

## 1959 Sunday Independent - Drama Off Dun Laoghaire

### YOUTHS IN SEA RESCUED - 26th June 1959

*BAREFOOTED and with sodden clothing, four young men climbed gladly up the ladder from the deck of Dun Laoghaire Lifeboat to the balcony of the Royal Irish Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, yesterday.*

*A short time earlier they had been crossing in two 16-foot racing dinghies from Dun Laoghaire to Kilbarrack. A storm had suddenly blown up and in the torrential rain the dinghies had capsized.*

*The four young men were: Roy Dickson (21), of Clare Hall, Belcamp, and Frank Walsh, of 2 Dublin Road, Kilbarrack, who manned one dinghy, and-Derek Dickson (17), Clare Hall, Belcamp, and Eddie O'Shea (18). Island View, Baldoyle Road, Sutton, who manned the other.*

#### Three Miles Out

*Frank Walsh told a "Sunday Independent" reporter that they had been competing at the Royal Irish Yacht Regatta off Dun Laoghaire.*

*The two hornets which capsized and which had got first and second prizes in their class at the regatta, were returning to Kilbarrack with two other hornets when the squall blew up. They were about three miles out to sea.*

*The four youths were flung into the water when their crafts capsized. Within ten minutes they were rescued by the yacht, Pauline, of the Howth Sailing Club, which had been hailed by one of the other hornets. They were taken on board the Pauline, which then met the Dun Laoghaire lifeboat, they were taken on board. The lifeboat also towed in the two dinghies.*

*Mr John Jenkins, the coxswain of the lifeboat, said that the lifeboat had received a call at 4.50 to say that there was a motor-boat, Phoenix, in distress near the Muglands, off Dalkey. They left immediately and contacted the motor-boat about four miles east of the Muglands.*

*The motor-boat, which is owned by Mr. P. Magennis, who was on board with three others, had blown a cylinder head and was unable to make headway.*

*They towed the motor-boat into Coal Harbour and landed the party. When they were returning to their moorings they got another call and went to the assistance of the two hornets which they towed to the Royal Irish Yacht Club at Dun Laoghaire.*

*FOOTNOTE — The name of one of the hornets which capsized was Kon-Tiki.*

### BACK TO REALITY - OR AT LEAST TO 2014!

**REMINDER - The Annual General Meeting of Sutton Dinghy Club takes place in the Clubhouse at 8pm on Monday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**



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#### 75th YEAR OF SAILING IN SUTTON!

It's hard to believe that this 75th sailing season at Sutton Dinghy Club is already almost over – and we're celebrating with the Gala Ball & Dinner in the Marine Hotel on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November, in the company of fellow members present and past; their families, friends and supporters.

As each season nears its end, we look back at the highlights – and after a gap of 7 years 2014 saw the successful re-launch of the historical "Book Trophy" inter-club Team Racing event between Sutton and Royal Cork Yacht Club, 70 years after it was first held! In August SDC regained the Senior Book after a gap of 14 years. The SDC team led by Hugh Gill included Sinead Dickson, Alan Blay, David Johnston, Katie Dwyer and Wendy Rudd - a great day in Sutton with many former competitors dropping in to see the famous Book Trophy. In September the SDC Team of Dan Gill, David Johnston, Shane McLoughlin, Sinead Dickson, Callum Maher and Conor Twohig travelled to Crosshaven to contest the Junior event - a narrow loss was offset by huge interest from our youths for the event.

**GP14s** - the season saw 5 Sutton crews in regular attendance at regional events. Alan Blay with David Johnston capped a great season by taking the Ulster Championships and 4th in the Nationals in Sligo, where Dan Gill took Junior Helm, with Katie Dwyer winning Silver Fleet. Highpoint was **GP14 Worlds**, held in East Down Yacht Club, NI. SDC had five crews in the 90+ boat fleet. And saw Callum Maher and Dan Gill take top crew and top junior helm respectively.

**MIRRORS** - 2014 saw Sutton sailors back at the forefront of Irish Mirror sailing. Early season saw Robert Dickson and Meisha Johnston take a "home win" at the Eastern Championships held in SDC. Shane McLoughlin and Oscar Langan capped a great season by winning the National Championships in Sligo, the Southern Championships in Cork and a notable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the European Championships.

The **IDRA 14** fleet at Sutton had mixed successes during the year, with Alan Henry /Simon Reville, Alan Carr/Ian McCormack, Jim Lambkin/Wendy Rudd, and Charles Sargent/John Lynch competing at the National Championships in Carlingford – Alan and Simon took second place overall, while the other boats will be revising their strategies and training schedule for 2015!

For the first time in many years, SDC had TWO representatives at the Junior Helmsman Championships in Kinsale in September with Shane McLoughlin (Mirror Class) and David Johnston (GP14 Class).

The 2014 Club season regular annual "Inter-Schools" and "Cruise Around" events were a great success. To celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> season, we introduced Creek Races to the Cruise Around format, and a super turnout of Howth Yacht Club Puppeteers were led home by SDC's own Scorie Walls. The Inter-Schools event has proved to be as popular as ever with over 20 schools, 90+ boats and over 100 sailors participating.

**The inside pages of this edition of KNOTS look back at some of the notable events & personalities of the past 75 seasons!**





# 1961 - AT THE SUTTON DINGHY CLUB DINNER, CHARLIE SARGENT (SENIOR!) TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTERTAIN THOSE PRESENT WITH HIS OBSERVATIONS FROM ANOTHER MEMORABLE SEASON - AND NOT SPARING HIS OWN CHILDREN!

We got **Gilmore** and **Murray** to fill up our "Hard"  
Their bulldozer dumped in the stuff by the yard,  
But they tore away banks and they knocked over walls,  
We were lucky that Strand Road was left there at all.

When the "**Kyleglen**" weighs anchor and turns up the creek,  
We wonder just what kind of fishing they seek.  
They don't bring any bait so it surely would seem  
**Harry's** fishing for moonshine down in the **Marine**.

**Roy Dickson's** been trading for many a year.  
He'll swop you old junk for good fittings and gear,  
Then he finds some old timber that's lying around  
And turns out a "Hornet" for a couple of pounds.

**Gerry Sargent** is slipping, he's losing his grip  
And he's trying to put all the blame on his ship.  
He gets bad dreams at night and wakes up with a pain  
For he's seen Robert Hogg roaring past on a plane.

**George Gilmore** and **Kees** one rough night up the creek  
Decided to play that old game "Hide and Seek".  
George didn't see **Kees** and weren't they both surprised  
When "**Smoes**" got a clatter and **Georgie** capsized.

**Bunny Conn** is in trouble, of that there's no doubt.  
He gets worried to death when he takes **Snowflake** out  
His prospects were rosy but now they look black  
And he's wondering if **Robert** would give **Sheldrake** back.

Our Hauling-Up Supper was really quite grand  
With our own "Irish Stew" and Accordion Band.  
We'd political speeches from Commodore **Bill**  
And the "Bold Irish Rover" from **Billy McGill**.

We had sonnets from **Bunny** and ballads from **Joe**  
While **Morgan North's** tango was quite a good show  
But right in the middle of **Walsh's** duet  
The Guards made a raid and the show was upset.

To sail the two **Gibbins** are trying like hell  
And they wonder just why they're not doing so well.  
How could they expect to compete with our best  
When they always turn out so respectably dressed.

It's hard to believe but the story is true  
Of a Hornet abandoned by skipper and crew  
When **Brian** fell out, **Jean** was lonesome afloat  
So she said "Here's for home and to hell with the boat".

**Joe Kilkenny** will tell you that when he's afloat  
He goes for a stroll round the deck of his boat  
But it isn't the cruiser he hopes you will think  
It's just a Fourteen - so he lands in the drink.

Young **Barry O'Neill** is so fond of a thrill  
Every time he goes sailing he must have a spill,  
One day he was going to plane up the slip  
But the boat had more sense and went tail over tip.

**Kieran Murray's** ideas on racing are queer,  
He hasn't a clue to the course he should steer  
When he ought to "Luff up" that's just when he bears down  
Till the poor Sutton skippers are hoping he'll drown.

**Cecil Neale** has been hoping his name won't be here  
He's been watching his step now for over a year.  
But one night when he wouldn't respond to a hail  
He was found cuddling **Margaret** under a sail.

And now in response to a lot of requests.  
I'm not to forget to refer to our guests,  
They try to look happy and full of good cheer  
But each has his troubles as you will soon hear.

**Clontarf** beat the Danes under Brian Boru  
Well, that's what we're told if the storybook's true.  
**Brian Dowling** knows well should he lead them afloat  
That Sutton would beat the tar out of their boats.

**Douglas Mellon** from **Howth** is a very old friend,  
Though the stories he'll tell make your hair stand on end.  
Now girls, do be careful if he makes a date.  
For this ancient Granddad is an old reprobate.

**Malahide** are a club up on Dublin's North Shore  
With a very big problem that's cropped up before  
The "Press-gangs" of old tried to solve this but failed  
For they found you could never teach "Farmers" to sail!

The "**Bold Billy Blood-Smyth**" is collared at last  
But I hope his fiancée has made the rope fast.  
For he'll change his mind at the drop of a hat  
And go back to his roving aboard the old "Bat.""

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe,  
With so many children she couldn't make do.  
**Brian Campbell's** dilemma is not so remote  
He has too many trophies and not enough boats.

**Kilbarrack's** publicity is making great strides  
**Brian's** "door to door" canvass now takes in new brides.  
The shortage of crews has so gummed up the works  
They're now changing over from Herons to Storks.

On the Flagship **Jack Kennedy** stands by the gun  
Then ducks down below for a tot of good rum.  
Next morning we find the results in a mess  
So we say a few prayers for our "friends of the Press".

There's a **Winifred Greenaway** writes in the Press.  
Of housework and Teenagers, Fashion and Dress.  
When it comes to romancing she lets herself go.  
So you don't even recognise people you know.

**John Morton** hates water, especially green.  
Yet in it one day to his neck he was seen  
He yelled "No Surrender" and dashed out to save  
The poor "**African Queen**" from a watery grave.