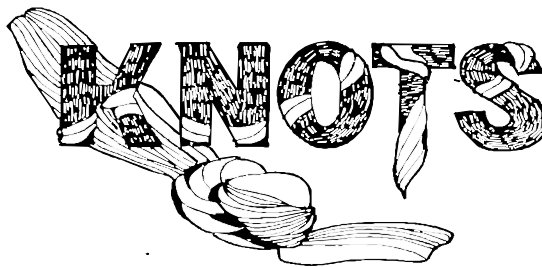




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COMMODORE'S ADDRESS:

It's that time of year again, when the call goes out to the members of the Club to come together for the **Annual General Meeting**, in the Clubhouse on **Monday 27th November at 8.00 p.m.** This is the month which the Club has set aside for looking back on the past season, and planning the next one, and **our Club is a democracy**. **YOU** elect the Committee, **YOU** set the annual subscription fees, and **YOU** 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.

----- £ ----- **What's so special about the AGM this year ?** ----- € -----

Traditionally, many members just don't bother attending the AGM – it seems that they just assume that others will, and that there isn't much point anyway, since "the usual lot" will just get elected and things will carry on as before. However, if things go according to plan, the coming year will be the most important in terms of Club development since the mid-1960s, when the Club last extended the boatpark. **WE NEED MORE BOAT PARKING SPACE – FOR THE PEOPLE WITH BOATS THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY TURNING AWAY – this Club needs a critical mass of members to survive.** It is extremely important that all members are aware of the **options** for development, and the **financial implications** in each option. We could proceed with one major building project, or with a phased series of smaller projects starting with the Boatpark extension. As you are all aware, Fingal County Council announced their decision to grant Planning Permission for the Club Development Plan last Easter, and An Bord Pleanala will announce the outcome of appeals against this decision in early December. The Club is hopeful of a successful outcome from An Bord Pleanala, and then from the Department of the Marine, in granting a Foreshore Licence, so **D-Day is almost on us!**

----- £ ----- **Did you think this was a commercial development ?** ----- € -----

The Sailing School is a part of Club activity, and has proved very successful in its aim of introducing "new" people to sailing, and in convincing many of them that they should join the Club as members. However, this has led to claims by opponents to our plans that this development is somehow for a "commercial sailing school", **but nothing could be farther from the truth** – this development is not to cater for an extended Sailing School, it is to improve and extend the facilities **owned and operated by our Club – by you, the members.** - and **everyone** will have find ways to fund it. Once the Planning Permission and Foreshore Licence are in place, the Club must put in place the necessary funding to achieve the Plan. We are talking about a very major investment, for which (among other sources) we are applying for a Lottery grant – but to succeed in winning Government funding, we must be in a position to show that the Club will be contributing significant amounts **raised by the members themselves.**

----- £ ----- **Do you think this is all "pie in the sky" ?** ----- € -----

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** – and are prepared to find ways of meeting the costs involved. You don't have to pay anything just yet – even the 2001 subscriptions remain unchanged – but the options will be presented for discussion. 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 everyone that it is a step too far.**

Notice Board

ANNUAL DINNER

8.30 pm SATURDAY 25th NOV.
IN THE CLUBHOUSE

A most enjoyable night, in the company
of some honoured guests.
Tickets only £13 per head
- and there are only 60 tickets available!
book now by calling the Club (8393135)
or any Committee Member.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

In the Clubhouse at 8.00 p.m.

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

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 24TH NOVEMBER - this year!
*Finish it, get it signed - don't say you we
didn't give you enough time!*

LEVEL 2 POWERBOAT COURSE

The Level 2 Powerboat Courses for
those who applied recently are
scheduled for early in 2001 - so get
used to cold water!

First course: January 13, 14, 28, 29
Second course: March 10, 11, 24, 25

SDC - THE PLACE TO BE WHEN 2001 RINGS IN!

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

FROSTBITE SAILING RESULTS - for the days which weren't blown out!

GP 14: 1st Declan & Siobhan Scallan (Blessington)
2nd Barry Canton & John Chambers
3rd Stephen Boyle & Peter Reynolds

Laser: 1st Davie Carr
2nd Peter Finn
3rd Sarah Ann Muckley

Mirror: 1st Ryan Cairns & David Potter
2nd Ben Saunders & Robbie Henderson
3rd Gerard O'Sullivan & Martin Kennedy

Ladies' prize: Laura Henry

Optimist: 1st Neil Gibson
2nd Ross Condy
3rd Hugh Gill

420: Oscar Nolan & friends