

# MAINSHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO A SUMMER OF ACTIVITY



**T**he International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Youth World Championships are coming to Dun Laoghaire next summer, July 12 through 20. Aside from the Olympics, this annual event is the premier sailing event in the ISAF calendar and in recent years has visited Brazil, Turkey and Croatia; 2012 is Ireland's turn.

The event is being co-hosted by the National, the RStGYC and the RIYC and is expected to be the highlight of the sailing season next year. Over 350 participants, from 60 countries, in five separate classes, will participate. Only one entrant per class per country is allowed, making this a very prestigious occasion in world sailing. There is huge competition for places. The competitors are provided with accommodation, boats and food throughout the event and the podium placers are most likely future medal winners at the Olympics.

The competition is a great opportunity for members to get involved with a world event so a great deal of effort has been made to plan a member-friendly experience. As members you will have access to the Club throughout. There is scope for you to become involved through opening and closing ceremony parties, après sail entertainment, special lunches and evening activities. The Hon. Sec., Martin McCarthy, would love to hear from you if you would like to host a Client Lunch or an ISAF Day with colleagues or friends. There

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*Congratulations to Annelise Murphy, who has qualified for the London 2012 Olympics. Well done Annelise!*

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## Autumn for the Juniors

The social calendar for the Juniors ended on a high note with the prize-giving dinner at the end of September. There was a huge gathering of juniors and their parents. Awards were given to sailors who had excelled at events, Certificates were delivered to hard working summer course participants and, finally, recognition was given to all sailors who represented the Club in their particular class.



*Sean Donnelly winner of Irish optimist nationals and member of ISA optimist squad*

Towards the end of October, we started our winter coaching series which has proved extremely successful. We are very fortunate to have a really excellent group of coaches who are working through a 12 part syllabus which allows maximum continuity heading into the spring coaching. The coaching includes our introduction to Fevas where juniors have been coming down each Sunday to try our Club Fevas. This has proved very popular!



*Last day of winter coaching with santa hats*

Our performance sailors are progressing extremely well and many of our juniors won hard earned places on various ISA squads for 2011/2012. We have eight in all on the various laser squads: Amy Lambert, Sarah Cooney, Aishling McIvor (4.7), Tadgh Donnelly, Patrick Young, Susie O'Neill, Finn Lynch and Sian Kneafsey (Radial). Grainne Young represents us on the Topper squad. Sean Donnelly and Evie Byrne earned places on the highly competitive optimist squad. We also have 11 young sailors on the optimist performance group having all having qualified for the optimist trials.



*Evie Byrne, who won a place on the ISA Optimist squad for 2011/12*

## Looking forward – highlights of 2012

Spring training starts in February and will run for six Sundays and, as mentioned, will be a further progression of the work covered on the winter course.

### Mitsubishi Youth Sailing Regatta 1: April 12-15

This is a hugely important qualifying event for all youth sailors seeking to compete internationally this year. The Regatta is run jointly with the RSTGYC. We expect over 300 sailors in Laser radials 4.7 420s Fevas Toppes and SL16s. This is also a crucial event for the organisers as it is a final test run before the ISAFS

The ISAFs Youth World Sailing Championships the "Youth Olympics of Sailing" will be hosted by the waterfront clubs from the July 13 to July 21. It is arguably the biggest sailing event to ever come to Dun Laoghaire. You will be hearing lots more on this shortly. The junior committee are currently working on both a social and a sailing programme, particularly aimed at families in the Club, to allow our juniors the maximum exposure to the event, on and off the water (and parents to have some fun too!). We will be furnishing details of these programmes early in the new year.



*Topper sailors from NYC who competed in the Topper worlds receive their prizes at the junior dinner*

### Summer Courses at NYC

Course 1 – June 5/15

Course 2 – 29th June 18/29

Course 3 – July 2/6 one week intensive sailing/racing clinic

Course 4 – July 23 to August 3

Course 5 – August 7 to August 17 subject to demand

The Club will be hosting the ISAF Youth Worlds from July 9/20. There will be NO courses running during these dates.

During course 1 and 2 we are considering running sailing through Irish for 12 to 15 year olds so if your junior would prefer to do Irish college in Dun Laoghaire please send an email to Mary in the office expressing your interest.

And finally we are recruiting instructors now for the Summer. Applications close on December 31.



NYC juniors on ISA Leinster Laser squad,  
Sarah Cooney, Amy Lambert, Finn Lynch and Tadgh Donnelly



**T**he lift out was executed in the usual exemplary and efficient manner, despite having more boats and requiring a fourth lift move. The people involved, most of them volunteers, worked 12 hours straight. As Boathouse Captain I would like to thank everybody involved, Peter and his entire team and Olivier and the boathouse staff.

In order to support our flourishing sailing events and training programmes, the boathouse purchased an additional 2-hand rescue RIB which represented great value for money. It is worth noting that all Club lifting straps and chains are regularly inspected by an approved expert company and mended or replaced as required. All "passed" lifting equipment is then tagged. This is an important requirement from an insurance point of view. However, more and more members now use their own sets of lifting straps (SB3s, Ribs, central lifting point keelboats...). Skippers will be made aware in advance of the next inspection date and are invited to drop their straps to the boathouse in order to fulfill this safety requirement.

The boathouse is now undertaking its annual maintenance programme for the Club launches as well as stripping and revarnishing our Club's mast. This is a true labour of love as it takes no less than 12 layers of varnish and constant sanding in between!

In addition to the yearly replacement of bridals, next March, the riser chains and associated shackles will be renewed on 40 Club moorings. Private mooring holders on the East Bight may avail of this opportunity to maintain their own moorings, so, if interested, please contact our Sailing Manager Olivier Prouveur.

Last but not least, there will be two lift-in days at the start of next season! The lift-in for all boats on the platform will be on Saturday, March 31, 2012. This will be followed on Sunday April 1 2012 by the craning of ALL boats on the Carlisle Pier. This is to facilitate the hosting of the Mitsubishi ISA Youth National Championships from April 12 to 15, 2012. This event is the test-trial of the ISAF Youth Worlds Championships later in July and will be attended by international delegations which puts constraints on the dates for this event.

We invite our members to check with their insurance that their boats will be covered on their moorings from March 31! We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will communicate further details as they become available.

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## Looking forward to a summer of activity

are still opportunities to become Patrons through sponsorship or "in-kind" support. Volunteers are also needed for a number of activities, which will allow a greater involvement in the running of the event. Log on to [www.dublinbay2012.com](http://www.dublinbay2012.com) to find out more.

The National will be hosting two fleets, the 420s and the RS:X Windsurfers. The George will have the Lasers, SL 16 Multihulls and the 29ers while the Irish will host all race management support boats. The event kicks off with an Opening Ceremony on July 13. Racing will take place on three courses on July 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 and 20 (July 17 is a Reserve Day) with the Closing Ceremony on July 20.

Many young NYC sailors are working hard to qualify to sail in the ISAFs but competition is tough and the final decision won't be made until next year during the Mitsubishi Championships, April 12-15, (the week after Easter), when the Irish Team will be decided. This championship is also being used as practice and training for the ISAFs, so it would be worth getting involved.

DBSC plan to run their normal Thursday night races on the 19 and, in conjunction with DB2012, have a special ISAF race on Saturday July 14. Members will be given special passes which will allow them to access the Club throughout the event, so disruption should be kept to a minimum but the platform area will need to be cleared to make room for the visitors. Ruth Shanahan, our Junior Organiser, has the role of Club liaison with the event and Helen Cooney, Sailing Secretary, has the task of managing the platform for the period so you should contact either of them with any logistical questions.

We will also be running our biennial National Yacht Club Regatta on its regular date of June 23. Get that date into your diaries now. It will be a great day and night.

Dublin Port is also hosting the Tall Ships Race final leg from August 23 through 28. This should be spectacular.

Meanwhile, as one year draws to a close, we can also look forward to 2012 being an Olympic year and as I write this the Olympic Qualification event in Perth is coming to a close and our own Annalise Murphy has qualified Ireland for the Laser Radial class and will be anticipating representing Ireland and the National Yacht Club in Weymouth. Many congratulations to Annalise who, as a full time sailor, is always in need of support, moral and financial, and I would urge you all to help her out in any way you feel you can.

The Club finances continue to be a challenge. Although 2011 has been a relatively good year, as ever we rely on usage of the bar and dining facilities to thrive. I urge you, particularly in the dark winter months ahead, to bring your friends and colleagues to the Club to enjoy its ambience. The Manager, Tim O'Brien, will ensure that you receive a warm welcome. Also, as you may be aware, dining vouchers will be on your membership and entry card in 2012 as a first step in the development of paperless transactions, so give it a try. As usual we have a full social programme of events planned for the New Year, so check them out: bridge, golf, jazz, quiz, sailing (both junior and the DBSC Spring Chicken), snooker and, last but not least, walking.

It remains for me to wish all of the members and staff of the National Yacht Club a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

*Paul Barrington, Commodore*



**A**lthough many of our sailors have put their boats to bed for the winter, on the other side of the world the sailing season is in full swing! As we go to print Annelise Murphy, competing very successfully in the Perth ISAF Sailing Worlds, has qualified to represent Ireland in the London 2012 Olympic Games.

There are 80 countries competing in this prestigious Perth event. You can follow her progress with updates and photos on her Facebook page – *Annelise Murphy London 2012* – and you can also leave your congratulations and a good luck message!

NYC members Paul and Audrey Adamson took part in probably the best offshore event in the world this summer The Rolex Fastnet Race and ended up coming in the top 20% in a fleet of 314 boats from 20 countries. They undertook this ambitious project on Sailingwests boat *Intuition* with a crew that have only taken up sailing in the past few years so hats off to all of them! Anything is possible if you want to do it enough – I can see a few New Years resolutions being inspired by this fantastic achievement.



*A different type of winch in Hayling Island – John Lavrey & David O'Brien get a tow from one of the four tractors on recovery duty at the flying fifteen worlds, Hayling Island*

The Club has been busy since the summer holidays and is continuing to run events such as the DBSC Cruiser Challenge and the Shipman Nationals – NYC Curraglass 2nd. The Club EOS race was strongly supported this year by all classes and Larry Power, as race officer, made sure everyone had a great evenings racing followed by fine dining and prize-giving. Dave Mulvin and Ronan Beirne travelled to Hayling Island for the FF Worlds and did us proud coming 5th in the Silver Fleet!



*The flying fifteen worlds fleet return from racing under spinnaker at their Worlds in Hayling Island*

The NYC Frostbites were extended this year to include six Sundays' racing for the FFs, mermaids and SB3s. The FFs were won by Alan Green and Chris Doorley, mermaids by Jonathan O'Rourke and SB3s by James Gorman and crew. It is great to see such enthusiasm to continue sailing later into the year.



*Ben Mulligan presents NYC flag to Commodore of Waterford Harbour Sailing Club after the flying fifteen Southern*

The Lift Out went extremely smoothly this year and was completed in record time so a big thank you to all the boathouse staff and Club volunteers for such a professional job.

We have tried a few new initiatives this season too – we had 12 mums signed up for our Wednesday morning *Mums Can Sail Too* course which they wish to continue next Easter. They are also planning their own rib course so watch the web site for details in the new year! UCD are now doing their beginner sailing courses in the Club Toppers which may, hopefully, bring some new members in the future. The FFs held a *Come & Try* day recently, which generated lots of enthusiasm. They plan to hold a second of these next year for those who missed this opportunity. One of the Club 1720s has been entered into the Turkey shoot as a continuation of the Adult Sail Training programme to give members an opportunity to get some racing experience – we have used Teamers texting service to organise this so hopefully we can expand its use in the Club in the future.



*Lift Out, 2011*

Looking forward to next year we already have lots on the sailing calendar in which members can get involved either sailing or helping to run these events – the Mitsubishi in April, Dragon and SB3 Easterns in May and the Waterwags 125th anniversary regatta in June. Our NYC Regatta is on the 23rd of June which is a great day in the Club both from a sailing and socialising perspective! Then we head into the event of the year – the ISAF Youth Worlds. This is when the Youth Olympics come to your doorstep so make sure you don't miss the excitement! To volunteer at any of the above please fill out volunteer forms via Olivier who can be contacted at [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie). This is the best way to get to know others in the Club and have fun along the way.

Early in the new year we will have our Club Members Awards Dinner so please consider carefully who you would like to nominate from your area in the Club for this important prizegiving.

Happy Christmas to all!

## SAILING WEST'S FASTNET CAMPAIGN

**M**assive congrats to Paul Adamson and his crew on Sailing West's reflex 38' *Intuition* for racing in this year's Rolex Fastnet Race and finishing in the top quarter of the fleet overall. Sailing West is Ireland's leading yachting centre based in Dun Laoghaire, they run sailing courses and events throughout the year.

The Fastnet race is arguably the best offshore race in the World. With such a super race-course, tough and often gruelling conditions along with challenging race tactics, it's no wonder this attracts an immense number of entries! A record number of 314 boats started this year's race on the August 14, flying the flags of 20 different countries. These yachts come in all shapes and sizes, including the world's fastest multihulls, Volvo 70s, IMOCA 60s, 100' maxis and on to contessa 32s, pilot cutters and much more!

Building on the success of last years Conway Media Round Ireland race Sailing West were keen to race in the Fastnet, and wow, what a race they sailed! From the start they sailed superbly inshore along the Isle of Wight up to the Needles channel, leading the 80 strong fleet of IRC 2! It was an upwind battle to begin and the team pushed the boat hard. Within 20 hours, Sailing West still first in class, moved into first place on the overall leaderboard, which had been updating thanks to the on-board trackers. *Intuition's* tracker stopped signalling later that day and so their position was difficult to follow, however, the team kept charging on down the South coast of England passing famous land marks, such as the Lizard, on their way. They fell back in the Celtic Sea and the bigger boats in the class started to reap the rewards of an upwind crossing. Three days into the race *Intuition* rounded the infamous Fastnet Rock and popped their kite for the sail to Bishops Rock, off the Scillies where, funnily enough, Sailing West ran a Cruise in Company, a few weeks previously but there was to be no pulling in for pints on this venture! The last part of the race can often be the toughest and Paul was anxious to keep the team on their toes for the final drive home. Unfortunately, the wind and tide weren't in their favour and the team slipped back on the leader board. Five miles from Plymouth the wind died completely, with absolutely no way of avoiding it *Intuition* came to a standstill showing 0.0 kts on the speedo! The team sat bobbing up and down in Plymouth waters for over 3 hours waiting for the breeze to fill in, watching their result slip further and further down. "Such is the nature of yacht racing" commented Paul, 'loosing so much time that close to the finish was soul destroying, especially as we watched the rest of our fleet catch up from behind and stay in the breeze as it filled in. It was still a tremendous achievement to finish in the top 20% of such a prestigious fleet and it is certainly something we will, no doubt, take on again!



The "Intuition" crew put in a great result in the Fastnet Race

Paul and his wife, Audrey, started developing and training this crew back in April. Eight like-minded ambitious individuals signed up through the Sailing West Race Programme. They did some of the ISORA races as part of their qualifying passages, including the Dun laoghaire to Dingle race which they found to be more taxing due to

the severe weather conditions at the time. "While winds did reach over 30knots on the Fastnet race, the sea's weren't as rough which makes a massive difference" says Adamson.

Majority of crew have only started sailing over the past couple of years, doing courses such as Competent Crew or Dayskipper on Sailing West's Jeannau Sunfast 37' *One Life*. Some of the gang were keen to do navigation on the race and they completed the Sailing West Yachtmaster Theory course giving them a great handle on navigation. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the race, coming home with tales of endurance and hardship along with some very entertaining stories and fond memories of a lifetime adventure. Adamson summed the experience up, "You go through a range of emotions on a race like this with the inevitable highs and the lows of offshore racing but, for Audrey and I, it's the banter on-board, the singing on the rail, jokes in the driving rain, dolphins with us for hours on end and of course the infamous 'dark and stormy' drinks (aka rum and ginger beer) in the Plymouth beer tent with a sensational crew that we'll cherish forever!"



Former Commodore, Peter Ryan with his wife, Annemarie, at the ISORA prize-giving dinner

## DUN LAOGHAIRE ANNUAL BOAT JUMBLE

**T**he Annual Boat Jumble is an opportunity to buy and sell surplus boat and marine gear. The format is well established in the UK and has proven increasingly popular with the boat owner and marine sports participant.

Dun Laoghaire's first Boat Jumble took place on Sunday, March 28, 2010 on the Carlisle Pier in Dun Laoghaire Harbour and was a great success for the maritime bargain hunter. It has now been established as an annual event. The next Boat Jumble is scheduled for Sunday, March 25, 2012 on the Carlisle Pier. It is an opportunity to clear "end of line" and "slow moving" product with emphasis on low unit cost and value. The Dun Laoghaire Boat Jumble is an ideal opportunity to clear stock to a large number of visitors and to promote your brand to the boating and water sports enthusiasts for the season ahead.

## NYC SAILING PROGRAMME 2012

April	12-15	Mitsubishi ISA Youth Championships
May	12-13	SB3 Easterns
May	25-27	Dragons East Coast Championships
June	9	D.M.Y.C. Regatta
June	15-17	Waterwags 125th Anniversary Regatta
June	16	R.A.Y.C. Bloomsday Regatta
June	23	N.Y.C Regatta
June	30	R.I.Y.C. Regatta
July	7	R.S.G.Y.C Regatta
July	12-21	ISAF Youth Worlds
August	23-26	Laser Nationals
Every Sunday in October		Mermaid, Squib, FF Frostbite





*The two Joes take a break*

**T**he NYC Society headed west to Connemara for a two-day, autumn, golf extravaganza. Howling gales and torrential rain greeted our intrepid heroes as they sought shelter in the Abbeyglen Castle in Clifden. As they huddled around the fire last Thursday evening they tuned their iPads and iPhones to AccuWeather, Windfinder, Windguru and Met Eireann (they are sailors after all) and the news was dismal, hurricane and wet on Friday, even wetter on Saturday.

So, with little expectation of golf the following day, O'Donovans, Corcorans, Cullens, Hogans, Buckleys, Quinns, Whartons, Dunns, Dooleys were soon hogging the bar and the stories were getting longer and hairier by the minute (the truth was not getting in the way of any of these tales!). The piano soon weighed anchor and we were away – NYCGS acquitting itself with some great songs from Marie and Moira, and of course, Joe's usual rendition of "Blanket on the Ground" (the "Holy Ground" that is!), all 87 verses in 1-part harmony. Many fell by the wayside but the usual suspects ploughed on deep into the night.

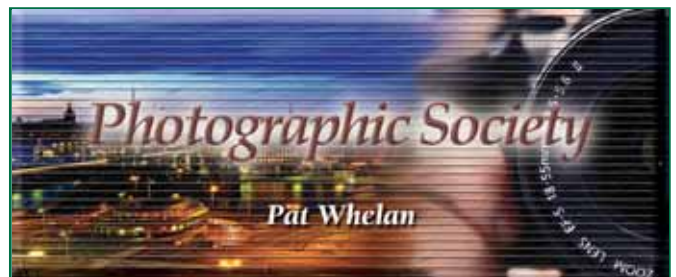
Friday morning was grim. The weather and the effects of the previous night saw to that. More in hope than expectation a dozen intrepid souls set off for the golfing Armageddon that is Ballyconnelly Golf Club to join the Rooneys and others who had driven straight to the 1st tee from all corners of Ireland. It lashed in Galway, teemed down in Maam Cross, torrential rain and vicious wind in Roundstone but as soon as the golf club was sighted the rain stopped.

The wind, rather un-sportingly, didn't stop, it gusted over 40 knots. It battered the players (standing upright was an achievement) it sent golf balls, hats and anything else that was not securely attached to the ground flying in all directions. The course was just superb with a natural and wild layout and the scenery all round is stunning. This last quality had to be

deduced from photographs for anyone foolish enough to lift their head to look around could only make out a grey haze with the occasional forlorn golfer bent double against the wind. Several great holes would test any golfer and the finishing holes are unique and memorable.

In spite of the wind, the scoring was not half bad, with most cards clustered in the high 20's. Tony C's score led the field with an excellent 30 points. Back to the Abbeyglen to recover, and 20 golfing sailors sat down to dinner and wine. Faced with another woeful forecast for Saturday the merry band, now augmented by assorted Hogans, decided to repeat the previous evening's strategy (see paragraph 2)

Astonishingly the strategy worked and after a slight postponement, golf resumed in glorious conditions, sunny, warm and only the slightest breeze. Oddly enough, scoring was only marginally better than in the previous day's hurricane conditions (readers may draw their own conclusions as to possible reasons for this) Again, the whole field was bunched on or around the 30 points mark. Top score on the day was Cathy on 33, followed by Tony on 32 and the rest in hot pursuit a point or two back. A memorable two days, there is talk of a return visit very soon, it couldn't be that windy again, could it?



**I**n Late October, Pat Whelan (yes, the one who runs the very popular quiz nights) was approached by so many people in the Club about his big interest in Photography, having had a summer job in Kodak Ireland, and then having worked in a number of Professional Commercial studios, that he decided he would ask around about the general level of interest people had in the NYC.

There appeared to be a strong interest in having some way of learning without going to a formal structured course. This was Pat's idea that, as there is a Golf society within the NYC, why not have a photographic society. He set a date in November and about 10 people arrived and the roots of a society started. Joseph Masterson became the secretary and Declan Tonge coordinated a list of e-mail addresses and a FaceBook page which can be found by searching for National Yacht Club Photographic Society.

There you will see a small selection of photos, which, hopefully, will grow in the future. A regular meeting is held on Tuesdays every two weeks in the JB room, where everyone asks questions, and admires other peoples camera kit. There is no fee for this just yet, it's just Pat, and others, helping people to understand their cameras, learn the tricks to better pictures and that the art of photography is not limited to expensive digital cameras.

In the New Year, it is proposed to create a more structured evening, with regular competitions among members, competitions against other clubs, both in the NYC and at other club premises, trade delegates to show off their wares and the two members of NYC who are full-time highly respected professional photographers, Michael Chester and Eric Luke, along with other well known professionals.

We will also invite people from the Irish Photo Federation to guide us in setting up a society we will be proud of.

So if you already own a nice little snapshot camera, or even an expensive high-end professional, you will be always be welcome.



**I** am delighted report that the Bridge Section is very much alive and extremely well supported. We have three bridge sections running at the moment.

We have the usual Thursday evening bridge for regular experience players. Also on Thursdays, we have a beginners course which started in November and will continue in January. On Monday evening our improvers group get-together for some instruction and card playing. All the different groups are having great fun whilst meeting new people and making friends with their fellow members. The Christmas party will take place on Thursday 15 December, all are welcome.

**Diary Dates for 2012 season**

- Beginners Course:** Thursday, January 5, 7.30pm
- Improvers Group:** Monday January 9, 7.30pm
- Regular Thursday:** Thursday 12 January 7.15pm
- Supper:** 9.00pm

Please note we intend to start the 2012 season with supper on Thursday 12 January, all bridge player are welcome to attend, beginners, improvers and general players. Please email me if you wish to be included for the supper at idakiernan@gmail.com. The manager will need approximate numbers of catering.

I would like to thank the Manager and staff of the National Yacht Club for all the support during the season and I wish all members and staff a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



**T**he McWilliams and Elgan Trophies are progressing nicely. The quarterfinals have to be played before the New Year, so please arrange any outstanding matches as soon as possible. The Final will be played on Friday January 13 followed by the Preston Ball Auction Dinner. Do come along for the high point of the snooker year, bring a guest, buy a player! The draw for the competition will take place on Tuesday January 3..

The Johnston Memorial Trophy is also underway. Please ensure that all first round matches are played before Christmas. Tom Mulligan is behind the eight ball at the moment as we struggle in the Inter Club Competition, not helped by my own miserable attempt, so he'll be picking a scratch team for the remaining two matches in February next. Good Luck!

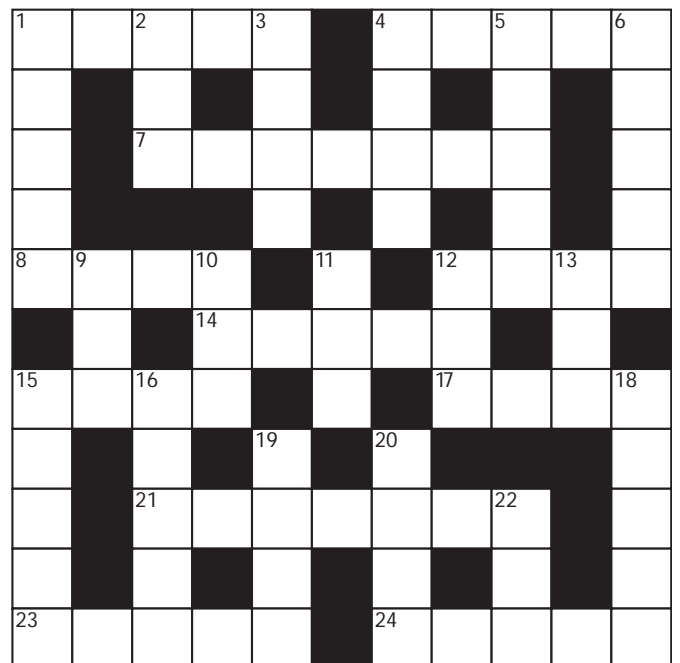
I thank you all for your support during the year and to my committee: Hubert, Tony and Tom who will be in the New Year de novo.

Happy Christmas all.



**W**e received a very modest entry for Navigator 52. Kevin Blake was first out of the hat and gets the prize. Well done Kevin.

This time we offer a nice easy puzzle to help you while away the winter nights. The first correct solution opened will win dinner for two with a bottle of house wine. Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown on February 2.



**Across**

- 1 Rows (5)
- 4 Tablets (5)
- 7 For hauling ropes (7)
- 8 Top of the bill (4)
- 12 Spent (4)
- 14 Rooftop room (5)
- 15 Not now (4)
- 17 Woofers (4)
- 21 Fashions (7)
- 23 Up (5)
- 24 Assesses (5)

- 11 American Indian (3)
- 12 Dublin college (3)
- 13 Shifting sand dunes (3)
- 15 Recipient of letters (5)
- 16 Fires (5)
- 18 See one down (5)
- 19 Has roots, stem and fronds (4)
- 20 For going up or down (4)
- 22 Drunkard (3)

**Answers to Navigator 52:**

**Down**

- 1 With 18 Down, can make her go (5)
- 2 Atlantic race? (3)
- 3 Undermines (4)
- 4 Halt, reverse, cooking utensils (4)
- 5 Better clear (5)
- 6 Waste (5)
- 9 Earl Gray is one (3)
- 10 Old seaman returns (3)



# Social Calendar

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



May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our members who have been supporting the bar and catering facilities of the Club over the past year. Can I also say that, now more than ever, because of the difficult economic circumstances of the country, we need you to be even more supportive of your Club in the coming year.

As you all know we have excellent bar and catering facilities on offer for parties, corporate events and meetings especially given the reduction in food prices.

Our new 'Food Tasting Menu from around the World' will return in February and the jazz sessions will return in January. The new Camera Club will be back in full swing and we are hoping to get the NYC Book Club and NYC Fitness Club up and running in the new Year, ideally we are looking for volunteers to front both of these initiatives, please register your interest with the office reception@nyc.ie.

The staff are all very appreciative of your very kind donations to the Christmas Tree and Noah's Ark Fund, There is still time to donate, please pop into the bar and fill in the form on the mantelpiece.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members from the staff and Manager of the NYC

## JANUARY

Thu	5	Bridge resumes
Sat	7	Club Dinner with Chef's Signature Dishes
Sun	8	Family Lunch
Tue	10	Ladies Day Lunch
Wed	11	Wine Supper
Thu	12	Bridge
Fri	13	Preston Ball Dinner & Auction (Blacktie)
Sat	14	Game Night with Peter Caviston
Sun	15	Family Lunch
Wed	18	Quiz
Thu	19	Jazz Supper Evening, €22pp incl. music & supper Bridge
Sun	22	Family Lunch
Wed	25	Wine Supper
Thu	26	Bridge
Sat	28	Fish Night with Peter Caviston
Sun	29	Family Lunch

## FEBRUARY

Wed	1	Quiz
Thu	2	Bridge
Fri	3	Water Wags Class Dinner & Prize-giving
Sun	5	Family Lunch
Thu	9	Bridge
Sat	11	Pre-Valentines Night
Sun	12	Family Lunch
Tue	14	Ladies Day Lunch Valentines Night Dinner
Wed	15	Quiz
Thu	16	Bridge
Fri	17	Rotary Annual Presidents Dinner
Sat	18	Portuguese Night, Tasting Menu & Wines from Portugal
Sun	19	Family Lunch
Wed	22	Wine Supper
Thu	23	Bridge
Sat	25	Club Dinner with Chef's Signature Dishes
Sun	26	Family Lunch
Wed	29	Leap Day Dinner & Music, €30pp Quiz

## MARCH

Thu	1	Bridge
Sat	3	Club Dinner with Chef's Signature Dishes
Sun	4	Family Lunch
Thu	8	Bridge
Sat	10	German Night, Tasting Menu & Wines from Germany
Sun	11	Family Lunch
Wed	14	Quiz
Thu	15	Bridge
Fri	16	St Patrick's Weekend kicks off with Supper & Irish Music
Sat	17	Irish Themed Dinner with Traditional Irish music
Sun	18	Family Lunch with free balloons & face painting for the kids
Wed	21	Wine Supper
Thu	22	Bridge
Sat	24	Sailing Awards Dinner
Sun	25	Family Lunch
Wed	28	Quiz Final
Thu	29	Bridge
Sat	31	Lift In Lift In Dinner

## APRIL

Sun	1	Lift In Family Lunch
Fri	6	Clubhouse Closed
Sat	7	Easter Dinner Special
Sun	8	Family Lunch with Easter Egg Hunt & Face-painting for the Kids
Tue	10	Ladies Day Lunch
Thu	12	ISA Mitsubishi Youth Nationals – Thursday to Sunday
Sat	21	Australian Night, Tasting Menu & Wines from Australia
Sun	22	Family Lunch
Sat	28	Club Dinner with Chef's Signature Dishes
Sun	29	Family Lunch