

Notice Board

ANNUAL DINNER

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

A most enjoyable night, a four-course meal in the company of some honoured guests.

Tickets only €25 per head – there are still some available. Why not make up a table with your friends (or those in your sailing Class, friends or not)?

Book by calling the Club (839 3135) or contact any Committee Member.

LEVEL 2 POWERBOAT COURSE

National Powerboat Certificate
Sat/Sun 24th/25th November &
Sat/Sun 8th/9th Dec.
9-5 each day.

Fee is at Cost = €125
Book at Club, tel.839 3135

www.sdc.ie

Keep up to date with your Club news, boats for sale, etc.!

HAVE YEZ NO HOMES TO GO TO? IT'S CLOSING TIME!

Now that the only scheduled sailing activity is Pico Racing in November, you **MUST remove your boat from the Club** – any remaining in the Boat Park will be placed in the Upper Car Park for collection,

Apart from anything else, your precious boat will be safer and drier under cover when winter winds blow and temperatures drop towards freezing!

If you have already taken yours home Thanks!

CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENING

Friday 7th Dec. – 8 till late! Fun and fund-raising in the Clubhouse for children's health. Come along – & bring a friend!

SAILORS' MEETING

Monday 26th November 8.00 p.m.
in the Clubhouse – review the season, plan for 2008 sailing

-----followed by -----

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 26th November 9.00 p.m.
in the Clubhouse – review the Club performance, elect the Officers and Committee for 2008

THREE CHEERS FOR SANTA!

Christmas drinks / Annual Prizegiving in the Clubhouse Sunday 16th December 1.00 p.m.

Santa Claus will arrive by boat (weather permitting!) for the younger members!



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.

AUTUMN SAILORS' MEETING
and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
26th November at 8 & 9 p.m.

People hate going to meetings – unless there's going to be some major change to their lives, and they need to go to make sure their views get heard. So when the **Sailing Committee** were planning their **Autumn Sailors' Meeting** to review the 2007 season, and the **General Committee** were planning the **Club Annual General Meeting**, both decided to call you out **ON THE SAME NIGHT!**

*So no excuses – come to the Clubhouse on **Monday 26th November at 8 p.m.** where we can look back at the successes and failures in Club sailing in 2007, and discuss the best way to set our course for 2008. Then at 9 p.m., **WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR SEAT**, you'll be attending the **Annual General Meeting**, ready to approve the accounts, congratulate the Commodore on a job well done, and vote in the Committee for 2008 (or start a row – you can't let them away too easily)! How's that for organisation – two meetings for the price of one (which is free), no need to repeat yourself!*

Please don't decide to stay at home at let "them" decide how things will be next year – it's **your Club**, you pay your membership fee and have a right to be involved in decisions *once a year!*

CAROL EVENING IN CLUBHOUSE
- FOR A WELL DESERVING CAUSE!
FRIDAY 7TH DEC. – 8 TILL LATE!

Tim Coyne is an 8-year-old member of Sutton Dinghy Club who was fortunate to avail of life-changing treatment at Newcastle General Hospital in the UK in April this year. At the age of 4, this young sailor had been diagnosed with **Chronic Granulomatous Disease**, which is characterized by an inability of the body's cells to kill certain micro-organisms. In Newcastle, Tim received a successful bone marrow transplant, which meant he returned to full active involvement in SDC activities, and looks forward to next season in full health.

The facility in Newcastle is the only available treatment for Irish children born with defective immune systems, and Tim's family and friends are determined to raise money so that more children can recover and go home to live normal lives. They have organized a "Christmas Carol Evening" in the Clubhouse at 8 p.m. on Friday 7th December – which promises to be an enjoyable way to help! Admission is by donation only – bring a friend and support this worthy cause!

Visit www.bubblefoundation.org.uk

Christmas is for children!

OCTOBER 2007 FROSTBITES

Club racing in 2007 came to an end with the Frostbite Series. The following were the top placings:

GP 14 Class:

- 1st Michael O'Neill/Dick Dunne SDC
- 2nd Hugh Gill/Ciaran Murphy SDC
- 3rd Michael Dolan/ Jacque Ryan SDC/LDYC

Laser Radial:

- 1st Ian Beatty-Orr SDC
- 2nd Brendan McLoughlin SDC

Laser 4.7:

- 1st Ben Kelly SDC

Mirror:

- 1st Eamonn & Aoife Bourke SDC
- 2nd Finbar Deery/Declan Egan SDC
- 3rd Niamh & Harry McCormack SDC

Optimist:

- 1st Nicole Guinee SDC
- 2nd Daniel Gill SDC
- 3rd Robert Dickson LRYC

Pico:

- 1st Vivienne & Robbie O'Hanlon SDC
- 2nd Jack Newport SDC
- 3rd Maedbh Greene SDC

IDRA 14:

No IDRA 14s competed in the SDC event; but they were on the water, and winning - in Clontarf, not at home! Sutton sailors Alan Carr and Aoibhinn de Burca took top place in both Saturday and Sunday Series, with Gerry O'Hanlon & Paul McNally next best SDC boat overall. Gordon and Barry Kelly were better than Charles Sargent & Hilary Gilligan, but only on Saturdays - *is there something they're not telling us?*

FALLING BETWEEN SCHOOLS

Eighteen schools competed at Sutton Dinghy Club in the 2007 All Ireland Interschools Event. Friendly rivalry, competitiveness and good fun were to the fore in conditions that ranged from gentle breezes on Saturday to fresh winds on Sunday.

Racing was scored using the PY (Portsmouth Yardstick) handicap system for the many different classes to determine the winner of the Conor Nolan Memorial Trophy. St Gerard's of Bray, represented by Ronan McGovern, Ian Byrne and Oisín O'Neil, were the eventual winners. Gorey Community School (Ciaran Hurney, Aoife Hurney and Ailill Bergin) came second, with third place going to Skerries Community College (Barra Collins, David Kavanagh and Ben Malone).

The Optimist Class raced for the Institute of Education Perpetual Team Trophy which was won convincingly by the North Dublin National School Project (NDNSP) which was ably represented by Daniel Gill and Kiernan McNamara. Second place went to St. Fintan's High School (Zach Salveta and Rob Keogh), followed by Sinead Dickson, Nicole Guinee, and Rachael O'Connor of Bayside National School in third place. The Individual Optimist Champion Trophy award went to Daniel Gill, with Zach Salveta taking the second individual place. Hanna Levins of Alexandra College was placed 3rd individual.

The Davidson Memorial Individual Trophy was won by Scott Flanigan of Belvedere College. Ciaran Hurney took second place for Gorey Community School, and Ronan McGovern of St. Gerards Bray came third.

Congratulations to all who took part, and sincere thanks to the many members and parents who helped to make the event an outstanding success!

GP14 NEWS

Young Sutton GP14 sailors Gerard O'Sullivan and Ben Saunders recently travelled to Plas Menai Watersports Centre in Wales and availed of a weeks specialist GP14 training, with assistance from the Class Association of Ireland, and subsidised & organised by the International Class Association. Gerard described his week as "The best training I've ever had along with great fun. Made lots of new friends".

Excitement is mounting in the Blay household with the imminent arrival of Alan's new GP14 - let's hope the champagne is cooling ready for the launch! More fresh news this week is that another GP14 has been ordered from Alistair Duffin, to be delivered to Sutton - one particular Club member has had enough of playing around in big boats at Howth and is returning to the excitement of GP14 sailing, which he had enjoyed some year ago.

So a classy fleet is shaping up for next season - let's hope these eager sailors persuade ALL GP sailors in Sutton to get their boats out regularly for Club racing, and give them a run for their money!

DOREEN LOVEGROVE

The death has occurred of one of our Club's near neighbours on Strand Road, Doreen Lovegrove. Doreen came to live in Sutton with her husband Percy and son David in the early 1960s. With the Dinghy Club across the road, David became a prominent Sutton sailor, later moving to Howth where has served as Commodore, and is an international Race Judge.

Our sympathies go to Percy, David, daughter-in-law Kate; Sarah & Derek, Joanna & Dave, and great-grandson Max.

SUTTON SAILORS IN EUROPE

Two Sutton sailors were on the Trinity College Dublin team competing in the Student Yachting World Cup in La Rochelle from 26th October to 3rd November. Racing was in one-design 9.5 metre yachts provided by the organisers - Davie Carr was aboard the Grand Surprise yacht with fellow Trinity students, Geoff Tait, Lisa Tait, Osmond Morris, Simon Rattigan, Chris Clayton, Katie Hamilton and Claudine Murphy, while on shore Amy Wickham and Louise Dobbyn took up the mantle of team managers.

The Student Yachting World Cup is where the best college sailing teams from around the world come to do battle every year for the coveted world title. Last year Trinity College became the first Irish college to win the title, and were defending their title despite the competition from around the globe - crews from fifteen countries took part.

Unfortunately, when the final results were computed, Davie, Amy and their colleagues had to be content with 6th place overall - but we're still proud of their achievements at such a prestige event! First place this year went to Ecole Polytechnique Federale of Switzerland, while the other Irish team competing, Cork Institute of Technology, took second place. The other teams ahead of our sailors came from Portugal, England, and Scotland.

THERE'S ANOTHER - IN ITALY!

Sutton member Andy Johnston was part of the crew on an Etchells which won the Italian National Championship!