



Sutton Dinghy Club



Christmas 1999

*KNOTS is the magazine of Sutton Dinghy Club. Contributions for it are always welcome - contact the office in the Clubhouse (Tel. 839 3135), or any Committee Member.*

This will be the last edition of "Knots" of the 1900's, but not of the Millennium or of the Century - are we the only people who know that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2001? Be that as it may, the Club will be celebrating the New Year in style - see the notice on the other side, and call Aidan Henry NOW if you want in!

Sutton Dinghy Club is already well into the new Club year, following the Annual General Meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. For those of you who missed it, the plans for the coming year were well discussed at that meeting, with the aim of spreading the workload over active sub-committees looking after Sailing, House & Grounds, Training, Club Development, etc. - on the principle that many hands make light work. One "old" idea which is being revived is the "Class Captain" (or Group Leader, or whatever) - basically to identify people who will commit to "minding" a group of fellow members. This involves keeping your group informed of activities, encouraging them to get their boats ready and out on the water, discussing any particular needs they may have (training, finding crews, whatever) and acting on any ideas or complaints they may have. So - Mirror sailors, GP sailors, Fishermen, Hot-shot racers, Leisure sailors, Armchair sailors - whatever your group, get together and agree on someone who can be relied on to keep you motivated in 2000 - you are not alone!

Despite the cold days and dark nights, the Club is still a hive of activity: racing continued (weather permitting) on Sundays throughout November; the inside of the Club is being repainted; the Level 2 Powerboat training took place; Engine Repair and Maintenance sessions are continuing on Monday and Tuesday evenings; and the social events to look forward to are the Christmas Cheer on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Millennium Bash (December 31<sup>st</sup> - you can hardly forget that date!)

Happy Christmas - and a peaceful and safe passage into 2000!

Committee members elected at the 1999 Annual General Meeting:

Commodore	Charles Sargent	Home Tel. 846 2211
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# Notice Board

## Christmas Cheer Sunday 19th December



Clubhouse at 13.00 hours (1 p.m.)

Christmas drinks & Mince Pies  
Prizegiving for Club racing  
ISA Junior Training awards  
**AND SANTA CLAUS FOR THE  
SMALL ONES**  
All welcome - see you there!



# Millennium Bash



Aidan Henry is organising the bash of the millennium - December 31<sup>st</sup> (of course) in the Clubhouse. Call him now (8326869) to make sure you get in the door on the night!

**TICKETS ONLY £20 - FOOD & MUSIC PROVIDED**



## TAKE IT HOME - NOW!

You were warned - now storms are taking their toll on boats left on the Club hard. Don't risk any more damage - bring your boat home and store it under cover until you are ready to work on it.



## THE BLIMP HAS VANISHED!

No matter what you thought of it - the "Blimp" was a valuable part of the Club fleet, as a workboat, ferry, Committee Boat and back-up rescue. On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November, at the height of a storm, it disappeared from the moorings, after filling with water. Since then, no trace of it has been seen - it could be at the bottom of the bay, or may turn up on the rocks somewhere - keep your eye open if you're walking the cliffs over the Christmas period.