



Sutton Dinghy Club

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***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 WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

**Congratulations...to our Commodore, Charles Sargent, who has just been named by the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) as its nomination for the **ISAF Volunteer of the Year 2001**.**

To mark the UN-sponsored *International Year of the Volunteer*, ISAF (the International Sailing Federation) had invited each Member National Authority to nominate a "Volunteer of the Year", who has made a significant contribution to the sport of sailing during the year 2001. Charles was nominated by the IDRA 14 Class for his work on behalf of Sutton Dinghy Club and of the IDRA 14 Class Association.

*2001 is the third year of Charles' second (non-consecutive) term as Commodore of SDC, bringing to a total of five years that he has taken on the most onerous of positions and responsibilities. Over the past seventeen years, Charles has served almost continuously on the Committee of the club, working tirelessly to keep the club afloat and encourage sailing at the site. The ISA judging panel felt that he was a worthy recipient of the title. He also wins the prize of £1,000 to be awarded to his Club/Class. Since he was nominated by the Class, but the bulk of his efforts have been for the benefit of our Club, the IDRA Class have agreed that Charles should distribute the prize fund as he sees fit. The cheque will be presented in April, so please be nice to him until then!*

There may yet be a final chapter to this story - at its Annual Conference in November, the ISAF will make a special presentation to one of these nominees, who will be awarded the title "**ISAF Volunteer of the Year 2001**". In his final month as our Commodore (he steps down at the AGM), we hope Charles will win this for SDC and for Ireland!

### **AND TO THE RUNNER-UP!:**

*Sutton Dinghy Club had put in its own nomination for this award - Aidan Henry, who is without question an outstanding member of our Club in terms of his contribution to the sport of sailing in all of its aspects. The Committee had hoped that the National Authority would acknowledge the efforts of the "Aidan Henrys" of this world, without whom the Commodores, Secretaries, Treasurers and all the rest of the Club Officer corps would be sitting round talking about falling membership and lack of activity. However, Aidan had to be content with being runner-up to his Commodore - either way, the ISA has chosen Sutton Dinghy Club to be an example to others in what can be achieved by voluntary effort.*

**INTER-SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP,  
29/30 SEPTEMBER - IN SWORDS!**

With work on the Dublin Bay pipeline making it difficult to sail in Sutton Creek, this year's Inter-Schools event was held at Swords Sailing and Boating Club. We are very grateful for the use of the magnificent facilities at Swords, and for the assistance and co-operation of the Club members. Sutton Dinghy Club, and all the young sailors, were made most welcome.

The event consists of three competitions - team racing for Optimists and Mirrors, and a series of mixed fleet races. There were eight teams of Optimists, four teams of Mirrors, and 14 boats in the mixed fleet.

*In the event, it was perhaps just as well that we did not attempt to hold the event at Sutton. Strong winds and big seas would have made it difficult on Saturday and impossible on Sunday - but the sheltered waters of the Broadmeadow Estuary provided an ideal venue, and the competition went ahead as planned, without too many capsizes.*

The winning schools were:

*Institute of Education Trophy - Optimists*

1st: BELVEDERE COLLEGE

2nd: SKERRIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3rd: POBALSCOIL IOSA

*Conor Nolan Trophy - Mirrors*

1st: MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

2nd: SKERRIES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

3rd: MOUNT TEMPLE COMPREHENSIVE

*Davidson Memorial Trophy - mixed fleet*

1st: SUTTON PARK SCHOOL

2nd: MALAHIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

3rd: POBALSCOIL NEASAIN

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON THEIR  
RECENT RACING SUCCESSES:**

Hugh Gill and Barry Canton, whose 2001 results in the GP14 class include first place in the Riocard O'Tiarnaigh Challenge, fourth in the British National Championships, and most recently **FIRST** in the Irish National Championships.

Scorie Walls - winner of the IDRA 14 National Championships with Colm O'Neill of CYBC. Other Sutton boats were placed in the IDRA Championships as follows: Alan & Davy Carr 5th; Alan Henry & Gerry O'Hanlon 7th; Charles Sargent & Leah Ward 9th; Vanya Sargent & Ed Fleming 18th.

Alistair Kissane - 17th out of 93 in the Junior Fleet at the UK Optimist Championships.

Grainne and Meabh Costigan - 9th in the Mirror World Regatta in Howth, August 2001.

Davy Carr - 33rd in the Irish Laser National Championships (radial rig).

Stephen Boyle and Peter Reynolds - 11th in the Silver fleet (29th overall) at the British GP14 Nationals, then 7th in the Silver fleet (23rd overall) at the GP14 Championship of Ireland. Stephen also crewed for Sean Craig of the Royal St George Yacht Club in the Flying Fifteen South Coast Championship - and came second.

Ryan Cairns - second (crewed by Ben Saunders) in the Mirror class at the Clontarf Junior Regatta, and first (with Alan Blay) at the Bray Junior Regatta.

Lou and Rhea Fitzgerald - winners of the 420 class at the Clontarf Junior Regatta.

Ryan Scott, second in the Optimists at Clontarf.

## WELL DONE, MARDY & CLODAGH!

Two of our Club instructors, Mardy Farren and Clodagh Higgins, would like to thank the Sutton Dinghy Club members who supported them on their challenge around the Skelligs in September. The Skellig Challenge is a testing sail around the South Coast of Ireland from Kinsale to Baltimore. What made it even more challenging is that some of the crew had limited or in some cases no previous sailing experience.

*The Skellig Challenge is organised by the charity, Enable Ireland, which provides services and support for children and adults with physical disabilities. This is an admirable challenge by instructors who have put a tremendous amount into their work at the club.*

In order to participate Mardy and Clodagh raised £1,370 through donations by members and the organisation of a pub quiz which was held in the Beachcomber pub. The challenge was difficult but nonetheless rewarding as many of the crew had little or no experience of sailing.

The weather was perfect with sunshine and good breezes thus avoiding the dreaded "mal de mer". They thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and the fact that the money raised went to a good cause. Sutton Dinghy Club is proud of the example shown by the two girls in taking on the challenge, and of the financial contributions made by many members and friends.

## ISA Roll of Honour

Quite apart from its "Volunteer" award, the ISA are currently seeking nominations for the ISA Roll of Honour. These prestigious awards are selected by the ISA President, in recognition of the achievements of sailors and/or sailing administrators who make a significant contribution to Irish Sailing either at a single event, or continuous contribution throughout the year.

There are three categories:

- **Domestic** - *in recognition of sailors that have proved themselves whilst competing at local, provincial or Irish National events, and/or off the race course for their achievements in race management, promoting the sport, raising the profile etc.*
- **International** - *for Irish sailors / administrators that have raised the profile of Irish Sailing internationally and/or proved themselves at international events.*
- **Youth** - *the most important category for the future of Irish Sailing. The award for the Youth category will go to the junior that has 'stood out from the crowd' whilst participating in the sport.*

One nomination from each category is selected and will be presented with an award. Please contact the Club Committee with details of anyone participating in SDC that you feel worthy of our Club's nomination - *all nominations must be submitted to the ISA between now and 31st October.*

## CRUISE-AROUND CANCELLED

As most of you are aware, this year's Cruise-Around was scheduled for Sunday 9 September, but had to be cancelled. The date coincided with work scheduled for the laying of the Dublin Bay Pipeline in Sutton Creek, and safety considerations forced the Club to cancel. *So we look forward to welcoming a large fleet in 2002!*

# Notice Board

## FROSTBITE SERIES 2001

DATE	FIRST GUN
Sun 7 Oct	14.00
Sun 14 Oct	10.30
Sun 21 Oct	14.00
Sun 28 Oct	10.30

## AN EARLY "SAILING SUPPER" - 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

*To celebrate the beginning of the Frostbite Series, we're using the first Sunday event as the excuse for another barbecue (or suitable alternative) - hot food ashore after racing (5.00 pm or so) for all (not just sailors!) Spend your Punts before the Euro kicks in!*

## **TEAM RACING - GUARANTEED FUN (AND HOT SOUP)**

*After the Frostbites, why stop sailing just because it's November? Don't be put off by the cold weather! The Sutton Dinghy Club Team Racing competition is scheduled to take place every Sunday morning in November. Start putting your team together - three adults and three juniors - and watch this space for further details.*

## COURSES: POWERBOATS, VHF RADIO

*Fancy learning Powerboat Driving? Or VHF Radio communication? Contact Hugh Gill at the Club office on 839 3135*

## Sincere condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to our Hon. Treasurer Jim Lambkin, and to his family, on the recent death of his father Tony.

*May he rest in peace*

## **NOT SAILING IN OCTOBER? -TAKE YOUR BOAT HOME!**

If not sailing in October, please remove your boat from the boat park - space is needed for the large Frostbite Series turn-out. Do your bit to make space available - *and your boat will be safer and drier at home now that the Autumn winds are blowing and Winter is closing in!*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It may seem a long time away, but 26<sup>th</sup> November is the day you elect your new Committee, and nominations must be lodged with the Hon. Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The members are also likely to be asked to approve a rise in the membership subscription rates for 2002 to reflect the real costs of maintaining our facilities and services. *Make your opinion count: support those who volunteer to serve and make sure you attend the AGM.*

## IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/34 "Svega" (Wood)

Contact Frank Hamilton  
(via Charles Sargent tel. 846 2211)  
Reason for selling: bought 14/140

## IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/118 "Scarlett" (GRP)

Contact Alan Carr  
(tel. 832 5869)  
Reason for selling:  
bought 14/134

## IDRA 14 FOR SALE

14/160 "Scottie" (GRP)

Contact Charles Sargent  
(tel. 846 2211)  
Reason for selling:  
bought 14/22

## GP 14 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 14th December, tickets  
£17.50: GP Helms, crews, partners!