

# Notice Board

## **Christmas Cheer - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 - arriving by boat  
(weather permitting!)**

**All welcome - see you there!**

*The Committee wish  
all SDC members &  
friends a Happy &  
Peaceful Christmas!*

## **Powerboat Driving & VHF Courses**

*The Club will be running  
Powerboat Driving and  
VHF radio courses in the  
New Year - if you want  
to sign up, contact the  
Club office (839 3135)  
and give your names to  
Hugh Gill*

## **"New Year Bash"**

*New Year's Eve 2002, party at the  
Clubhouse from 8.00 pm till late -  
the following year!*

**Four course meal - Fun galore!**

**Members, families & friends welcome**

*Unfortunately (or maybe not!), the tide  
will be out - so no midnight racing at  
sub-zero temperatures!*

**Contact Aidan (832 6869) or  
Hugh (839 3135) for tickets**

## ***"New Season Disco"* for all SDC Youth members**

**Sat. 4th Jan. 2003**

**Time: 8.30 - 11.30**

**Age: 12 - 16**

**Admission: €5.00**

**Don't forget the Club  
Web site - [www.sdc.ie](http://www.sdc.ie) -  
and tell your overseas  
friends to visit it!**



**Sutton Dinghy Club**

**December  
2002**



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

## **NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2003**

After the "Last Supper" (the Club Annual Dinner) the Club went through a very efficient (as in short and to the point!) AGM at the end of November. By popular acclaim, **Noel Dempsey** has been democratically re-elected as the Commodore for 2003. Noel has declared his intention to continue his policy of **delegating** as much as he can to the various sub-committees. empowering each group to fully manage and control their part of Club affairs. See below for the full 2003 Committee membership:

## **MARY KELLY - A TRIBUTE**

The Committee and members of the Club were greatly saddened in November to learn of the death of **Mary Kelly**, the core member of the Race Recording team on the Committee Boat for Regattas and major events. Mary had been a involved with SDC even back in the early 1940s, and in recent years with her husband **Michael** on board their boat **Caoimhe**, she contributed with enthusiasm and great humour to the success of every event. Our sympathies go to Michael and their family, and to Mary's sister Ann Gallagher.

## **GENERAL COMMITTEE 2003:**

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Home telephone</i>
<b>Commodore</b>	Noel Dempsey	847 7109
<b>Vice-Commodore</b>	Muriel O'Tiarnaigh	832 5250
<b>Treasurer</b>	Jim Lambkin	832 4547
<b>Secretary</b>	Stephen Boyle	832 2609
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Bernie Condy	832 2303
<b>Sailing Sec. / ISA liaison Officer</b>	Padraig Boyle	831 3456
<b>House &amp; Grounds Convenor</b>	Aidan Henry	832 6869
<b>Social Convenor</b>	Kay O'Neill	8391403
<b>Catering Convenor</b>	Brid Finn	839 2929
<b>Children's Liaison Officer</b>	Leonie O'Hanlon	839 2645
<b>Committee Member</b>	Charles Sargent	846 2211

## SENIOR SAILING SUCCESSES

### GP 14 Class:

**Stephen and Stuart Boyle** won the GP 14 Leinster Championships with **Hugh Gill** and **Barry Canton** taking 3rd. Hugh and Barry also won the Ulster Championships, finished 3rd in the National Championships, and 4th in the British championships.

### And wait.... there's more:

Jumping classes, **Barry Canton** achieved National Championship Gold Medal success in the Flying Fifteen class by crewing with **Justin Burke** of Dun Laoghaire at Dunmore East in August. Barry also represented UCD with a team of others at the Student Yachting World Cup where they took 4th place - Well done, Barry!

**Stephen Boyle** also crewed in the Flying Fifteen class, for Sean Craig, and won the West Coast Championships and featured in the top 3 in all of the other regional events.

### IDRA 14 Class:

**Alan Henry** and **Gerry O'Hanlon** brought all their hard work on "Charmian" to a well-deserved conclusion when they won the IDRA 14 National Championships in Galway Bay Sailing Club in August. Sailing a boat built over 50 years ago, they proved that concentration, teamwork and learning from your mistakes can win over any amount of flash gear!

## AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL:

Sutton Dinghy Club was represented in the 2002 Helmsman Championships ("Champion of Champions") by **Hugh Gill & Barry Canton**, and also by **Ruan O'Tiarnaigh**. In the final analysis, having been virtually certain of taking the overall title, Ruan lost by the narrowest of margins - a successful protest by a judge against another competitor improved the points of another sailor, changing the overall scores and depriving Ruan of victory. It's a tough situation, but there can only be one winner - that's why people spend so much time making sure the Sailing Instructions cater for every possible outcome and specify the rules for tie-breaks. The Club extends its congratulations to Ruan for sailing so well, and its commiserations on the loss of such a coveted title.

## DID YOU WIN IN CLUB RACING?

After all the Club racing during the season, **Nick Spalding** has been doing the sums, to work out results. All will be revealed at the Prizegiving in the Clubhouse at the "Christmas Cheer" celebration at 1 p.m. on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. We won't give a list of winners here - otherwise the rest of you won't bother turning up! So if you've competed in Club racing, come along - there may have been some adjustments to make sure everyone who made an effort gets fair reward!!

## PROJECT TEAM COMINGS & GOINGS

There have been many recent changes of staff among the Club Project Team. We said goodbye to four members who have moved onto pastures new:

**Melanie** who has taken a position in Sutton Post Office (do say "Hello" to her when buying your stamps!);

**Frank** who used his maximum time allowance on Community Employment;

**Janet** who transferred to a project closer to home; and

**Sharon** who decided to have a change.

*The Club extends its thanks and appreciation to these people who have done a lot of the "unseen jobs" at the club. We hope they found their time at SDC to be friendly & worthwhile, and wish them well in their future endeavours.*

Joining **Paddy Fullam** who is in a general maintenance capacity are:

**Sandra Hansard** -Cleaning/Catering

**Vincent Trimble** - Trainee water-sports Instructor/Rescue boat driver

**Donna O'Reilly** - Office Admin.

**George Feeney** - General Maintenance Duties

A hearty welcome to our new staff! And members: please introduce yourselves to them when at the club!

## START PLANNING FOR 2003!

### In the beginning:

Don't forget, the sailing season begins on-the water activities with the February **Pico Team Racing**. Commencing on the first Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> February), there are only a limited number of places for this enjoyable series - only enthusiastic hardy frostbitten soup-drinking sailors need apply! Contact Alan Carr (tel. 832 5869) to reserve your place.

### Club racing:

Every year, Club Racing gets off to a slow start - usually because people leave it far too late to get the winter covers off their boats and start cleaning, fixing and painting them to make them fit to float! **The Club calls on all Class Captains to make a list of all "their" class sailors with telephone numbers, and start early in 2003 by contacting each one.** More boats on the water mean more enjoyable racing and training sessions: the more people who can be motivated to get their boats out early, the better the 2003 season will be! ***It's time to start planning class meetings - Hugh Gill (839 3135) will be delighted to help.***

### THE BIG EVENT IN 2003:

SDC are hosting the GP 14 Leinster Championships in 2003 - remember the Nationals in 2000! Helpers needed: *Volunteer or be volunteered!*