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SPARKLING SUMMER FOR NYC SAILING

Paul Barrington, Commodore

As the summer comes to a close, I write with great hope and enthusiasm for the future of the Club. We have just completed two huge events for the NYC, La Solitaire du Figaro and the Sovereign Ski Topper International World Championships. Both events were a huge success and all the sailors and supporters left Ireland with pep in their step having completed a hugely successful stopover in the case of the Figaro and fantastic championships in the case of the Toppers.

The Figaro represented the first opportunity in a long time where the County Council, the Harbour,

local businesses and the Club combined to make a sailing event part of the town.

The Frenchification of the town for the weekend, the magnificent fireworks display, the French market on the East Pier and the panorama of the singlehanded Figaro yachts on the temporary pontoons combined to really bring the town into the sailing event and the sailing event into the town. Cllr. John Bailey, the Cathaoirleach, was hugely



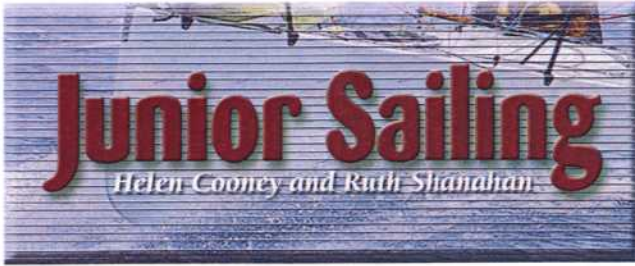
supportive of the occasion, as were his officials. The availability of the pontoons into the future represents an opportunity to support future big sailing events which was not available to us until now. Recent Commodore, Peter Ryan, deserves great credit for bringing the whole event together.

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Le Figaro fleet at rest outside the National

PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER



The summer that was...

The Junior section has had an extraordinarily busy summer both on and off the Water! Firstly four very successful summer courses were held in June and July once again under the supervision of Ben Mitchell who did a fantastic job as senior instructor with almost 70 children on the water at one point in July. Once again this year we incorporated a week's access sail coaching for children with physical disabilities into our summer course which, again, proved very popular.



PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

Start of the Sovereign Ski Topper International World Championships

On July 13 we held our NYC junior Regatta in very favourable condition, light winds and brilliant sunshine and, with over 150 competitors from 8 to 18 years, it was a great day, particularly for our novice sailors.



PHOTO: DAVID BRINDEN, OCEANSPIRIT

The NYC's Annalise Murphy on her way to winning Bronze and Olympic Qualification for London 2012 in the Laser Radial Fleet at the Sail for Gold World Cup event in Weymouth in June.

In August we hosted the Sovereign Ski Topper World Championships. With over 175 competitors, we had five fantastic days racing and an action packed programme on and off the water. Con Murphy did a wonderful job as race officer and a very sincere thanks is due to him and all the many volunteer members who gave up so much of their time to make the event such a huge success.

This summer also saw the start of a new initiative in Junior racing – a summer series which was run jointly between the Dun Laoghaire Clubs, on Friday evenings. There were two races held each week in the Harbour. This proved very popular, particularly with younger sailors. Once again we are very grateful to all the parents who volunteered for rescue and slip duty. The prize giving for the series will be held in September.

Our competitive junior sailors have had some great achievements over the past couple of months. Our laser sailors performed strongly in the Europa cup events in La Rochelle and Lake Garda as well as the European 4.7 Championships in Holland. Our numerous optimist sailors also travelled far and wide this summer. A large group attended the British National Championships in Wales. At our own National Championships in Howth, we had an outstanding result. Sean Donnelly won the Senior Gold fleet and Ross Cahill took first prize in the Senior Silver Fleet.

Our Topper group were also very busy competing throughout the summer and particular credit should be given to some of our novice topper sailors for which the World Championships represented their first ever event! Congratulations to two National boats *Sailingwest*, Paul and Audrey Adamson, and *Lulabelle*, Liam Coyne, who competed with distinction in this years Rolex Fastnet Race.

Finally we should mention our Feva sailors which is a growing group. Conor Totterdell represented us very well at the European Championships in Holland.



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Close mark rounding at the Topper Worlds



Irish sailor Tim Brow enjoying the wind conditions at the Topper worlds

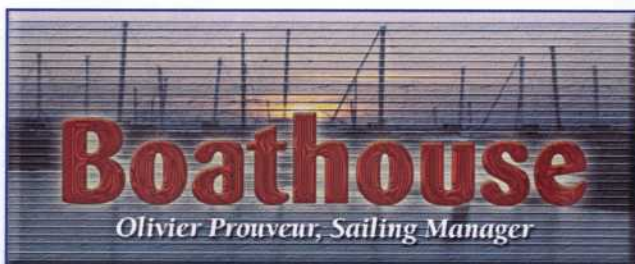


Commodore Paul Barrington, and Sovereign Ski principle, Liam Shanahan, with the two new Topper World Champions Matt Venables from Sutton Coalfields SC and Laura Gilmore from Strangford Lough YC

And now what is ahead?

As we look towards the autumn the junior sailing calendar continues to be very full:

- ◆ The DBSC Junior series for the next four Sundays in September (entry forms are on the NYC website)
- ◆ Team racing coaching for cadets on September 10/11 and 17/18.
- ◆ Junior Dinner and prize giving on Friday September 30. There will be an information talk for parents while the juniors are eating to plan for the year ahead so please come along and join us to celebrate our successful season with wine and canapés. Supper will also be available for parents after prize giving.
- ◆ The TY Programme which will start at the end of September and a meeting for parents and sailors will be held on Sunday September 11 at 4.30 pm.
- ◆ And finally winter coaching will begin towards the end of October and information on all these events can be obtained from the website or from Mary in the office.



Looking back, as the 2011 summer sailing season draws to a close, we have had a very successful racing and junior training program. That the number of dinghies on the hard has increased, if that is anything to go by, means that winter sailing activities will also be increased. That, added to the cruisers also being on the hard over the winter, makes space very limited.

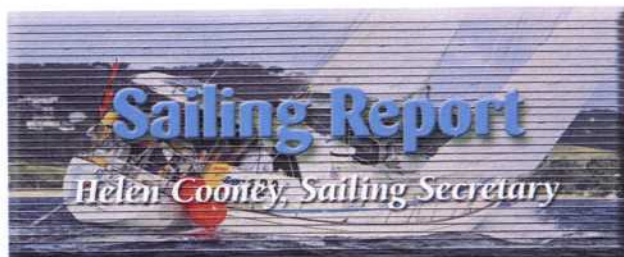
The time for lift-out is approaching. It will be Saturday, October 15. Please make sure that your trailers or cradles are in a safe condition and strong enough to take the loads. Lift-out forms are available on the website and in the Clubhouse – please return as soon as possible as demand is very high.

This winter, the maintenance programme will include the stripping and varnishing of our Club main mast which was last done six years ago.



PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

Eventual overall winner of La Figaro, Jérémie Beyou on BPI, passes Dalkey Island on the way to the gun in Dun Laoghaire



A photograph on the front page of the Irish Times in August of the FF racing in the Liffey Challenge highlighted the end of a very successful summer for the profile of NYC.

It started in June hosting the Optimist Leinsters held in windy conditions with 150 boats having excellent racing. Then the Dunlaoire to Dingle race saw an entry of 29 boats enjoying tough conditions off the south coast. NYC's *Tsunami* came 3rd which was great result for Peter Ryan and his crew. Trackers were fitted to all the boats, which meant we could all follow their progress, and added to the excitement. The FF Nationals at the end of the month had 29 entries and was won by NYC sailors, Dave Gorman and Chris Doorley, against stiff Northern Ireland competition.

July saw the start of the 1720 development series. This was a new initiative by DBSC to get more club sailors up to competent crew level to increase the numbers available to crew on the bay. Our two Club 1720s were entered in Tuesday racing and we had a waiting list from enthusiastic members. Thanks to the volunteer helms who made this possible. Our two Adult Sail training groups benefited because it provided some practical racing experience. We hope to continue this initiative during the winter series.

Then the J80s returned and much fun was had during our *Mums Can Sail Too* day, which saw first time sailors and experienced but rusty sailors take to the water! This has sparked an interest in running a mums' sailing Course in Septemer. So, to all interested Mums out there, fill in an application form on the website. We also held the annual Family Race day which saw all eight boats fiercely competing for the prize. It was won again this year by the Kirwans. The challenge is on for next year already.

The main event in July was the Volvo Spirit Dunlaoire Regatta, which was chaired by Adam Winkleman NYC this year and was a huge success. There was a large entry and the presence of the 35 visiting Wayfarers for their British Nationals added to the après sail ambience at NYC. Adam also managed to find time to win



PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

A difficult moment

both the Dragon UK and Irish Nationals with Martin Byrne having previously crewed with Cathy and Con Murphy in the SB3 Worlds in Torbay.

We hosted two major events in August – The Solitaire de Figaro and The Sovereign Ski Topper World Championships both of which have been hailed as fantastic successes, demonstrating that NYC continues to run events to the highest standards. The Figaro with 49 entries was run in tandem with the Dunlaoire Festival Des Bateaux which brought many visitors to Dunlaoire to enjoy the many activities staged around the Figaro stopover including a dramatic firework display to welcome the event. This was a very important step towards developing relationships between the Club and the town so that all can benefit from our amenities. Sailing events can bring prosperity to Dunlaoire if we work



PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

Le Figaro start on Sunday morning heading for Le Sable D'Olonne



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Sparkling celebration during the reception for Le Figaro at the NYC

together. The sailors themselves enjoyed the party atmosphere as was seen at the many social events held in the Club! We hope they will return again to sample our hospitality in the future.

Overlapping with the Figaro departure was the arrival of the 177 Topper sailors for their World Championship. They benefited from the party atmosphere in the town and we have had many complimentary emails from competitors and race officials about the standard of the event. Many said it was the most enjoyable they had ever attended. We even managed to provide dolphins in the bay during racing! Tim O'Brien, our Club manager, and Olivier Prouveur, our sailing manager, worked hard to make these events a big success as did the many Club volunteers who helped enormously. I think those involved had fun and made new friends along the way. That is what keeps our Club vibrant. I hope that many more members will get involved in these events in the future. The end of the month then saw the Ruffian Nationals. There were 25 entries and great racing.

The highlight of the ISORA summer calendar was a race which started just after the Figaro and followed the beginning of their

course along the coast. Their last race will be from Pwyhelli to Howth in September and they can then look forward to a blacktie prize giving in NYC.

Annalise Murphy had a fantastic summer on her Olympic campaign getting to 3rd place on the podium at Sail for Gold in Weymouth followed by 6th place in the Olympic Test Regatta at the same venue. You can follow her progress on her Facebook page at Annalise Murphy London 2012. She now heads to Australia for the winter to a World Cup event in Melbourne in November followed by the World Championships in Perth in December which is Ireland's qualifying event for the 2012 Olympics.

We look forward to the Winter Series ahead and to lots more exciting sailing in 2012 with the prestigious ISAF Youth Worlds being held in July in Dun Laoghaire. NYC sailor Philip Doran set high standards this year coming 10th in the Laser Radial in the 2011 ISAFS in Croatia. Watch the excellent promotional video and follow the progress for this event on www.dublinbay2012.com



PHOTO: MICHAEL CHESTER

Howth 17s taking part in the Dun Laoghaire Volvo Regatta

Billiard Room

Tom Mulligan, Chairman

The Billiard Committee remains as is – Hubert, Tony, Tom and JH all eager to get on with it. As autumn approaches, the snooker season will start in earnest and, again, congratulations to our winners and competitors. The following is a calendar of the main events.

- Tuesday, September 6: Handicap Meeting (*canvassing disqualifies*)
- Thursday September 8: McWilliams & Elgan Trophies draw.
- Monday, October 3: First round of both commences.
- Thursday, October 6: Draw for commencement of the Johnston Memorial Doubles Trophy
- Thursday, January 6: Preston Ball Trophy draw
- Friday, January 14: Preston Ball Auction Dinner and McWilliams Trophy final

Craig Hickey Billiards Trophy and the Preston Ball Final dates will be set in the New Year. November Pool: Mondays 14, 21 and 28 – Prizes. Turkey Pool: Mondays 5, 12 and 19 December.

The Inter Club Snooker Competition for the Michael Kane Wheel, which we won this year, kicks off with a home match against the R.I.Y.C. on the first Tuesday in November and we are away for the R.St.G.Y.C. the following week. The other two matches will be played in February, all under the management of young Tom Mulligan.

Subs, subs, subs! Please put your €25 subscription in the Billiard Box in the bar and state on the envelope which Competition you are entering.

Good luck to you all.

Walking Group

Desmond Campbell

desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk

The NYC Walking Group meets on the first Sunday of each month from October to April. The next walk will be on Sunday, October 3, meeting at the Roundwood Lakes at 1pm. Full details will be announced a week or so in advance, by email and also on the Club notice board.

All members of the NYC are welcome to come along, including their families. No formal joining, or notice that you are coming, 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. So as not to disappoint we always meet regardless of the weather.

The walks are organised and led by Desmond Campbell, ably assisted by Barry McNeaney, Kevin Browne and Ken Slattery.

We would particularly welcome new members at this the start of the winter season.

If you are not already on the circulation list and would like to be included – please email:- desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk

Golf Strokes

Hilda Byrne, Brendan MacConville, Alan Dooley,
National Yacht Club Golf Society

NYC Golfers Swing Back Into Action

NYC Golf Society explodes back into life on Friday September 23 with a big outing to the beautiful Charlesland Golf Club.

The usual format will apply to both team and individual competitions, along with nearest-the-pin and longest drive. We are particularly keen to welcome new members.

To enter, just text your name to 086-0784467, email Oonagh (secretary@nyc.ie), or call Oonagh at the office (01-2805725). If you would like to know more about the society, take a look at www.nyc.ie/social or call Alan on 087-8173398.

For the outing after Charlesland, we will travel to Connemara Golf Links and stay at the Abbeyglen Hotel. Golf will be played on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22 at 11:00 hrs. The prize-giving dinner will be on Saturday night in the hotel. You can book-in for this.

The final outing of the year will be to Killiney and will be our revised "Kish" Waterfront outing. It will also serve as our Christmas party. This is fundamentally a team of three event, but we will run an individual competition too. More to follow on this one ... (keep an eye on www.nyc.ie/social).

If you want to be included in our Golf text-alerts, just text "Add me up", along with your name to 086-078 4467.



Golfing Sailors – Vincent Farrell, Ted McCourt,
Karl Ungar and Peter Ryan

Bridge News

Ida Kiernan, Bridge Convenor
idakiernan@gmail.com

The Bridge season will commence Monday, October 3 for our Monday Group and Thursday, October 6 for regular bridge players, both nights at 7.30pm.

Please note that we will commence the season with supper on Thursday, October 6 for all bridge players, both Monday and Thursday groups. Supper at approx 9.00pm

If members are interested in a beginner's class at the NYC in October, please email me at idakiernan@gmail.com. A beginners class will depend on numbers wishing to attend. Please email me by return if you are interested in learning bridge. All members and friends are welcome at the NYC.

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Paul Barrington, Commodore

The red, white and blue theme continued as the Figaro departed with the Toppers. Almost 180 sailors and their supporters descended on the Club as the Figaro left and enjoyed a wonderful World Championship week with all but two of the 44 scheduled races completed. The Club was buzzing throughout the week and great thanks is due to Margaret Kneasey and her organisation team who did a brilliant job arranging the championships but, also, to our sponsors Sovereign Ski, the Sports Council and the ISA, without whose support the Worlds simply could not have happened.

Throughout the period, the staff, ably led by the Manager, Tim O'Brien, delivered food, drink and quality service on a continuous basis for almost two weeks.

Meanwhile our own sailors continue to do well. Annelise Murphy continues her great success in the Olympic Laser Radial fleet. Other young sailors are also doing well in their respective fleets, the names Doran, Lynch and Donnelly come to mind here.

We also had great success in the Dun Laoghaire Regatta with the Hall/McDonnell J109 *Something Else* taking Class 1 IRC, Vincent Farrell's *Tsunami* winning Non Spinnaker Class 1 IRC, John Masterson's *Curraglas* the champion in the Shipmans, Dave Gorman in *Hi5ive* capturing the FF title, Jonathan O'Rourke and *Tiller Girl* triumphing in the Mermaids and Francis Rowan in *El Rey del Fuego* succeeding in the Fireballs. Congratulations to them all, and to the many other successful participants who were not winners on this occasion.

The summer has also seen the publication of the harbour Company's Draft Master Plan for the development of the Harbour over the next 15-20 years. The Plan is imaginative and offers a glimpse of what the Harbour might look like in the future. There are some areas where it does not seem to be in the best interests of the Clubs. To address these, the Combined Clubs Committee has engaged professional help to prepare a submission to outline the various concerns to the Harbour and the County Council.

Chief amongst these concerns

- ◆ the impact on sailing in the harbour if the cruise ship jetty is constructed,
- ◆ the Club's access to the water if the proposed pedestrian walkway in front of the Club were completed
- ◆ the lack of sufficient facilities in the Plan for hosting significant international sailing events.

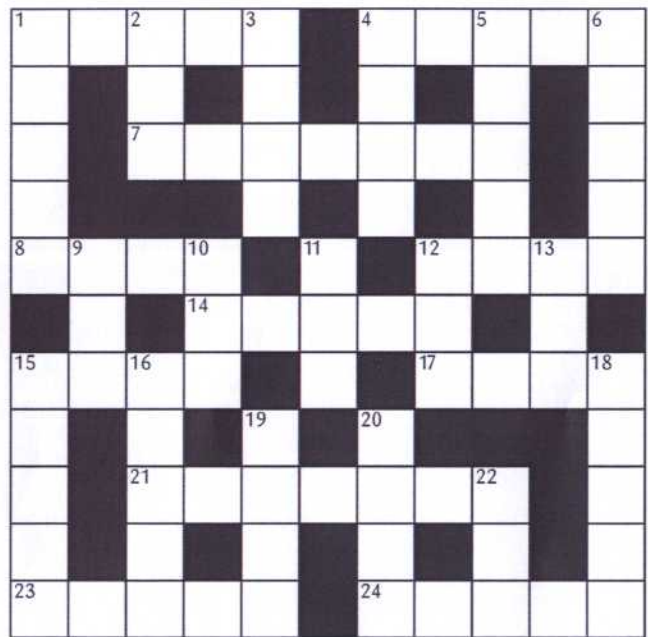
I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to review the Draft Master Plan in the Harbour Lodge during the month of August and will, thus, understand our concerns. We hope, further, to engage with the Harbour to find a mutually acceptable way forward.

Hopefully, by now, you all will have met our new Manager, Tim O'Brien. Tim is well settled in and is steadily working on improving the level of service in the Club through upgrading and changing the menus in the bar and dining room, the manning of the office on Saturday mornings during the season and many other small but noticeable changes. I would urge you all to come and try out the new menus, either in the bar or the dining room, as the level of activity in these areas is crucial to the current and future wellbeing of the Club.



A very modest entry for Navigator 51. Tom Leonard was first out of the hat and the prize is his. Well done Tom.

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 Goes with lodgings (5)
- 4 Roman king (5)
- 7 They had their Worlds T NYC (7)
- 8 Saint with fire (4)
- 12 Cleo's killers (4)
- 14 Beneath (5)
- 15 With 10 down on October 15 (4)
- 17 Cipher (4)
- 21 Connecting waters (7)
- 23 Made easier(5)
- 24 Begins (5)

- 11 Uneven (3)
- 12 Part of circle (3)
- 13 ... of whales (3)
- 15 Free or unbound (5)
- 16 Starves? (5)
- 18 Upright (5)
- 19 Poke (4)
- 20 Broadcasts (4)
- 22 The dead one has unusual characteristics (3)

Answers to Navigator 51:



Down

- 1 Stops (5)
- 2 Insect (3)
- 3 Imerses (4)
- 4 Square knot (4)
- 5 Bursts of wind (5)
- 6 Slang for rowlocks (5)
- 9 Letter of intent (3)
- 10 See 15 across (3)

Social Calendar

Booking required for ALL Dining Room services.

All Dining room booking with the Catering Team on 2801198/2805725

A word from the Manager

Tim O'Brien

Dear members, we have a full and varied programme for the coming months. All of the old favorites plus some new and special dining nights. Please see the Club notice board for further information and look out for our twice monthly e-newsletter.

Tuesday, September 13

Ladies Day Lunch – Donal McNally the well known optician is guest speaker. It promises to be an enlightening and informative talk. *Ladies Day Lunches are held on the second Tuesday of the month. See listing*

Monday, September 26

Registration for the Yachtmaster Offshore & Coastal Course – More details from Jim Gorman 086 2535670

Start of Marine Electrics Course – Contact Paul Cunningham 086 8066374

Monday, October 3 & Thursday, October 6

Bridge will recommence for the Autumn/Winter Seasons

Friday, October 7

Speaker Supper with Tom Cunliffe.

Wednesday, October 12

Round 1 of the **Bar Table Quiz**. 8.30pm. €10 per team. Six persons per team. Entry sheet on notice board.

Wednesday, October 19

Wine Suppers will commence and will be held on alternative Wednesday evenings to the Quiz.

Saturday, October 8

Six course tasting menu from Italy.

Saturday, November 5

Six course tasting menu from Spain.

December

We will be holding all the usual Christmas Lunches & Dinners.

For all booking please contact the Catering Team on 01 280 5725 or manager@nyc.ie.

SEPTEMBER

- Thu **1** Members Race Sailing Supper – *book early*
Après Sail BBQ
- Fri **2** Shipman Nationals
- Sat **3** Shipman Championship Dinner
- Sun **4** Family Lunch
- Wed **7** Water Wags Dinner
- Thu **8** Sailing In Dublin BBQ
- Sat **10** Club Dinner – *featuring Chef's Signature Dishes*
- Sun **11** Family Lunch
- Tue **13** Ladies Day Lunch – *with speaker Donal McNally, Optician*
- Sat **17** Club Dinner – *featuring Chef's Signature Dishes*
- Sun **18** Family Lunch
- Thu **22** Maritime Museum Fundraiser and Fashion Show
- Sat **24** Last DBSC Saturday Race
End of Season Dinner
- Sun **25** Family Lunch
- Mon **26** Registration for YMO & YMC – *in NYC @ 7.30pm*
Marine Electrics Course – *8pm*
- Fri **30** Junior prizegiving Dinner & Disco

OCTOBER

- Sun **2** Family Lunch
- Mon **3** Yachtmaster Offshore Course – *commences at 7.30pm*
Start of the Monday Bridge Season – *7.30pm*
- Tue **4** Yachtmaster Coastal Course – *commences at 7.30pm*
- Thu **6** Start of the Thursday Bridge Season – *7.30pm*
Bridge Supper – *9pm*
- Fri **7** Speaker Supper – *with Tom Cunliffe*

OCTOBER

CONTD.

- Sat **8** Italian Night – *six course tasting menu from Italy*
- Sun **9** Family Lunch
- Tue **11** Ladies Day Lunch – *with speaker, Fergus Finlay, CEO Barnardos*
- Wed **12** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 1*
- Sat **15** Lift Out
Lift Out Dinner
- Sun **16** Family Lunch
- Wed **19** First of the Winter Wine Suppers – *with speaker, Juan Ramon, Torres Wines*
- Fr **21** Cruisers 1 Class Dinner
- Sat **22** 31.7 Class Dinner
- Sun **23** Family Lunch
- Wed **26** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 2*
- Sat **29** Club Dinner – *featuring Chef's Signature Dishes*
- Sun **30** Family Lunch

NOVEMBER

- Wed **2** Wine Supper – *with speaker, Noel Tynlin, Wine Portfolio Manager Findlaters Wine & Spirit Group*
- Sat **5** Spanish Night – *six course tasting menu from Spain*
- Sun **6** Family Lunch
- Tue **8** Ladies Day Lunch – *with speaker Patricia Molloy, founder of Derma Laser Clinics in 1999 & owner of the Derma Clinic Blackrock & Tallaght*
- Wed **9** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 3*
- Sat **12** Club Dinner – *featuring Chef's Signature Dishes*
- Sun **13** Family Lunch
- Wed **16** Wine Supper – *with speaker, Denis Broderick, Wine Lecturer*
- Sat **19** ISORA Prize-giving Blacktie Dinner
- Sun **20** Family Lunch
- Wed **23** Bar Table Quiz – *Round 4*

NOVEMBER

CONTD.

- Fri **25** Flying 15s Prize-giving Dinner
Golf Society Dinner
- Sun **27** Family Lunch
- Wed **30** Wine Supper – *with speaker, Liam Campbell, Wine Consultant*

DECEMBER

- Fri **2** Ladies Christmas Dinner
- Sat **3** Rear-Commodore's Christmas Dinner (*booking forms*)
- Sun **4** Family Lunch
- Wed **7** Christmas Quiz
Supper in Dining Room
- Sat **10** Vice-Commodores Christmas Dinner (*booking forms*)
- Sun **11** Santa Party – *Lunch booked out, full menu available in the Bar, Santa visit booking forms available at Porters Desk*
- Tue **13** Ladies Day Lunch – *with speaker, Robert Mitchell, Mitchell Wines*
- Wed **14** Christmas Wine Supper – *with speaker John Wilson, Wine Correspondent, Irish Times*
- Thu **15** Christmas Bridge Supper – *9pm*
- Sat **17** Commodore's Christmas Dinner (*booking forms*)
- Sun **18** Family Lunch
Christmas Carol Sing-a-long – *at 4pm*
- Sat **24** Christmas Eve Lunch (*booking forms*) – *Clubhouse closes 5pm*
- Wed **28** Clubhouse re-opens – *bar menu available, lunch & evening specials, dining room booked out.*
- Thu **29** Usual bar & catering facilities available
- Thu **30** Usual bar & catering facilities available
- Sat **31** New Years Eve Lunch (*booking forms*)