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CONSTANT FEEDBACK & LATERAL THINKING

I am extremely honoured to become Commodore of the National Yacht Club. Firstly I would like to thank Con Murphy for his dedication and leadership over the last three years. We have been very lucky to have such a dedicated person as Commodore.

The amount of time that Con has given to the Club is well beyond the call of duty. His determination to complete the refurbishment work commenced by his predecessor, Chris Moore, was unrelenting. His term as Commodore has been a total success with the Club facilities, finances, membership and morale at the highest it has ever been.

You cannot talk about Con without mentioning Cathy. Cathy has been a tower of strength to

Con over the last three years. Cathy in her own right has contributed and continues to contribute hugely to the Club.

"Thank you" is too small a phrase to try and repay their service to the Club over the last three years. The Club is a better place for Con's Commodoreship and we are fortunate that he has agreed to take up the position of Sailing Secretary in the new Committee.

I look forward, also, to working closely with Vice Commodore,

Paul Barrington, Rear Commodore, Larry Power and all members of the new Committee and with the Club Manager Padraic Conneely and his staff.

I believe I take over at a very crucial time for the future development potential of the Club. There is no doubt that within the next three to five years the area around the Club and possibly the Club itself will be a different place. We may have a marina in front of us, a development on the Carlisle Pier to one side, an extensive linear leisure park on the other side and a large public Cultural Centre and Library behind us.

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As reported, the SB3 worlds are coming to the NYC from September 19-26. Remarkably the event is already over subscribed with a full entry list of 120 and a waiting list. Entries are mostly from Ireland and the UK but in total ten nations are represented.

With so many boats and crews of of media interest online and in





As your new Boathouse Captain my first duty is to thank Paul Barrington for the time he has given to the club over the last three years as Boathouse Captain also Olivier our sailing manager and the boathouse staff who run a very efficient and well organised platform. We now have a new head boatman, Wayne who is replacing Tony who I am glad to say is still working with us part time, three days a week, and no doubt he will still pass on his valuable knowledge and experience.

By the time you are reading this the lift-in will have been completed expertly run by Peter Ryan and his able team. The weather was very kind to us to start with and the lift in ran ahead of time but the conditions deteriorated and by the time the last few boats were lifted it was very wet and cold. My thanks to all involved on the day.

The work for the boathouse staff was not finished as the next day the boats on trailers stored on the Carlisle Pier had to be towed around the long way on to the hard. Thanks Michael for the loan of your 4x4 and so the work goes on with launching and mast stepping in what has been very cold and windy weather. We are very fortunate to have such skilled and obliging boathouse staff.

Now for a reminder of one of the platform rules: **boats may be left on the pontoons or breakwaters overnight ONLY for reasons of damaged mooring, engine breakdown; early morning departure, or late night arrival.** Always inform the boathouse or Olivier of your intentions and **NEVER** leave your boat there with impending bad weather both for the survival of the breakwaters and your vessel. While on the subject of restrictions may I remind you that cars are not allowed on the platform at weekends and from midday on Thursdays due to the movement of boats being dry sailed. To date we have eight laser 1s, one fireball, four 420s, two flying 15s and one B14 which do not have parking stickers displayed, most of which have not paid parking fees and the owners are not known. If this situation is not remedied by the end of May, the offending boats will be impounded and or disposed of.

I wish you all fair sailing, good motor boating and safe ribbing.



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Summer Junior Courses

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Minor Courses for age 7-9: 1. June 16-June 20; 2. July 7-July 11; 3. July 14-July 18; 4. July 21-July 25; 5. July 28-August 1.

Sonya Boyce from Waterford Harbour Sailing Club (Dunmore East) is the Senior Instructor for the National Yacht Club this Summer with Claudine Murphy as her Assistant. Supporting them are a fantastic group of instructors. The Club has just purchased another two Optimists which will be exclusively for the Minor programme being led by Miriam McSharry who has just completed two years of her course in Outdoor Pursuits. Upcoming class championships:

Feva Munsters, RCYC, May 31-June 1;

National Championships, LRYC, 4-6 July, www.fevaireland.com;

Optimist Connaught's, GBSC, May 24-25;

Munster's WHSC, June 7-8, www.ioda.com;

Laser Connaughts, LDYC, June 28/29, www.laser-ireland.com.



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COMMITTEE 2008

NYC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The National Yacht Club's nine annual awards for outstanding sailing achievements by members of the Club were presented at a gala dinner in the Club on Saturday March 31, 2008. The winners for the 2007 sailing season were.



The Township Cup now awarded for the most impressive cruise – Conor O'Regan and Henrietta Senkowsky, pictured above, for their circumnavigation of the globe in their Rival 38, *Panima*.

The Muglins Cup now awarded for the most interesting family cruise – John Roberts and his family for their cruise in his Jeanneau 54 *Quite Correct* from Dun Laoghaire to Portugal and back.

The Boyne Regatta Cup now awarded for the best performance in offshore racing – Philip Dilworth in his Grand Soleil 42, *Orna* for his class victory in the 2007 Dun Laoghaire to Dingle Race.

The O'Leary Cup – presented to the NYC in 1984 by Michael O'Leary for the best performance in one designs – Ann Kirwan and Brian Cullen for their highly successful season in their Ruffian 23 *Ruff n Ready*, including winning the prize for top one design boat in the Dun Laoghaire Regatta.

The Edward Yacht Club Trophy now awarded for the best performance in Dinghies: Mermaids or Flying Fifteens – David Gorman for successful year in the Flying Fifteen class including winning the class in the Dun Laoghaire Regatta and finishing top of the local class rankings.

The John Byrne Memorial Trophy – presented to the NYC by Mrs. Hilda Byrne and her family in 1989 in memory of her husband and past Commodore, is awarded for the greatest contribution to sailing in the NYC during the year – Cormac and Barbara McHenry for their success in the Irish Cruising Club – Cormac as Commodore for the last three years and Hon. Sec. for almost a decade before that and Barbara for her position as Club archivist for many years.

The Winkelmann Trophy – presented to the NYC by Mrs. Carmel Winkelmann in 2003 and awarded to the Cadet Member who is deemed by his/her sailing ability to be *Cadet of the Year* – Annalise Murphy for a very successful season in the Laser Radial Class including finishing 10th at the Class Youth World Championships and winning the Irish Ladies Helms Championships.

The Greystones 1892 Regatta Cup now awarded to the NYC members who have, as a team, represented the Club with distinction – the European Laser 4.7

Championships Organising team led by Event Organiser, Cathy Mac Aleavey and Principle Race Officer, Jack Roy, for organising and running a widely acclaimed superb event.

The Commodores Prize for 2007 was awarded to Adam Winkelmann for his outstanding result in finishing runner up against top class competition in the 2007 European 1720 Championships hosted by the Club in July.



Pictured at the ISA awards dinner in February, 2008 were NYC Commodore Con Murphy, Margaret Ryan, Ken Ryan and Cathy Mac Aleavey. Both major awards went to NYC members. Ken was inducted into the ISA hall of fame and Donal O'Sullivan was announced as ISA volunteer of the year for his work as Hon. Sec. of DBSC.

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Constant Feedback & Lateral Thinking

We could find ourselves becoming the "focus" Club within the harbour. We have already formed a Development Sub-Committee to monitor all these projects to ensure that the best long-term interests of the Club are catered for. We must ensure that the surrounding developments do not 'fix the boundary' of our expansion and limit our potential for development of the National Yacht Club into the future. While I would consider my stewardship to be one of consolidation, we plan to build the Club's reserves in

Brendan Chawke has been hugely successful in doing much of this work. Mainsheet edited by Michael Bolger distributes information out to members several times a year. With the help of the Committee, I hope to review and hopefully combine these two activities into a modern live system that can access all Members and can be used by Members and the Club to communicate with each other.

It would be my priority that the image of the Club is promoted at every occasion and in the Media whenever possible. I will encourage the Flag Officers, Committee and Past Flag Officers to take part in representing the Club at every possible event.



The Sailing Calendar for 2008 has been finalised with another busy season ahead for the club. We are scheduled to host eight major Championship events. The highlights are our own **Club Regatta** in June and the **SB3 World Championships** in September.



Competitors in the Earlybird Regatta

The first event of the new season the **Earlybird Regatta**, open to all dinghy classes, was held on Sunday, April 27. Sailing conditions were perfect. Sunshine and a good steady breeze made for good racing for the 55 boat fleet, which included entries from Howth and Skerries. Our thanks to our PRO, Con Murphy, our Race Office Manager, Sandra Moore and the team of volunteers, both on and off the water, who made this event so successful.

As already reported the NYC under the management of Commodore, Peter Ryan, is taking over the **ISORA** in conjunction with the Lee Overlay Series for the next two years. There are six races scheduled for 2008 spread over the summer from April to September. We hope that our own cruising racing members will support this initiative, in order to ensure the ongoing success of this very important Sailing Association and the valuable offshore sailing experience that can be gained.

The first of the six races from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead got

underway on Saturday, April 26. The nine boat fleet assembled in Scotsman's Bay at 0800 hrs, and in a brisk southerly breeze, with spinnakers flying, got off to a good start which saw them in Holyhead by mid-afternoon.

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Sailing Volunteers Reception

We hosted a reception on April 11 in the Club for our sailing volunteers which was well attended. It was an opportunity to thank them for the assistance they so freely give for our event. We are fortunate to have a large pool of volunteers from which we can draw to staff the committee boats and to fulfil other associated duties, on and off the water. We are also very grateful to those boat owners in the club who have very kindly agreed to make their boats available for our events.

Youth Sailing

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Adult Sail Training

Following on from our very successful Adult Sailing courses last year, we are running a four week evening course starting on June 11. We will be using the Club 1720's and Toppers for this course.

Dun Laoghaire Regattas 2008

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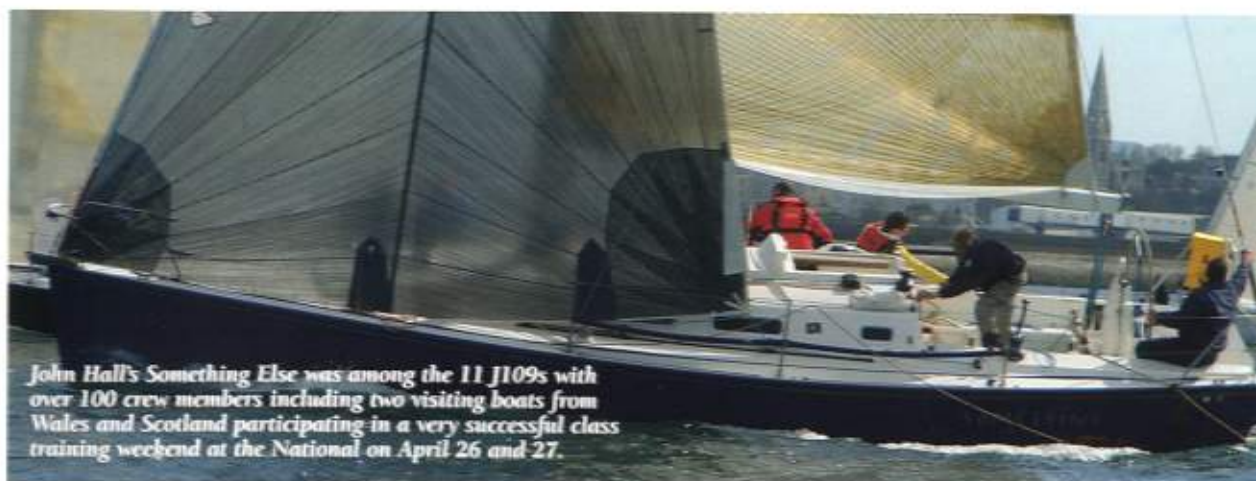
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Club members competing at their European Championships in Mallorca



John Hall's *Something Else* was among the 11 J109s with over 100 crew members including two visiting boats from Wales and Scotland participating in a very successful class training weekend at the National on April 26 and 27.

FLYING FIFTEENS

In what promises to be another exciting season for the fifteens, the highlight of the year will be the European Championships, which take place in Kinsale from August 20-23. This is the first time this event has taken place in Ireland and it is hoped that the majority of the fleet will travel to this fantastic location.

The Championships are expected to be an Open Event with entries from the UK, mainland Europe, Australia and New Zealand. Current World Champion, Mike Hart, previous world champions Steve Goacher and Charles Athorpe and our own Alan Green have confirmed their entries. The Notice of Race, Entry Form along with special discounted ferry travel for visitors and lists of accommodation are now available on the Flying Fifteen website, www.flyingfifteen.ie.

The regional events this year act as qualifiers for the next World Championships that take place next January in Melbourne Australia. As we go to press the first of these takes place in Carlingford on the May bank holiday weekend.

On the local scene competition promises to be as keen as ever where some new members and new combinations will be looking to make an impression. Ken Dumbleton and the Dave Mulvin/Ronan Beirne combination, also, have new boats. Ben Mulligan is the new class captain and he will be hoping to keep the, ever popular, one design keelboat, now in its 61st year, to the fore as it continues to provide close and exciting racing both locally and internationally.

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finals scheduled for September 13. As we go to press, Amy and John are at a training camp in Qingdao practicing in their 18ft Skud, a class making its debut to the Olympics. To be selected for a Paralympic Games is the pinnacle of an athlete's career and an achievement that we are very proud of. Amy has been a regular participant in the winter frostbite series sailing her Martin 16 from the National over the past few years and we wish Amy and her family the best of luck over the next few months as they put in their final preparations for the Games.

DAMIAN FOXALL AT NYC



Peter Ryan with round the world sailor, Damian Foxhall

On April 24, 2008 Damian Foxall gave an enthralling presentation to a packed house of members of the National Yacht Club. He was welcomed to the Club by Commodore, Peter Ryan, who is also Chairman of the Irish Sea Offshore Racing Association (ISORA).

He has 26 years of experience sailing all types of boats from 60 foot multihulls to small dinghies and has competed in the





At the conclusion of a very successful snooker season, I would like to thank my committee and all the competitors for their support during my year as Chairman.

At the Finals Dinner and Prizegiving on April 18, attended by our newly elected Commodore, Peter Ryan, and a large group of competitors and friends, the Silverware and "filthy lucre" was presented to the winners and their owners. The **McWilliams Trophy** for the pre-Christmas competition was won by Xavier O'Reilly and the runner-up was Ian Adam who received the **Elgin Trophy** presented to him by Andrew Nagle.

The Billiards final was an all Johnston affair, won by Paul defeating his brother Chris and the **Preston Ball Trophy** was presented to Frank Cassidy who had an overlap on Brian Matthews at the line.

Des Cooney and Sean O'Donovan also got home ahead of Tom Goldrick and Neill Masterson to take the **Johnston Memorial Doubles Trophy**.

For his long service in organising the Inter Club Matches, Tom Mulligan was presented with the **Louis Dillon Memorial Trophy**. Long may it last.

Finally, I will be contacting all recently elected members who may be interested in snooker before the autumn and ask any delinquent competitors to put their subs in the box provided in the bar.



Preston Ball snooker competition finalists, Brian Matthews and winner, Frank Cassidy

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has demonstrated exceptional ability at handling the volume of queries so far. Organisation of our launch reception, handling the web queries, planning for shore side activities and catering is all developing smoothly thanks to their professionalism.

Financially, Shanahan Engineering and Pierce Construction have generously supported the event. We are also receiving excellent financial support from the Irish Sailing Association on behalf of the Irish Sports Council. Dublin Port have are also providing us with logistical as well as financial support.

On the water racing will be run on two separate courses. Under the able direction of Jack Roy and Con Murphy, there will be a qualifying series in the first three days followed by finals for the gold and silver fleets. Two separate courses will obviously mean we have to double up on the usual on the water regatta infrastructure. So the call is out for volunteers to man committee boats ribs and other supporting vessels. Sandra Moore has been actively filling the spots as we recruit all the jobs that need doing. However, we still need more



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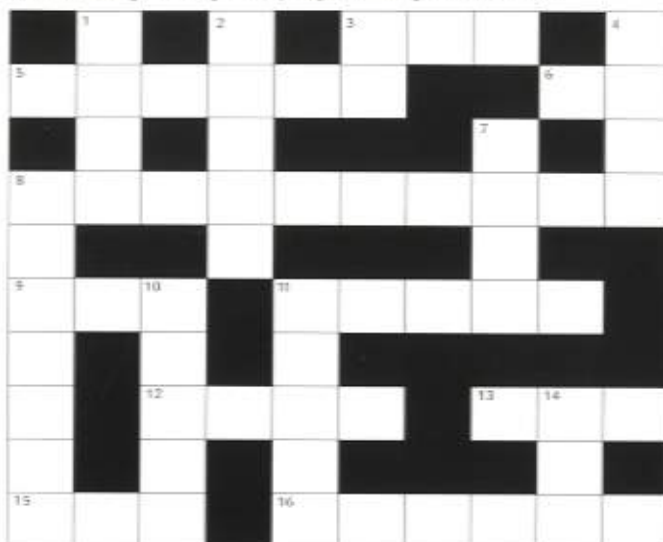


Ball snooker competition finalists, Brian Matthews and winner, Frank Cassidy



Navigator No. 42

A mixed bag to keep the synapses firing this summer.



Across.

- 3 Turf boat? (3)
- 5 Tumour (6)
- 8 Lots of me (10)
- 9 Tear (3)
- 11 Stop (5)
- 12 Boat for a baby (4)
- 13 Cockney tiller (3)
- 15 High hill (3)
- 16 13 across does this (6)

Down

- 1 Divas song (4)
- 2 Old fashioned lover (5)
- 3 Quiet! (2)
- 4 Sums (4)
- 7 Wet thoroughly (4)
- 8 315 degrees (7)
- 10 Often carries the news (5)
- 11 Grizzly monsters (5)
- 14 Legendary chocolates (3)

Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown, June 21. As usual the prize for the first correct one opened will be dinner for two at the Club with a bottle of house wine.

There was no winner of Navigator No.41



Bridge News

Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convenor

As the bridge season draws to a close, I would like to thank our members for their support throughout the long winter months. Since my last report we have participated in three competitions, the Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy, the Three Club Cup, known as the GIN Cup (George, Irish & National) and the Maurice Crosby Memorial Trophy.

The **Franz Rothschild Memorial Trophy** was held on Thursday February, this is an individual competition, where the players are on his or her own without the support of a partner. Anne Lyons had no problem with this; she played a great game and won the competition from Michael McMahon in second place, followed closely by Jackie Flynn in third.

The National Yacht Club hosted the **GIN Cup** this year on Thursday April 10th. The competition involves six teams of four from each club - NYC, RIYC and the RStGYC. We had high, high hopes for the NYC this year. Alas, we were beaten by a narrow margin by the RStGYC with RIYC in third place. Congratulations to the winners.

On Sunday, April 13, the NYC hosted the **Maurice Crosby Trophy**, a team of four event. Seven local clubs participated in the competition, with the National finishing in 4th place, an excellent result. I would like to thank the NYC players, the NYC helpers and staff who contributed to make the day a success.

The Commodore has expressed an interest in learning how to play bridge and there may be other interested members. Hopefully we will have a beginner's course in place for the winter and, maybe, an improvers course for regular members over the winter. If you are interested in the beginner's or the improvers course please email me at idakiernan@gmail.com.

Once again thank you and especially the Manager and the staff of the club for looking after the bridge club. Bridge will commence on Thursday, September 25. We will start the season in our usual fashion with bridge from 7.30-9.00pm followed by supper in the dining room at 9.15pm. Have a wonderful summer!!

bit threatening, the rain held off. The course played difficult in the strong cold wind, but was very well presented and a fair test of golf.

Social Calendar



A word from the Manager

Padraic Conneely

We offer first class cuisine and facilities to our members when entertaining at the National Yacht Club which, with its wonderful location, is an ideal venue for all occasions.

Tie Rule: Tie in Dining Room rule is waived during the sailing season.

Dining Room

Table d'Hote Lunch: Tuesday-Friday, 1pm-2.15pm
Table d'Hote Dinner: Tuesday-Friday, 7.30-9.15pm
Sailing Suppers: Thursdays during sailing season
Club Dinner: Saturdays 7.30-9.15pm
Family Lunch: Sundays 1-2.15pm.

Bar

Bar Lunches: Tuesday-Friday, 1-2.15 pm
Bar Brunch: Saturdays, 10.30am-2.15pm
Evening Bar Menu: Tuesday-Friday, 6pm-9.15pm
Sunday Bar Food: Sundays, 1pm-2.15pm
Home baked scones with Tea or Coffee served from 10.30am; Soups/Sandwiches/ Roast of the day/Fish of the day/Filled Baguettes.

Après Sailing

Juicy BBQ Burgers and freshly toasted Panini rolls served with a selection of salads and condiments available



National Yacht Club Regatta – Saturday, June 14

We have an exciting and varied social programme for the Regatta Day.

All Afternoon:

- Live Music on the Platform – Gerry O'Connor All Stars
- Juicy NYC burgers and salads, Fresh strawberries and cream
- Childrens entertainment and face painting
- Judging of Best Dressed Lady Competition
- After Racing Raft-up – Best Dressed Boat Competition
- Regatta Prizegiving

Evening:

- Live Music with Tropical Storm (most popular acoustic band on the waterfront) 7pm

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Thu	1	Sailing Suppers
Sat	3	Club Dinner
Sun	4	Family Lunch
Thu	8	Sailing Suppers
Sat	10	Club Dinner
Sun	11	Family Lunch
Tue	13	Ladies Day Lunch, Topic: Make up Academy
Thu	15	Sailing Suppers
Sat	17	Club Dinner
Sun	18	Family Lunch
Thu	22	Sailing Suppers
Sat	24	Sonatas Championship Dinner
Sun	25	Family Lunch
Thu	29	Sailing Suppers

JUNE 2008

Sun	1	Family Lunch
Thu	5	Sailing Suppers
Sat	7	Club Dinner
Sun	8	Family Lunch
Thu	12	Sailing Suppers
Sat	14	National Yacht Club Regatta – See Highlights Regatta Dinner: Booking forms Non Voucher Dinner €60 pp
Sun	15	Bar Facilities only
Mon	16	Bloomsday Lunch – See Highlights
Thu	19	Sailing Suppers
Sat	21	Club Dinner
Sun	22	Family Lunch
Thu	26	Sailing Suppers
Sat	28	Come Dancing Dinner – Dinner followed by disco music. A fun evening at a very good price of €30pp. See highlights.
Sun	29	Family Lunch

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Wed	2	Junior Regatta
Thu	3	Sailing Suppers
Sat	5	Club Dinner
Sun	6	Family Lunch
Thu	10	Sailing Suppers
Sat	12	Club Dinner
Sun	13	Family Lunch
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