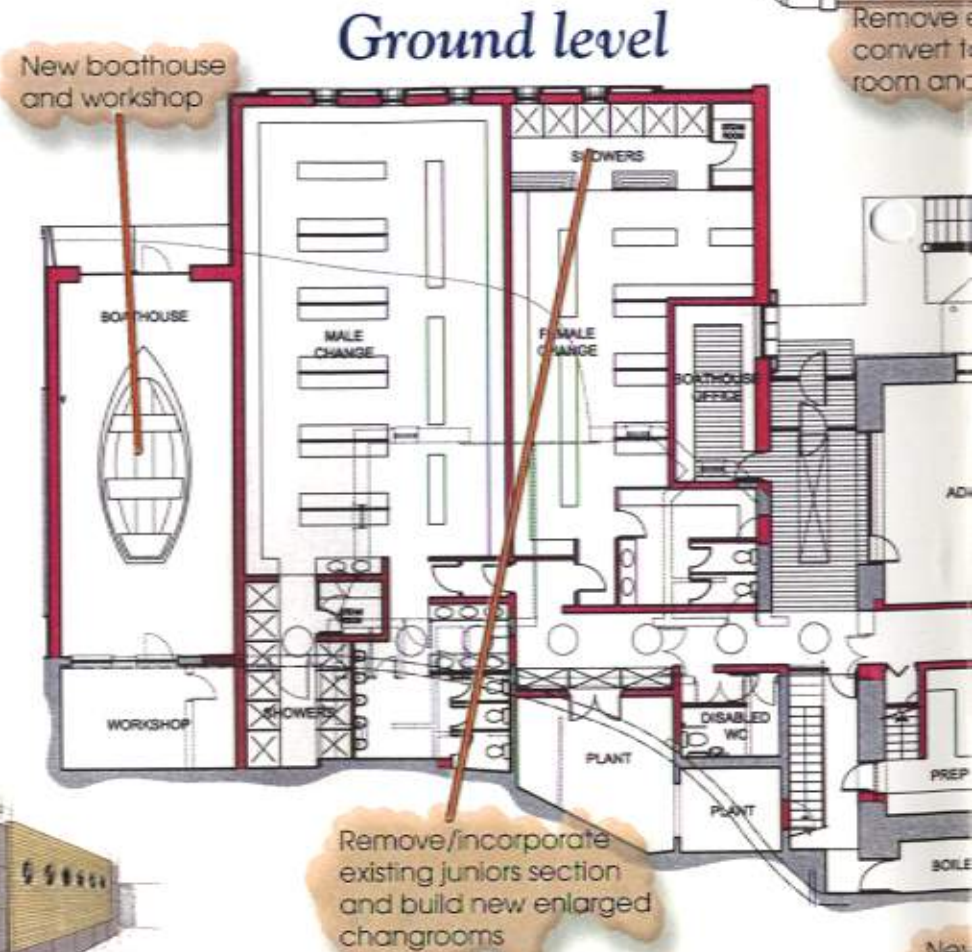
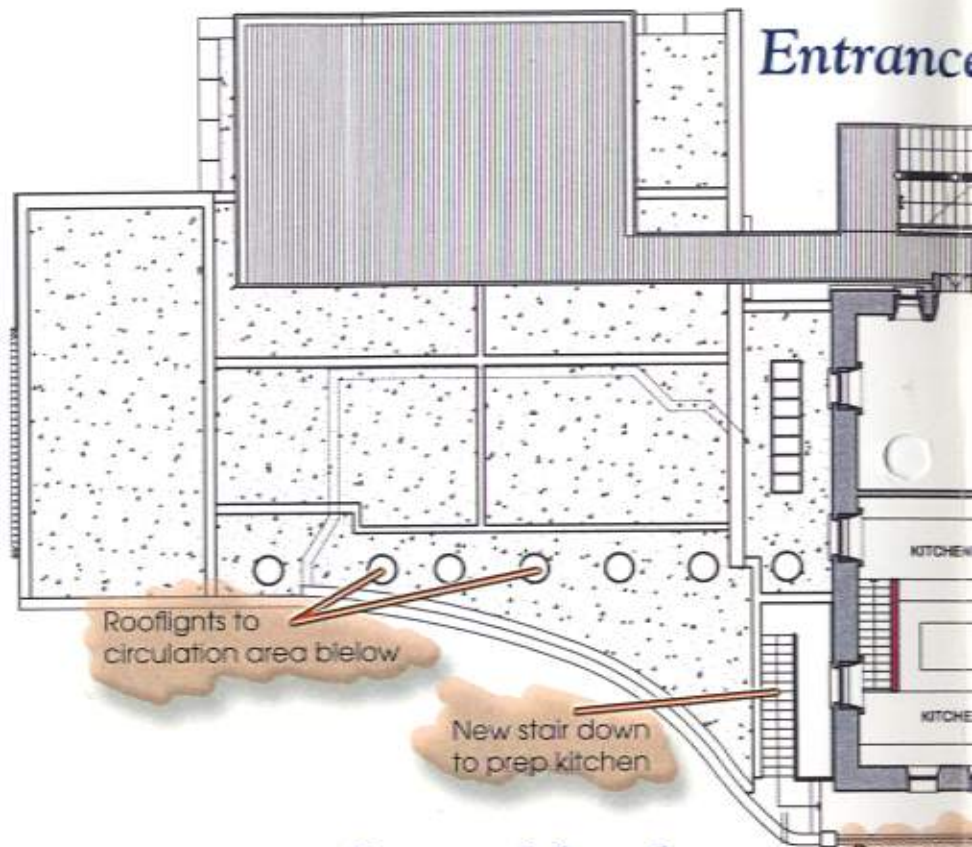


finishing the job

The National Yacht Club holds a unique position in the Dun Laoghaire waterfront with its particularly friendly ethos and quality sailing in all areas. We are the envy of many other yacht clubs in this country.

Despite this, we must move forward and continue to develop higher quality facilities for our variety of members, those who may enjoy dinghy sailing, racing or cruising keelboats, our regular diners and those who just like to drop in for a quiet drink or to read the newspaper. Our young people must also be in the forefront of our thinking as they are the future of our Club. In any development we must provide them with enhanced facilities in terms of training both on and off the water.

Having completed one of the finest forecourts of any of the waterfront clubs, we now need to "finish the job" and complete our clubhouse facilities. We are all aware that the clubhouse footprint of the building falls far short of our requirements and that there is a need to expand to provide better facilities within the building itself. Our key constraint, apart from cash to fund the development, is the fact that we have a listed building, located in a prime area and any changes must comply with very stringent environmental and planning requirements.



ment Plan

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key proposed plan

refurbishment of the bar and dining room with emphasis on creating a full service bar where the current in-diningroom bar exists

opening up of the hallway and refurbishment of this area to 'hotel lobby' standards

provision of a small upstairs toilet

improved wheelchair access both upstairs and downstairs

relocation of manager's office and cloakroom

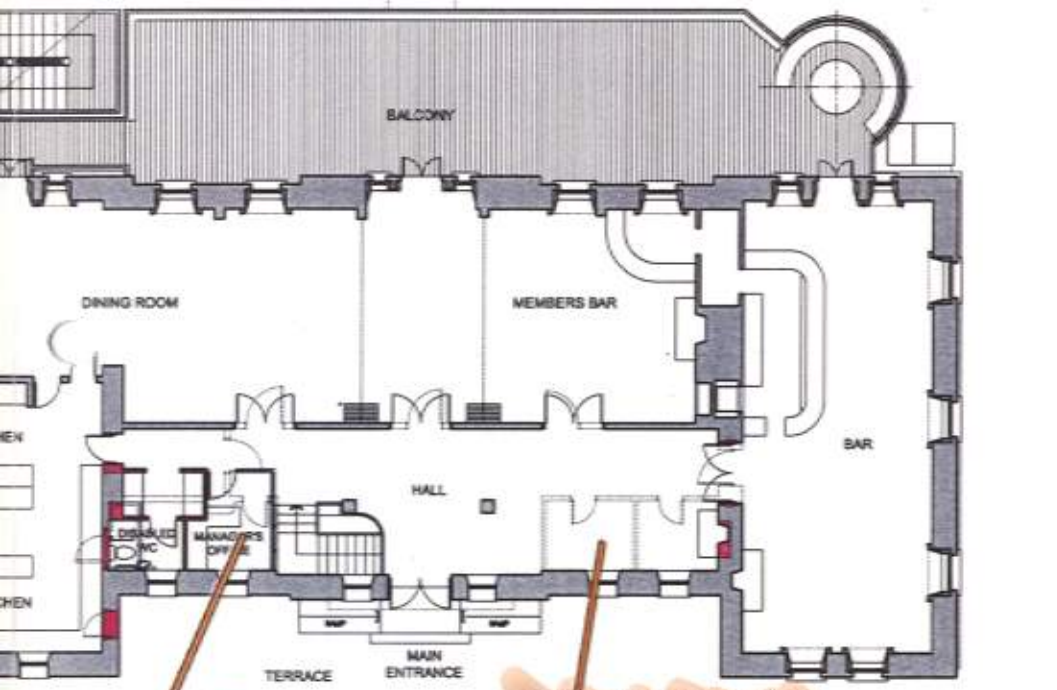
improved kitchen facilities and the creation of a downstairs kitchen.

provision of a large multi-purpose function room(s) and casual bar downstairs including glazing underneath the current balcony to form a further conservatory type room

relocation and improved office facilities

state of the art changing rooms

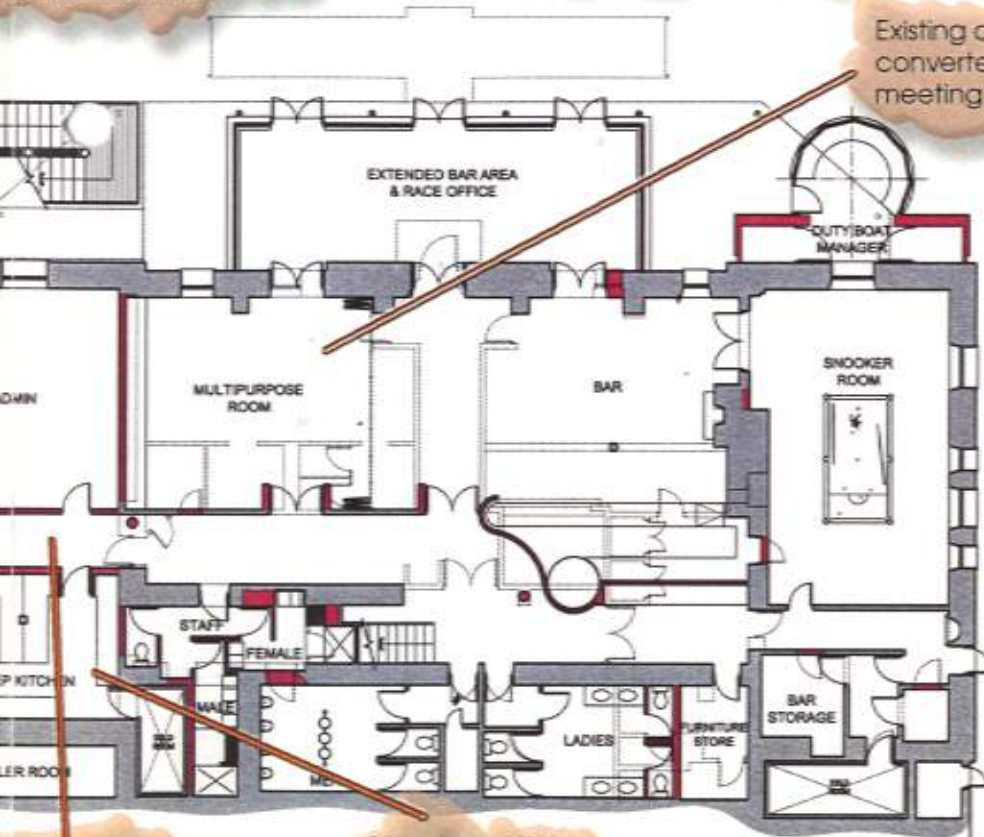
ice level



Remove existing admin. office and convert to manager's office, coat rack and disabled toilet

Remove existing office and coat rack and convert to lounge area

Existing changeroom converted to admin. meeting room



New connecting passage

New prep kitchen with access to existing kitchen



benefits of proposed plan

More revenue generated from bar and dining room

Expansion of catering possibilities

Improved kitchen facilities (2 levels)

Better changing facilities for sailors

New office facilities for staff

New toilet facilities (particularly upstairs)

New race office/general-purpose rooms

Improved access for sailors with gear

Better security

Improved balcony use

Improved training facilities for youth and winter courses

We believe these plans meet these key criteria and we look forward to your support.



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