

Notice Board

Christmas Cheer - Sunday 16th December

Clubhouse at 13.00 hours (1 p.m.)

Christmas drinks & Mince Pies

*Prize-giving for Club racing & ISA Junior Training awards
AND SANTA CLAUS FOR THE SMALL ONES*

All welcome - see you there!

Ceol & Craic - at the "Euro Bash"

New Year's Eve, at the Clubhouse

Eight till late - the following year!

*Four course meal - "Starlight" racing - Fun galore!
Members, families & friends welcome*

Tickets £20 (spend your last punts before midnight!)

Contact Aidan (832 6869) or Hugh (839 3135)

No, it's not Dick Dunne - it's Dick Whittington!

Howth Community Group Pantomime 2nd - 5th January

Scoil Mhuire Hall, Howth - directed by Catherine Sargent

Wed. 2nd, Thu. 3rd & Fri. 4th Jan - 8.00 pm

Sat. 5th Jan: Matinee 3 pm, Evening 8.00 pm

Tickets: Adults 6.50 Euro, Children & O.A.P.s 4.00 Euro

Contact Lua Clarke 839 1538 or Joe Stewart 832 5798



Sutton Dinghy Club

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KNOTS is our Club magazine. We welcome your input & notices - contact the Club office (Tel. 839 3135), or any Committee Member.

NEW BROOM SWEEPS CLEAN!

The AGM has taken place, the old regime has been swept away, and Noel Dempsey has been democratically installed as the new Commodore for 2002. Noel has declared his intention to **delegate** as much as he can to the various sub-committees, empowering each group to manage their part of Club affairs with as **little central interference as possible**. SDC is also acknowledging the major contribution that "Mná na h-Éireann" can make, with **Muriel O'Tiarnaigh** taking on the office of Vice-Commodore. See below for the full Committee membership:

NO REST FOR THE WICKED!

*The new Committee got down to work without delay, meeting on Wednesday 5th December to make sure everything keeps moving, and particularly to co-ordinate the events coming up very soon - the **Annual Prize-giving and Christmas Cheer on Sunday 16th December**, and the New Year's Eve "Euro Bash". More details about times etc. are elsewhere in this edition of "Knots".*

*But to one and all - **TAKE TIME OUT TO HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS!***

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LOOK BEHIND YOU!

No, it's not a line from the Howth pantomime, this is a **serious warning to Club members, following a recent near-accident**. After the December meeting of the Club General Committee in the Clubhouse, Commodore Noel Dempsey and former Commodore Charles Sargent were the last to leave the building. At around 11.00 p.m., Noel drove out first, leaving Charles' car as the only one in the car park.

*As he manoeuvred his car ready to reverse towards the wider section of the car park, Charles was **partially blinded** by a very bright searchlight which was being aimed from the balcony of Pat Cody's house, which is very close to the Club. In order to reverse, he looked away from the light towards the back of the car, and was surprised to notice that a **person dressed in dark clothes** was walking directly towards the rear of the car. Charles turned the car so as to avoid running into this person, and as he passed, he could see clearly that it was Pat Cody himself.*

Even though there were no other cars in the car park, Charles was reversing slowly and with care, and managed to avoid Mr Cody on this occasion. However, the Club Committee are concerned about what could have been a serious accident, and this near-miss has been reported to the Gardai in Howth.

*All members should learn from this experience: particularly on these dark winter nights, be extremely careful when driving and manoeuvring in the vicinity of the Club - **you never know when someone may be lurking in the shadows**. Never assume that the way is clear: make sure that you can see what is in front of you (or behind if you are reversing), and **DRIVE SLOWLY!***

2001 - A SAILING ODYSSEY

Looking back at 2001, it was an active sailing year at Sutton - organised club racing took place on 52 days, with the emphasis on racing. In addition to regular club sailing and our two regattas, club members have concentrated on improving their racing skills, getting in lots of practice, and attending away events.

Although we did not host any major event this year, because of the Dublin Bay Pipeline disruption, one of the highlights of the year was the celebration of our clubhouse's 50th birthday, held on 10 June.

Then came the Junior Regatta in July, the Annual Regatta (in conjunction with the GP14 Junior Championship) on the August bank holiday weekend, the Inter-Schools (an "Away Event" in Swords!), then the Pico Team racing - still a busy year!

AND FOR THE NEWCOMERS:

*Once again, Sutton Dinghy Club can be proud of its record in introducing people to the sport of sailing. On this year's open courses **222 youth places** and **96 adult places** were filled. In addition, **eleven groups** from a wide range of organisations came to Sutton to take part in sailing courses. Some of these were certificate courses, while others were designed simply to provide fun on the water. The club youth courses in the school summer holidays had **153 participants**.*

LESSONS FOR 2002

The Sailors' Meeting held in November set out the main aims for sailing in 2002 - learning from what worked in 2001, **and from what didn't!**

- **Racing at fixed times** - 10.30 each Sunday morning from April to October, plus 7.30 each Wednesday evening for the four summer months - has worked well, and will continue next year.
- **Wednesday evening racing** will be built in to the Junior courses - this will provide racing practice for the Juniors, and someone to compete against for the Seniors!
- **A firm line will be taken on boat parking:** boats **MUST BE USED!** - details are being worked out.
- If supported, **professional coaching** for each Class will be arranged for the summer months.

NOVEMBER - STILL SAILING!

Club sailors took to the waters again this November, team racing in the Pico dinghies. Seniors and Juniors combined to form five teams, each of six people: one big and one small sailor in each boat! *Thirty people on the water each day, with an enthusiastic crowd of supporters watching from the shore.*

Over four weekends, four perfect days - cold at times but with bright sunshine and good breezes... on one occasion even continuing until the tide literally ran out! Good close competition and lots of fun... *If November wasn't cold enough for you, try February! Sign up now for the February 2002 competition!*

NOVEMBER PICO TEAM RACING RESULTS:

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| 1st (12 wins) | Team B | Alan Carr, Emmet Ryan, Charles Sargent, Alistair Kissane, Diana Kissane, Tim O Laoire etc. |
| 2nd (9 wins) | Team A | Stephen Boyle, Peter Reynolds, Tony Nolan, Marita Nolan, Oscar Nolan, Emer Nolan, Robbie Henderson etc. |
| 3rd (8 wins) | Team E | Lou Fitzgerald, Hugh Gill, Peter Finn, Paddy Chambers, Lloyd Shiels, Gerard O' Sullivan etc. |
| 4th (8 wins) | Team D | Laura Henry, Mairead O'Hanlon, Sarah-Ann Muckley, Ciaran O'Hanlon, Ryan Scott etc. |
| 5th (3 wins) | Team C | Hugh Brazier, Alan Henry, Brendan McGirr, Trevor Blay, Ryan Cairns, Alan Blay, Gillian Condy, Ciaran Murphy etc. |