



# December 2000



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## **BERNARD MUCKLEY** an appreciation

Just as Sutton Dinghy Club recorded the passing of another year, with the Annual Dinner and the Annual General Meeting, we sadly said goodbye to one of our sailors, Bernard Muckley, who lost his long battle with illness at the beginning of December.

Bernard first arrived in Sutton Dinghy Club in the early 1980s, the proud owner of a Mirror dinghy – not for his children, but to sail himself! Having come from a family with a sailing background, he proved to be an ideal partner for Dick Dunne – Dick persuaded him to give up the Mirror and team up in a GP 14, which they bought from former Commodore Donal Sweeney. This partnership showed Bernard was as much of a gentleman on the helm as he was ashore - even with Dick as a crew, they never had an argument!

Bernard was a very eager participant in several sporting activities, being equally active in both squash and tennis when he was not out on the water. His interests were passed on to his children – his sons Cal and Albert, and his daughter Sarah Ann have all enjoyed sailing, both in the ISA Junior training courses and taking part in Club and away events. He was very much the proud father - when Sarah Ann took her Laser up the river Liffey for the "Cruise-In" earlier this year, Bernard was on the quayside to photograph his daughter in front of a flotilla of huge cruisers as she sailed under the Toll Bridge.

Bernard is a great loss to the Club and to his family – our sympathies go to his wife Ann and to Cal, Albert and Sarah Ann.

**Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam**

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## **END-OF-SEASON SAILORS MEETING**

26 of our active sailors got together at the annual "End-of-Season" meeting on 7 December, to put together a plan for the 2001 season which would attract as many people as possible to participate in Club sailing. The following are the major points which were agreed: these will be incorporated into the Sailing Calendar which will be published in January:

### **CLUB SAILING SCHEDULE**

- Racing will be at predictable times: **10.30 on Sundays, 19.30 on Wednesdays**
- These are First Gun times: **No late starts!**
- Classes are encouraged to organise events outside the 'official' dates
- Coaching sessions or events organised by classes in March
- Competitive sailing starts in April
- A race series each month, with a social event at the end of each series
- Appropriate classes will be encouraged to support Swords Sailing & Boating Club's spring series
- Swords will be invited to support SDC's October frostbite series

### **RACE MANAGEMENT**

A rota will be organised, with an experienced sailor and a novice (a parent of a Junior, a partner of an adult sailor) on duty each racing day. The importance of a well-organised results system was emphasised.

### **SAFETY BOATS**

The importance of training was stressed. Two powerboat courses are planned, the first 26/27 January and the second probably 10/11 March.

### **TEAM RACING**

New emphasis will be placed on team racing. The aim is to give more members experience of it, to enter a team in the national championships, and to win back the Book Trophies. A February competition, using the Laser Picos, has already been organised, and another next November will be scheduled.

### **DINGHY PARKING SPACES**

With the number of people now wishing to park their boats in a very limited space, and still be able to get at them to go sailing, the 2001 season will require much greater discipline and organisation than before. Various suggestions were made, which will be considered by the incoming Sailing Committee:

- Stack Lasers two-high on racks
  - Use class captains to get sailors to follow the rules
  - Allocate hard space on condition that the boat is used
  - Monthly allocation of spaces
- Their decisions and the new rules will be published in January.

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## **BORD PLEANALA DECISION**

An Bord Pleanála has announced its decision on the Club Development Plan. The Club has been granted permission for the proposed slipway and jetty area; and permission for the Changing Room / Office and Rescue Boat storage area, but extending less to seawards than originally envisaged. However, permission has been refused for the proposed boat park extension, because "by reason of its scale" would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. As was the case during earlier stages of the process, the Club Development Committee will consider the details of the decision before meeting with the Planning Authorities to agree the next actions.

**GENERAL COMMITTEE 2001**

|                             |                                       |          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Commodore:                  | Charles Sargent                       | 846 2211 |
| Vice-Commodore:             | Noel Dempsey                          | 847 7109 |
| Secretary:                  | Muriel O'Tiarnaigh                    | 832 5250 |
| Membership Secretary:       | Bernie Condy                          | 832 2303 |
| Treasurer:                  | Jim Lambkin                           | 832 4547 |
| Sailing Secretary:          | Hugh Brazier                          | 832 2479 |
| Junior Affairs Officer:     | Gerry O'Hanlon                        | 839 2645 |
| House & Grounds Convenor.:  | Aidan Henry                           | 832 6869 |
| Rescue Convenor:            | Sean d'Art                            | 853 0151 |
| Children's Liaison Officer: | Susan McInerney                       | 839 7700 |
| I.S.A. Liaison Officer:     | Padraig Boyle                         | 831 3456 |
| Social & Catering Convenor: | <b>Position open – to be co-opted</b> |          |
| Assistant Jun. Affairs Off. | <b>Position open – to be co-opted</b> |          |

**SAILING COMMITTEE 2001**

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| Chairperson:                          | Charles Sargent      | 846 2211 |
| Sailing Secretary:                    | Hugh Brazier         | 832 2479 |
| Junior Affairs Officer:               | Gerry O'Hanlon       | 839 2645 |
| Race Management Officer:              | Aidan Henry          | 832 6869 |
| Safety Boat Convenor:                 | Sean d'Art           | 853 0151 |
| GP14 class captain:                   | Stephen Boyle        | 831 8804 |
| IDRA class captain:                   | Alan Carr            | 832 5869 |
| Laser class captain:                  | Barry Canton         | 839 0634 |
| Mirror class captain:                 | Laura Henry          | 832 6869 |
| 420 class captain:                    | Rhea Fitzgerald      | 832 1881 |
| Optimist class captain:               | Alice Kissane        | 832 6717 |
| "Group Captain" for other boat types: | <b>Position open</b> |          |

# Notice Board

## CHRISTMAS CHEER & PRIZEGIVING

**1.00 P.M. SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER IN THE CLUBHOUSE**

***Come All You Merry Gentlemen (and Ladies, and Children, and all the family) for the annual pre-Christmas get-together: Mince Pies, festive hospitality, and the ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING!***

***Awards for all who deserve them; sailors for Club Racing, and ISA Junior Training Certificates for successful Junior Trainees!***

***Whether you feel you deserve a prize or not - come along to wish each other a Happy Christmas! - And Santa will be there for the small ones!***

## WINTER CARE FOR BOATS & EQUIPMENT

***Is your boat and / or equipment still up at the Club - if so, you should be thinking about these winter storms! Boats need proper cover and shelter: unless you are using it (and few are at this time of year), please take it home and give it some loving care and attention - ready for next season!***

## THE REAL MILLENNIUM BASH

***So you thought that last New Year's Eve was the last of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century? WRONG - it ends Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000, and we're going to ring in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in style!***

***Call Aidan Henry NOW at 832 6869 to be a part of it!***