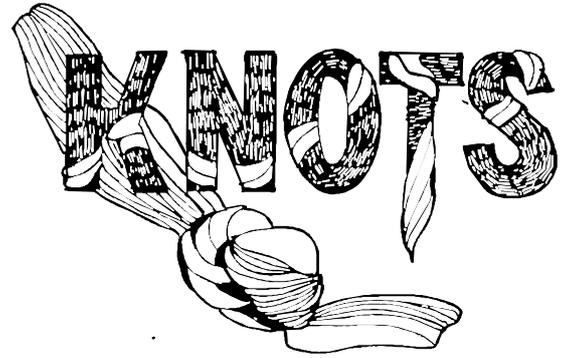




Sutton Dinghy Club

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 26TH NOVEMBER

A note from the Commodore: Monday 26th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubhouse is where you need to be to contribute to the discussions on the way forward for SDC in 2002. Whatever about expressing opinions throughout the year (and many of you do!) about what "they" should or should not do, the Annual General Meeting is where YOU decide on who will be running things for the next season, and make major decisions about the Club's future.

The AGM is where you get to hear first-hand how our Club is doing, financially and otherwise, and to elect your new Committee. Traditionally, most members just don't bother attending the AGM - it seems that they just assume that others will, and that "there isn't much point anyway", since "the usual lot" will just get elected and things will carry on as before. However, this year you are being asked to vote on a proposal to raise the membership subscription rates for 2002 to reflect the real costs of maintaining our facilities and services. For the past nearly 10 years, our subscription rates have remained unchanged: during this period the Consumer Price Index rose over 25%. The proposed rates are detailed on the inside pages.

Despite the setback last year with An Bord Pleanála's decision to overturn the Co. Council permission for our boatpark extension, the problem hasn't gone away. More than ever, **WE NEED MORE BOAT AND CAR PARKING SPACE - FOR THE PEOPLE WITH BOATS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY TURNING AWAY.** This Club needs a critical mass of members to survive, and we are preparing a new Planning Application. *Our Club exists because the original members had a vision of how they might enjoy sailing and sociability in Sutton Creek; it has succeeded over the following years because newer members committed themselves to improving its capacity and facilities.* If this project is to succeed, it will only do so if it is what YOU, the present membership, believe is the way forward - and are willing to see it through this time. **This AGM is another vital step in the process - and I invite each and every member to attend.**

As I am stepping down as Commodore this year, I would like to thank all the members for their support and encouragement over the past three years, and ask that you continue this for the incoming Commodore and Committee - they deserve it!



BONUS: the AGM will be followed by a Cheese & Wine reception for those who had arrived at or before 8.00 p.m. - don't be late!



PROPOSED INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATES

For the past almost 10 years, this Club has maintained the subscription rates at their present level, and managed to make up the shortfall in income by various means - fund-raising, sponsorship of events, and of course the income from courses. However, as a body of members, we have been "living beyond our means", and cannot continue to rely sources of income which may prove to be unreliable.

After much discussion and debate as to what might be appropriate, the Committee have decided to recommend a modest increase of between 10 and 12% for most categories. The sole exception is the Associate category, who are being asked to contribute an extra £1.81 per year (not even the price of a pint - if you could get one!), bringing their new rate to 15 Euros.

	<u>EXISTING RATES</u>		<u>PROPOSED FOR 2002</u>		<u>Increase %</u>	<u>Increase IR£</u>
	(£)	(Euro)	(£)	(Euro)		
ORDINARY:	IR£100	127	IR£110.24	140	10.24%	IR£10.24
FAMILY:	IR£150	190.5	IR£165.35	210	10.24%	IR£15.35
YOUTH:	IR£60	76.2	IR£66.93	85	11.55%	IR£6.93
TEMP FAMILY:	IR£100	127	IR£110.24	140	10.24%	IR£10.24
ASSOCIATE:	IR£10	12.7	IR£11.81	15	18.11%	IR£1.81
HARD SPACE:	IR£35	44.45	IR£39.37	50	12.49%	IR£4.37

Although the Hard Space parking rates are not subject to a vote at the AGM, they are being shown here so that members can have an idea of what the total cost of their membership is likely to be for 2002. The Committee believes that the proposed membership rates represent very good value - especially for those who participate fully in the Club activities! If you don't get out on the water, it's rather an expensive hobby - the more you do, the more you get for your money!

FROSTBITE SAILING RESULTS - for the days which weren't becalmed or blown out!

<u>GP 14:</u>	1 st	Stephen Boyle & Peter Reynolds	<u>420:</u>	Oscar Nolan & friends
	2 nd	Pete Smith & Declan O'Brien (Swords Sailing & Boating Club)		
	3 rd	Padraig Boyle & Tom McHugh		
<u>Optimist:</u>	1 st	Amy Wickham		
	2 nd	Timothy O'Laoire		
	3 rd	Diana Kissane		
<u>Mirror:</u>	1 st	Ryan Cairns & Alan Blay	Ladies' prize:	Gillian Condy
	2 nd	Alistair Kissane & Mark Geraghty		
	3 rd	Eamonn & Lisa McMahon		

Notice Board

ALL SAILORS' MEETING

Wednesday 14th November 8.00 p.m.
in the Clubhouse

A meeting of all boat owners, crews, regular (and irregular) sailors, parents, all interested members of Sutton Dinghy Club...

- ❑ Review of sailing in 2001
- ❑ Sailing schedule 2002
- ❑ Race management
- ❑ Rescue duties
- ❑ Coaching and training
- ❑ Boat parking

Make your views known to the Sailing Committee - Let us know how you want sailing organised in 2002 -

***Come along!** Further details from Hugh Brazier, Sailing Secretary, 832 2479*

DISABLED SAILOR WINS GOLD!

Feargal Kinsella, son of former SDC member and GP 14 sailor Eamon Kinsella, has just won the 2001 Champion of Champions Regatta in dramatic fashion by .75 points in what has been one of the closest finals in its 54 year history. *Feargal, a member of Howth Yacht Club, was nominated by the Irish Disabled Sailing Association. He has been sailing all his life and continued after a motorbike accident confined him to a wheelchair.*

After five races the top three boats were only separated by 1.25 points. Going into the final anyone of four boats could have clinched the title. To secure his victory Feargal had to catch four boats on the final downwind leg moving from 8th position to 4th. *Well done Feargal!*

PLAN AHEAD - DIARY DATES!

After the AGM, and the Annual Dinner - there's more! - don't forget:

Annual Prizegiving and Christmas Cheer

Sunday 16th December at 1.00 p.m.

And ring in the New Year with Aidan Henry and friends in the usual fashion: Mon, 31st December 9.00 p.m. till 2002

*And for something completely different - the outgoing Commodore, Charles Sargent, is considering going on the water for a short race ... off the Club line .. on the high tide, starting at midnight with the New Year Anybody interested in joining him? **Contact Charles at 846 2211***

TO CORK & BACK - FOR NOTHING!

Ten SDC members were on the early train to Cork on Saturday 13TH October in a bid to regain the Book Trophy from the Royal Cork Yacht Club.

But no wind meant no sailing, and the Books remain in Cork for another year - until RCYC visits Sutton next year.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

The Committee and members extend deepest sympathy to the family of the late Cormac Gordon, who died recently. The Gordon family have been very involved in Club sailing for many years, and Cormac's wife Mary served on the Committee.

May he rest in peace

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ANNUAL DINNER

8.30 p.m. SATURDAY 24th NOV.
IN THE CLUBHOUSE

A most enjoyable night, in the company of some honoured guests.

Tickets only £15 per head
- and there are still some available!

book now by calling the Club (839 3135) or any Committee Member.

JUNIOR SAILORS - LOGBOOKS!

If you want to pass your ISA stage, you have to hand in your completed Log Book to the office in the Club - AND THE FINAL DEADLINE IS 7th DECEMBER - this year! *Finish it, get it signed - don't say you we didn't give you enough time!*

GP 14 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Contrary to popular opinion, there are STILL some tickets left for the GP 14 Class Christmas Party in the Clubhouse on Friday 14th December

Tickets are only £17.50: but you MUST be either a GP helm, crew, owner, or partner to one of the above - or even been SEEN in a GP during 2001!

Contact Hugh Gill, tel. 839 3135

TAKE YOUR BOAT HOME!

Now that the only scheduled sailing is Pico Team racing, please remove your boat from the boat park - the Hard has to be cleared for boat storage, winter maintenance and marking.

Your precious boat will be safer and drier under cover when Winter winds are blowing and temperatures drop towards freezing!

COURSES: POWERBOATS, RADIO

Fancy learning Powerboat Driving? next course 1st-3rd December. Or VHF Radio communication? Contact the Club office, tel.839 3135

IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/118 "Scarlett" (GRP, wooden deck; 1999 sails & foils; cover, trailer & trolley included): £2,000 o.n.o.

Contact Alan Carr
(tel. 832 5869) - Reason for selling: bought 14/134

IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/111 "Daydream" (Wood, needs some maintenance, trailer & trolley included): price negotiable

Contact Ros Bremner
(tel. 286 1959) - Reason for selling: bought 14/160

IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/34 "Svega" (Wood, good condition, racing throughout 2001): price negotiable

Contact Frank Hamilton
(via Charles Sargent tel. 846 2211)
Reason for selling: bought 14/140

SDC - THE PLACE TO BE WHEN 2001 RINGS IN!

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