



KNOTS is the magazine of Sutton Dinghy Club. Contributions for it are always welcome - contact the office in the Clubhouse (Tel. 839 3135), or any Committee Member.

COMMODORE'S ADDRESS:

This edition of KNOTS is short and to the point - it is to accompany the official notice for the 1999 Annual General Meeting of the Club, which will be held on in the Clubhouse on Monday 22nd November at 8.00 p.m.

At the end of a sailing season, when the evenings are dark, the rain is pouring down and the wind is howling, most of you want to forget about sailing, and the Club, and even your boat (is it still on the Hard, or was it blown away last weekend?). However, November is the month which the Club has set aside for looking back on the past season, and planning the next one, and despite any indications otherwise, our Club is a democracy. Members elect the Committee, members set the annual subscription fees, and members have the right to say where the Club is going - and where it should not go! Whatever about expressing opinions throughout the year about what "they" should or should not do, the Annual General Meeting is where you decide on who will be running things for the next season - and make major decisions about the Club's future.

This year is a most important stage in the development of Sutton Dinghy Club - the most important, perhaps, since the mid 1960s, when the Club last extended the area of foreshore leased from the Department of the Marine. As you are all aware, following the last AGM, the Committee has approved a Development Plan to meet the needs of the Club into the new Millennium, and have applied for Planning Permission and a new Foreshore Lease. This Development Plan is currently under discussion with Fingal County Council and the Department of the Marine, and the Club is hopeful of a successful outcome to those discussions.

Sutton Dinghy Club exists because the original members had a vision of how they might enjoy sailing and sociability in Sutton Creek; it expanded over the following years because newer members committed themselves to improving its capacity and facilities. If this project is to succeed, it will only do so if it is what YOU, the present membership, believe is the way forward as we step into a new century. This AGM is a vital point in the process - and I invite each and every member to attend, to discuss the options, and either give this project total support, or convince me that it is a step too far.

I look forward to seeing you on 22nd November.

Notice Board

ANNUAL DINNER - SATURDAY 20th NOV. IN THE CLUBHOUSE

A most enjoyable night, in the company of some honoured guests.

Tickets only £12.50 per head - book yours now by calling the Club (8393135)or any Committee Member.

JUNIOR SAILORS - WE WANT YOUR LOGBOOKS!



If you want to pass your ISA stage, you have to hand in your completed Log Book to the office in the Club - AND THE FINAL DEADLINE IS 20TH NOVEMBER - this year! Finish it, get it signed - don't say you we didn't give you enough time!

<u>LEVEL 2 POWERBOAT COURSE - SKILL & SAFETY!</u> November 27th / 28th and December 11th/12th



The Club has organised professional training and assessment in powerboat operation for members - at very special rates.

This will take at the Clubhouse on the above dates. Book your place now at the Club.

SDC - THE PLACE TO BE WHEN 2000 RINGS IN!

Aidan Henry is organising the bash of the millennium - December 31st (of course) in the Clubhouse. Call him now (8326869) to make sure you get in the door on the night!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER In the Clubhouse at 8.00 p.m.

Your opportunity to say how <u>YOU</u> believe the Club should progress, and how <u>YOU</u> can contribute to its future direction - that's what democracy is all about

TAKE IT HOME - NOW!

Unless you are taking part in the winter sailing series, take your boat home NOW. We need the space on the Hard to store the boats from the moorings. Remember - your precious boat will either get storm or water damage if left unattended over the winter.



CALLING ALL SAILORS!

New and old - what do you want the Club to provide by way of a sailing programme for 2000?

Padraig Boyle has called a meeting of all sailors (skippers AND crews!) on Wednesday 1st December at 8.00 p.m. in the Clubhouse - don't miss it!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1999

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Sutton Dinghy Club will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 22nd November 1999 at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA:

- 1. Apologies
- 2. Minutes of the 1998 Annual General Meeting
- 3. Matters arising
- 4. Commodore's address
- 5. Hon. Secretary's report
- 6. Hon. Treasurer's report
- 7. Proposal to lower age of voting rights to 18 years (agreed at 1998 AGM)
- 8. Election of Club Officers (nominations listed below)
- 9. Election of Committee Members (nominations listed below)
- 10. Election of Hon. Auditor
- 11. Adoption of 2000 subscription rates
- 12. Any other business

Office for 2000	Nominee	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>				
Commodore	Charles Sargent	Noel Dempsey	Aidan Henry				
Vice-Commodore	Noel Dempsey	Charles Sargent	Jim Lambkin				
Hon. Secretary	(position open - nominations accepted at AGM)						
Hon. Treasurer / Membership Sec.	Jim Lambkin	Charles Sargent	Noel Dempsey				
Hon. Sailing Secretary	Padraig Boyle	Gerry O'Hanlon	Charles Sargent				
Junior Affairs Officer	Gerry O'Hanlon	Aidan Henry	Noel Dempsey				
Committee Member	Geraldine Costigan	Charles Sargent	Barry Canton				
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Committee Member	Barry Canton	Charles Sargent	Noel Dempsey				
Committee Member	Dan Kinsella	Padraig Boyle	Dick Dunne				
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Subscription rates proposed by the Committee for 2000 (no change from 1999):						
Ordinary Family	£100.00 £150.00	Youth Associate	£ 60.00 £ 10.00	Temporary Family	£100.00	