

Notice Board

WANTED - CLUB RACE RESULTS COMPILERS

You all know about Club racing - but have you ever wondered what happens the results of each race, and who works out how each Club sailor has done, over the season? Now's your chance to not only find out, but to help out! We're looking for two volunteers to share a necessary task.

For a long time now, Nick Spalding has taken away the Club Racing record sheets and fed them into his computer, producing the end-of-season list of champions and runners-up. Now we have the facility to enter them on the Club computer every Wednesday and Sunday, for instant results, but Nick can't be there twice a week, every week!

Training provided (it's not very hard!) - call the Club office at 839 3135

Courses - Powerboat & VHF Radio

The Club will be running two courses in June, one for Powerboat Driving, another for VHF radio, once we have enough takers - contact the Club office (839 3135) for details

Don't forget the Club Web site - www.sdc.ie - and tell your overseas friends to visit it!

Club sailing at SDC - but not yesterday, this was 40 years ago!

Aidan Henry has been rummaging in his attic for photos of how things used to be back when he was a lad - the "Good Old Days"! Here's one of his snaps from 1962 - when Enterprises were in use, before Fireballs arrived!



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.

NORMAL SERVICE IS RESUMED!

What storm? What damage? After a lot of work by a lot of people (thanks to all!), the Club boat park is now protected against the ravages of the sea by sturdy new walls, even better looking than before. The replacement fencing is due to be put in place this month, so our boats will be as secure as ever.

All this was achieved, you will all be relieved to hear, without breaking the bank! Although the Club has never been able to obtain insurance cover against damage caused by storm waves, we were fortunate to be granted financial assistance under the Government emergency scheme, mainly in recognition of the services the Club provides for the young people of Sutton and the surrounding areas.

CLUB SAILING - UP AND RUNNING!

Having cleared the decks during April to allow the repair work to proceed, Club racing got under way for the Spring Series during the month of May. On Sunday 5th May, with Tom Burke as Race Officer in one of the Yams, the fleet of IDRA's, GPs, Mirrors, Lasers and an Optimist enjoyed three short sharp races in beautiful sunshine out beyond the Martello Tower. What a wonderful way to start the season - let's hope we get lots more days like that!

By the following weekend, the wind had increased, providing more testing conditions. Then the cruise to Dalkey Island scheduled for Sunday 19th was blown out - but there's all summer to do it again! **We've started the 2002 season - have you?**



**STURDY
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**THE CLUB IS
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RACE NIGHT 20TH APRIL - WHAT A SUCCESS!

And not just for the Club - some people made money too!

110 HORSES - EVERY ONE A WINNER!

Saturday 20th April saw Sutton Dinghy Club transformed into Ascot (or Cheltenham, or wherever those horsey set hang out!). The “Race Night Extravaganza” was under way, 10 sponsored races of 10 horses each, followed by an Auction Race, with Ultan O’Neill dressed for the occasion, urging everyone to place their bets. Syndicates were formed, inside information was shared (always from dubious sources!), and people put their money on some very dodgy nags!

The night itself, enjoyed by a large crowd of Club members and their guests, was hugely enjoyable, but from a fund-raising point of view, was only the icing of a very large cake. The real work had already been done, selling advertising and race sponsorship.

For weeks beforehand, a large team of people had worked long and hard to sell sponsorship of each race and each horse – with the promise that the owners, trainers and jockeys of winning horses would recoup their investment threefold! As you can see from the race results below, some familiar names did get more than their money back! (although they’re hardly likely to use this experience to go into horses full-time!).

The aim, of course, was to raise money for the refurbishment of the Club Kitchen – and the event raised a total of over 15,000 Euro, congratulations to all involved!

And thanks, of course to all who supported the event by putting their hand in their pockets – **we hope at least some of you made a profit on the night!**

RACE WINNERS – EVERY OWNER, JOCKEY & TRAINER WON 60 EURO!

RACE	SPONSOR	HORSE	OWNER	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1	Portobello Distributors Championship Chase	Alana	Philo Mullaney	Philo Mullaney	Sarah Riall
2	Montega Marine Supplies 1000 Guineas	Doc Fortune	Donal O’Connor	Emer Devlin	Denis Rahill
3	Management Graphics Champion Hurdle	Ducks Delight	Bev Drake	Claire Pearson	Barry Canton
4	Bank of Ireland, Marino Classic Chase	Charlies Fancy	Myra Daly	Ken Ryan	
5	David Lynch Insurance Broker 2000 Classic	Gillett	Colette Gillett	Brendan Gosker	
6	New Ireland Assurance Maiden Hurdle	Rivendo	Robert Heather	Michelle Burke	
7	Owt Group Fun Flyer Classic	Peter Piper	Peter McMeel	John McDonald	
8	The Dinghy Supplies Ltd Steeplechase	Isuzu	B Laverty	Ian McGonigle	
9	Marianne Garvey-McMahon & The Inner Circle Healing Centre Handicap Hurdle	Wunsapilot	Harry Gallagher	Eilish Kenny	Henry Family
10	Dundrum Kitchen Centre Gold Cup	Capricorn	Cathy Flynn-Byrne	Eileen Cantwell	

CLUB “OPEN DAY” 9TH APRIL

As you will have read in the last edition of “KNOTS”, the Club will be shortly be applying for Planning Permission and a Foreshore Lease for an extension to the boatpark to cater for the current demand. The previous application, for a 1,200 square metre extension extending 35 metres from the boatpark fence along the shore towards the south-east, was turned down in December 2000 by An Bord Pleanala. The reason given by their inspector was that because of its scale, it would be detrimental to the scenic amenity of the area.

Having taken the Bord Pleanala decision into account, the Club had decided to apply for a development on a significantly smaller scale, only 750 square metres. The preferred location (from the Club’s point of view) for this development would still be along the shore towards the south-east – this would appear to most people as having the least impact on the scenic amenity – i.e. the view of Dublin Bay from the road. However, the Club is prepared to consider other options, and the Open Day provided an opportunity to put the preferred plan, and two other options, on public display.

The second option presented was not to extend along the shore to the south-east at all, but to locate the 750 square metres to the south-west, out towards the channel: this would, of course, have a much greater impact on the view, but not affect the shore.

The third option presented was a compromise between the other two – extend partially along the shore, and partially towards the channel.

Visitors who came to the Club to view these options included our own members, our Strand Road neighbours, representatives from Fingal County Councillors and from the Howth-Sutton Community Council, and other interested parties. Having considered the comments made, the Club will shortly be submitting final plans to the County Council for Planning Permission.

LATE MEMBERSHIP SUBS!

The 2002 parking spaces have being marked out, and the spaces are being allocated to those boatowners who have paid their 2002 Club subscriptions. **So if you haven’t paid your sub and booked your space – YOU’RE LATE – and on the waiting list** for whatever may become available, even on a part-time basis – so DO IT TODAY!

SUTTON MIRROR CLASS NEWS

The Mirror Northern Championships took place over the Easter weekend in the Carlingford Lough Yacht Club, Rostrevor, Co Down. 55 dinghies participated in the event, with 3 dinghies from Sutton Dinghy Club taking part. Congratulations go to **Ronan and Rachel Cull** who won third place in the Bronze Class, to **Grainne and Maedhbh Costigan** on 11th place in the Silver Class, and to **Ryan Cairns and Alan Blay** on finishing all the races in their first attempt at a championship event! Well done all – let’s see lots of SDC participation in Mirror events during 2002.

And don’t forget – the place to start is at home - sailing in the Club started on Sunday 5th May, and practice here can make perfect there!

See your Club Calendar for the list of Open Events and Regattas.

IDRA 14 CLASS NEWS

Hasn’t Alan Carr done a lovely paint job on his new 14/134? Pity he’s not bringing it to the Northern Championships in Rostrevor on 1st – 2nd June!

OTHER CLASS NEWS

This space is available for news from the Sutton GP 14, 420, Laser, Optimist, and all other classes – but if the Class Captain doesn’t give the Club news for inclusion in “KNOTS”, then it won’t get printed!