

Notice Board



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Sutton Dinghy Club

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SDC ANNUAL DINNER - SATURDAY 19TH NOV.

Our Club Annual Dinner takes place in the Clubhouse on Saturday 19th November - a members' celebration of a great year in the company of some honoured guests. Contact your Club friends - a group table doubles the enjoyment! Book your tickets TODAY - call the Club on 839 3135, or contact a Committee member.

POWERBOAT COURSES

Two Powerboat Courses have been arranged for anybody interested joining our Safety Boat teams - we would encourage parents of Optimist and Mirror sailors as well as other members to get involved:

- Nov 12th and 19th - National Powerboat Certificate (Level 2)
- Nov 13th and 20th - Safety Boat Course (Level 3)

Some places still available on both - contact Hugh in Club Office (839 3135) for booking arrangements

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Club Website: www.sdc.ie
Louise Donnelly - web site admin and SDC Club Office*

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers required to assist with Race Officer duties at Sutton Dinghy Club. Training supplied to interested people - please e-mail the Club with details to info@sdc.ie or telephone (01) 8393135

CALLING ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS

We would be delighted to hear from our younger members who have any news, photos, gossip or reports on their sailing experiences to be included in our new Junior Members website page - e-mail info@sdc.ie

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Almost the end of October - where has the year gone? Only one more Sunday left in the Frostbite series, to complete our Club calendar of fleet racing, with only the very hardy souls planning to participate in the Pico Team Racing in November. It's well past time that non-participating sailors should have brought their boats home for the winter - the boat park **MUST BE CLEARED!**

Just as the arctic birds migrate south to Ireland for the winter, a flock of large cruisers migrate from Clontarf and elsewhere to spend the winter months sheltering at Sutton Dinghy Club. Next Saturday 29th October is the day that the big crane arrives in the boat park, and starts lifting those visiting boats into their winter positions, a job which requires clear space to carry out the operations safely. The only dinghies permitted to remain at SDC are those competing in the final Frostbite racing on the following Sunday - then all members' boats must be taken away from SDC.

Your boat is valuable to you - not only in money terms, but in the fun you can get by using it during the sailing season. It will be safer and drier at home (or in your cousin's shed, or wherever you arrange to store it!) now that the Autumn winds are blowing and Winter is closing in! **Don't say you weren't warned!**

October 31st - more than spooky

So what's important about 31st October? Yes, we all know it's Halloween, a time for dressing up in scary clothes and going from door to door seeking treats - but why is it an important date in Sutton Dinghy Club? Take out your Club Handbook and see if you can find out.

No, it's not a scheduled sailing event - apart from telling you that High Water is at 14.34 on Monday 31st, there is no Club activity shown on the Calendar.

The answer is elsewhere - in the section at the back of the Handbook which contains the Club Constitution. Those of you interested in how our Club is run should be familiar with how Club Officers and the Committee are elected, and how you can participate in that process. You probably know that we hold an Annual General Meeting every year, usually on the last Monday of November, and vote to elect the Committee for the following 12 months - but if you want to nominate someone (or get yourself nominated), don't leave that decision until the AGM!

Section 33 of our Constitution states: ***Nominations for positions as Honorary Officers, or to the Committee, shall be proposed and seconded in writing by two Ordinary members and lodged with the Secretary not later than the 31st October prior to the Annual General Meeting.***

ALL-IRELAND INTER-SCHOOLS 2011

The weekend of 1st/2nd October saw a large contingent of schoolchildren from all around Ireland converge on Sutton Dinghy Club for the annual Inter-Schools Championships. A total of 140 boats competed – 95 in the Mixed Class PY Fleet, and another 45 in the Optimist Fleet. The competitors came from 28 different schools, many represented by several teams, and the whole event was managed by a team of willing Club volunteers who tirelessly recorded entries, helped sailors onto the water, managed them while they raced and recorded the results, then helped them ashore, fed them, gave them prizes and sent them home – easy to say, but a lot of hard work involved! Unfortunately, calm conditions on the second day meant that racing was cancelled, and the results decided on the Saturday races. To all who helped make this event a success, the Club extends its appreciation and thanks.

The results saw Sutton sailors among the winners – Mirror sailor **Callum Maher** (with crew **Jack Nolan**) and Feva sailor **David Johnston** (with crew **Rob Gleeson**) were on **Belvedere Team B** which won the Mixed Fleet Team event. Mirror sailors **Aoife Burke** (with crew **Ellen Harkin**), **Sinead Dickson** (with crew **Saoirse Kelly**), and **Nicole Guinee** (with crew **Rachael O'Connor**) who took second place as **Santa Sabina Team A**.

On an individual basis, **Aoife Burke** and **Ellen Harkin** took top place in the Mixed Fleet racing.

The Optimist Class raced separately - **Kilkenny College** took top place (helms **Douglas Elmes** and **Scot Levie**); second was St. Patrick's National School (helms **Ros Morgan** and **Ben Walsh**); and third place went to **Belvedere College** (helms **Fergus Flood**, **James O'Connor**, and **Tim Coyne**).

8 P.M. WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: BRISBANE TO LANGKAWI (*langwha?*) WITH PAT AND OLIVIA

The "Old-Timers" in Sutton Dinghy Club will remember **Pat Murphy** sailing his GP 14 (with considerable competitive success, it must be said) and regaling all and sundry at social occasions with his considerable abilities as an after-dinner speaker (and not only after dinner, but before and during as well!).

As most people know by now, Pat and his lovely wife **Olivia** set sail nine years ago on a voyage of adventure around the world in their yacht "**Aldebaran**", and have returned to these parts from time to time to regale us with stories of their findings on foreign shores. Having already presented parts 1 and 2, at **8 pm on Wednesday 2nd November** they return again to Sutton Dinghy Club this part 3 talk describes their 5,500 mile passage from Brisbane in Australia to Langkawi in Malaysia via The Great Barrier Reef, Darwin, Indonesia, and Singapore.

Their presentation consists of quality slides, humorous and not so humorous stories, the enjoyable & the not so enjoyable parts, and is designed for sailors and "landlubbers" alike.

- Surfing a dangerous Australian Bar
- Avoiding crocodiles in Australia
- Anxiety about sailing through Indonesia
- Surviving a near miss with a large tanker
- Losing dinghy & outboard in Indonesia
- Lucky not to lose their boat in Malaysia
- Wild Komodo Dragons & Orangutans
- Sailing the notorious Malacca Straits
- Absolute luxury in a Singapore Marina

All are welcome – bring your friends! Admission is FREE, but there will be a collection for St. Vincent de Paul – Christmas is coming, and there are many needy families this year.

SUTTON TOPS IN IDRA 14s IN 2011

2011 was a great year for Sutton Dinghy Club sailors in IDRA 14s – and Sutton is popular with the IDRA 14 Class! Of 80 entries in this year's Sutton Regatta, 12 of were IDRA 14s, including four boats from Clontarf and two from the DMYC. IDRA sailor **Scorie Walls** was Race Officer on the day, helped by fellow Class sailor **Jim Lambkin**. In tough conditions, **Alan Henry** and **Simon Revill** took first place for Sutton in 14/125, followed in second place by **Alan Carr** and **Dana Kilroy** in 14/38

Following on their successes in winning Clontarf's **Sunbeam Cup** and Sutton Regatta, **Alan Henry** and **Simon Revill** won the **National Championships at Galway Bay Sailing Club**, **Alan Carr** and **Ian McCormack** finished in second place.

SDC took first prize in both the silver and gold fleets at the 2011 **IDRA Open Championship** in Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club on the 27th and 28th of August. **Alan Henry** and **Simon Revill** in won in the gold fleet. Having also won the Nationals this year, this made them the undisputed 2011 IDRA champions! **Charles Sargent** and **John Lynch** in 14/126 won the Silver Fleet.

As IDRA 14 National Champion, **Alan Henry** and **Simon Revill** qualified for the **2011 Waterways Ireland ISA Sailing Championship in Lough Derg Yacht Club** on October 8th - 9th. Unfortunately, they were eliminated after the first three-race series – SDC and the IDRA 14 Class will have to wait at least another year to achieve top honours!

SUTTON FEVA HITS HIGH PLACES

David Johnston is **ISA Youth National Champion 2011**, and took 4th place in the **RS Feva World Championships in Holland** – well done David!

COMMITTEE ACHIEVEMENTS

In advance of the 2011 AGM, the Commodore is taking this opportunity to bring you up to date on the progress that has been made by a confident and united Committee against key objectives set at the beginning of the year:

Club Policies & Procedures: *We have updated and/or created and published an extensive set of policies and procedures which are **accessible through our SDC website** – this work is ongoing.*

Protection of Children: *We have hosted the first ISA-run "Basic Awareness Child Protection" course in SDC, which was attended by Charles Sargent (Commodore); Andy Johnston (Vice Commodore); Jim Lambkin (Treasurer); Eimear Shanahan (Mirror Class Captain); Mandy Kelly (Optimist Class Captain); Hugh Gill (Centre Principal); CE Staff members Liz Brown, Brian Ward, Thomas Farrelly, Tammie Wolverson, Bridie Owens, and Sean Redmond, as well as Club volunteer Susan Quin.*

We have put in place a Garda Vetting Officer and submitted a list of Committee members, CE Project staff, instructors and volunteers for vetting.

Financial Management: *The Open Course (Summer Sea Sessions) income and expenditure has been reviewed, and a new agreement negotiated regarding allocation of Club costs.*

We have begun the migration of the Club accounts onto a standard accounting package under the guidance of our auditors Garland McDonald & Co. Ltd.

FAS Community Employment project: *Extensive engagement has been undertaken with FAS regarding management of the CE Project, and a new contract agreed with Hugh Gill as Project Supervisor.*