

# Notice Board



Sutton Dinghy Club

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2004



## ADULT SAILING

Every Monday evening at 7.30 – sailing for adult members only, with appropriate after-sailing social atmosphere!

And if you're coming directly from work, don't worry about dinner – tasty food for all hungry sailors is provided by Sandra Hansard – service with a smile!

## GP 14 No.11673 FOR SALE

Michael Doran has the complete package for somebody starting in GP sailing: boat, sails, boom-up cover, launching trolley and road trailer – call him at 450 3093

## GP 14 No.12692 FOR SALE

Series 1 GP, includes trailer & trolley  
Call Hugh Gallagher at 857 1420 or 087 228 2833

## www.sdc.ie

Don't forget – our Club has a website! Check it out and tell your virtual friends

## GP14 SAILS FOR SALE

Of interest to all aspiring champions - Hugh Gill has a suit of GP14 sails for sale. They were only used for one season, so there's lots of life left in them! Call Hugh at the Club during business hours (839 3135)

## JAGUAR 22 FOR SALE

22-foot day cruiser with lifting keel, needs some attention. Price including trailer €2600

Call Hugh at the Club during business hours (839 3135)

## WANTED: GRP WAYFARERS

Know anyone who has a GRP Wayfarer for sale? If it's in good condition, call Hugh Gill at the Club during business hours (839 3135) – he's looking for some.

## Dublin Bay 12 for sale!

Arthur Pollack is reluctantly willing to part with his Dublin Bay 12, if he can find a person who will lavish tender loving care on and will continue to sail her at Sutton. Price will be negotiable – if you're interested, call Arthur at 497 0013

## MARY O'BYRNE

The Committee and members of Sutton Dinghy Club were greatly saddened at the recent death of long-time neighbour and friend Mary O'Byrne, and extend our sympathies to her family, both here and abroad

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

## SUDDENLY IT'S SUMMER!

Three weeks of sunny days, blue skies, sails on Sutton Creek – summer arrived early this year, and many of our sailors have been making the most of it before the rain returned at the end of May – Club sailing is in full swing.

The Club Handbook which accompanies this edition of "KNOTS" incorporates the full schedule of sailing for the season. If every race is held on schedule, by the end of the year you could have competed in 115 races on 44 separate dates – you certainly have enough choice! Racing for all at **10.30 every Sunday morning**, and **7.30 every Wednesday evening**, with "adults only" sailing on **Monday evenings** for those who want time away from the younger folk.

This Handbook contains all you need to know as a Club member – the names and contact numbers of all Club officials; Club bye-laws and Constitution; calendar of events for every Class sailed in the Club; training course dates; and even the times of high tides for every day of the year (in case you want to go sailing or swimming outside scheduled event times).

## JUNE PLACES STILL AVAILABLE

For our enthusiastic Junior Sailors, the Club sent out application forms for the **ISA Junior Training Courses** some months ago, so you may have assumed that the June course would be fully booked by now. If you're the sort of person who leaves everything to the last minute, you're in luck – there are still places available. So if you're interested in a course from June 8<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, call the Clubhouse NOW on 839 3135 – you might get a place!

Just to remind you – there are still places available for courses **from 5<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July**, and **from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August**. Again, contact the Club if you want to book a place for either of these months.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

If, by any chance, you forgot to renew your membership for the 2004 season, it's not too late! Although your membership lapses if the subscription is not paid by 1<sup>st</sup> April (**we're not making this up, see the Constitution in the Handbook!**), Sutton Dinghy Club never likes to say goodbye to valuable members. So don't be shy, we are prepared to forgive your lateness and gratefully accept your money – and we don't even charge a late payment fee!

**And please – when filling in forms to send back to the Club, PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND FILL IN ALL SECTIONS! It makes the administration task a lot easier!**

## MAJOR SUTTON EVENTS IN JULY

For the moment, Club activity for our members is very much self-centred, with racing and training on the agenda. The only occasions our sailors will get to compete against “strangers” will be at championships and regattas hosted by other clubs. However, the month of July is our turn to play host, when we open our doors for visitors to enjoy our superb sailing waters, event management, and hospitality!

**Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> is REGATTA DAY** – this year, the Junior and Senior Regattas will be sailed as one event. Whether you’re a small sailor in an Optimist or a large one in a GP 14 (or anywhere on the line in between!), this is your event! No need to put the boat on a trailer, or book a bed and breakfast – you have no excuse for not competing in your own Regatta! **So put the date in your diary, make sure your crew (if you have one) will be available, and get out Club racing to get some practice – you might even win a prize!**

**Calling all Optimist sailors** – get your boat down to the Club and on the water: this is the year when Optimists take centre stage at Sutton. Boats from all round the country will be coming to compete in the popular **Crosbie Cup on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**. If you’re already at the racing stage, don’t be afraid to compete: you’re just as entitled to take part as some of the visiting “hot-shots”. **This is YOUR Club, so make sure you enjoy the event as much as anyone!** *We’ll need lots of help from non-competing members, both ashore (catering, administration, traffic control, boat parking) and afloat (race management, safety boats, etc.), so be prepared to lend a hand!*

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## **IDRA 14 CLASS NEWS – NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND BAD BREAKS**

The IDRA 14 sailors in the Club are getting on the water – **Alan Carr, Noel Dempsey** and **Charles Sargent** have already got their boats back on the water, with **Gerry O’Hanlon** and **Brendan Rowley** almost ready to go. Charles has a new crew this year – **Gordon Kelly**, who is looking forward to a very busy season. Gordon’s brother **Barry**, who has been crewing for Alan Carr, is looking forward to **NOT** having a busy season – during a recent five-a-side football match, he went into a tackle and came out with a badly broken leg. *With his leg in a cast, sailing (and football!) are out of the question ... at his age, he should have known better!*

## LOOKING FORWARD – AND BACK!

The recent Launching Supper was a great social and culinary success, thanks to the hard work put in by Bernie Condy, Brid Finn, Carol Blay, and their band of helpers. This event has traditionally been a sort of Last Supper before facing into the sailing season – but this year, Commodore Muriel O’Tiarnaigh added a personal touch to the attendance.

Conscious of the commitment involved in taking on the role of Club Commodore, Muriel began thinking of those who have held this office in the past. So she invited all surviving past Commodores to be her personal guests at this traditional launch of our sailing season, and to receive Sutton Dinghy Club burgees in recognition of the services they rendered to the Club. Nine were delighted to accept the invitation:

<b>Muiris Walsh</b>	<b>1965-’67</b>
<b>Larry Cummins</b>	<b>1975-’77</b>
<b>Ian Sargent</b>	<b>1980</b>
<b>Joe Phelan</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>Terry Harvey</b>	<b>1984-’85</b>
<b>Padraig Boyle</b>	<b>1992-’93</b>
<b>Charles A. Sargent</b>	<b>1994-’95, ’99-’01</b>
<b>Dick Dunne</b>	<b>1997-’98</b>
<b>Noel Dempsey</b>	<b>2002-’03</b>

The four others were unable to attend, and sent their apologies - they received their burgees by post:

<b>Roy Dickson</b>	<b>1969</b>
<b>Padraig O’Cearbhall</b>	<b>1972-’73</b>
<b>Tony Cleary</b>	<b>1986-’88</b>
<b>John Kavanagh</b>	<b>1989</b>

Muriel’s gesture was greatly appreciated by all of the former Commodores, who wished her every success in her term of office.

## **CE PROJECT TEAM NEWS**

The Club has a new face at the Reception Desk - **Grainne Cusack** has joined the team as Administrator. **Patricia O’Brien** has moved on to take up a course on reflexology – the Club wishes her every success in this venture.

## **DON’T KEEP IT A SECRET**

Club members know that dinghy sailing is NOT elitist, doesn’t have to cost the earth, and can lead to a healthier lifestyle, keeping you fit and active. However, people “out there” in the non-sailing world often wonder how they could get involved ... or even try it out – here’s your chance to promote your Club and the sport. We enclose a copy of the 2004 Open Course Brochure - give it to a friend or acquaintance. *Think of it as an investment – if they take it up, they might crew for you .... or even buy your old boat and let you upgrade to the latest model!*

## **FANCY A SPOT OF CRUISING?**

The Club cruiser “Highland Mac” has been launched and is now ready for use – did you know that you can avail of it to do some day cruising if you want? Although it is used as a Committee Boat when the Club is running events, this boat is owned by the Club, not by any individual – so any Club member is welcome to book some time aboard and sample the comfort of a boat larger than a dinghy!

*Of course, there are terms and conditions – the Club has no desire to see its pride and joy up on the rocks at the Baily Lighthouse, and the crew being airlifted to safety. So with safety as a priority, it is essential that someone competent is aboard and in charge. Vice-Commodore Aidan Henry (tel. 832 6869) and his First Mate Gerry O’Hanlon (tel. 839 2645) are the people to contact – they will arrange a suitable date and time, and negotiate a favourable rate – we have to cover expenses, but it is a “Low-Cost” cruise line! Additional charges will apply to passengers checking in luggage.*

## **NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS**

Sutton Dinghy Club always has a special welcome for new members – the most recent additions are:

Family membership: **Jenny & Nicholas O’Leary, Ian & Pauline Frasier, and Ron Maher & Wendy Rudd**. Those of you who have been around for a while recognise Ron and Wendy’s names – they were of course very active members in the past, Wendy through all the Junior stages and on to IDRA 14 sailing, and Ron managing the rescue fleet. Having taken time out to manage the business of starting a family, Ron and Wendy return to the fold with their son **Callum** and daughter **Elysia**. Wendy started her sailing career in an Optimist, with her mother holding it on a fishing line to ensure she didn’t head in the wrong direction. So if you see an Optimist being drawn back to the shore by and anxious mother with a fishing rod, you can bet it’s history repeating itself!

New Youth Members: **Ronan Walsh** and **Ian Beatty Orr**.

## **SDC SAILORS MAKE EUROPEANS**

Following two gruelling weekends of trials in Lough Derg and Kinsale, Sutton junior sailors **Tim O’Laoire** and **Diana Kissane** have been selected by IODAI to represent Ireland in the Optimist European Championships in Sweden next August.

**This is how the officiaial IODAI report describes the two:**

**“Timothy O’Laoire – one of the surprises of the trials, Tim has discovered how to repeat the ability to produce sparkling results that include two individual race wins.”**

**“Diana Kissane – with the grace of a ballet dancer and the touch of a concert pianist (two of her other skills in which she achieves highly), Diana gets better with age (and she can compete in the class until 2007!).”**