

Notice Board

Christmas Cheer - Sunday 22nd December

Clubhouse at 13.00 hours (1 p.m.)

Christmas drinks & Mince Pies

**Prize-giving for Club racing & ISA
Junior Training awards
AND SANTA CLAUS FOR THE
SMALL ONES - arriving by boat
(weather permitting!)**

All welcome - see you there!

*The Committee wish
all SDC members &
friends a Happy &
Peaceful Christmas!*

Powerboat Driving & VHF Courses

*The Club will be running
Powerboat Driving and
VHF radio courses in the
New Year - if you want
to sign up, contact the
Club office (839 3135)
and give your names to
Hugh Gill*

"New Year Bash"

*New Year's Eve 2002, party at the
Clubhouse from 8.00 pm till late -
the following year!*

Four course meal - Fun galore!

Members, families & friends welcome

*Unfortunately (or maybe not!), the tide
will be out - so no midnight racing at
sub-zero temperatures!*

**Contact Aidan (832 6869) or
Hugh (839 3135) for tickets**

"New Season Disco" *for all SDC Youth members*

Sat. 4th Jan. 2003

Time: 8.30 - 11.30

Age: 12 - 16

Admission: €5.00

**Don't forget the Club
Web site - www.sdc.ie -
and tell your overseas
friends to visit it!**



Sutton Dinghy Club

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*KNOTS is our Club magazine. We welcome your input & notices -
contact the Club office (Tel. 839 3135), or any Committee Member.*

NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2003

After the "Last Supper" (the Club Annual Dinner) the Club went through a very efficient (as in short and to the point!) AGM at the end of November. By popular acclaim, **Noel Dempsey** has been democratically re-elected as the Commodore for 2003. Noel has declared his intention to continue his policy of **delegating** as much as he can to the various sub-committees. empowering each group to fully manage and control their part of Club affairs. See below for the full 2003 Committee membership:

MARY KELLY - A TRIBUTE

The Committee and members of the Club were greatly saddened in November to learn of the death of **Mary Kelly**, the core member of the Race Recording team on the Committee Boat for Regattas and major events. Mary had been a involved with SDC even back in the early 1940s, and in recent years with her husband **Michael** on board their boat **Caoimhe**, she contributed with enthusiasm and great humour to the success of every event. Our sympathies go to Michael and their family, and to Mary's sister Ann Gallagher.

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2003:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Home telephone</i>
Commodore	Noel Dempsey	847 7109
Vice-Commodore	Muriel O'Tiarnaigh	832 5250
Treasurer	Jim Lambkin	832 4547
Secretary	Stephen Boyle	832 2609
Membership Secretary	Bernie Condy	832 2303
Sailing Sec. / ISA liaison Officer	Padraig Boyle	831 3456
House & Grounds Convenor	Aidan Henry	832 6869
Social Convenor	Kay O'Neill	8391403
Catering Convenor	Brid Finn	839 2929
Children's Liaison Officer	Leonie O'Hanlon	839 2645
Committee Member	Charles Sargent	846 2211

SENIOR SAILING SUCCESSES

GP 14 Class:

Stephen and Stuart Boyle won the GP 14 Leinster Championships with **Hugh Gill** and **Barry Canton** taking 3rd. Hugh and Barry also won the Ulster Championships, finished 3rd in the National Championships, and 4th in the British championships.

And wait.... there's more:

Jumping classes, **Barry Canton** achieved National Championship Gold Medal success in the Flying Fifteen class by crewing with **Justin Burke** of Dun Laoghaire at Dunmore East in August. Barry also represented UCD with a team of others at the Student Yachting World Cup where they took 4th place - Well done, Barry!

Stephen Boyle also crewed in the Flying Fifteen class, for Sean Craig, and won the West Coast Championships and featured in the top 3 in all of the other regional events.

IDRA 14 Class:

Alan Henry and **Gerry O'Hanlon** brought all their hard work on "Charmian" to a well-deserved conclusion when they won the IDRA 14 National Championships in Galway Bay Sailing Club in August. Sailing a boat built over 50 years ago, they proved that concentration, teamwork and learning from your mistakes can win over any amount of flash gear!

AND AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL:

Sutton Dinghy Club was represented in the 2002 Helmsman Championships ("Champion of Champions") by **Hugh Gill & Barry Canton**, and also by **Ruan O'Tiarnaigh**. In the final analysis, having been virtually certain of taking the overall title, Ruan lost by the narrowest of margins - a successful protest by a judge against another competitor improved the points of another sailor, changing the overall scores and depriving Ruan of victory. It's a tough situation, but there can only be one winner - that's why people spend so much time making sure the Sailing Instructions cater for every possible outcome and specify the rules for tie-breaks. The Club extends its congratulations to Ruan for sailing so well, and its commiserations on the loss of such a coveted title.

DID YOU WIN IN CLUB RACING?

After all the Club racing during the season, **Nick Spalding** has been doing the sums, to work out results. All will be revealed at the Prizegiving in the Clubhouse at the "Christmas Cheer" celebration at 1 p.m. on **Sunday 22nd December**. We won't give a list of winners here - otherwise the rest of you won't bother turning up! So if you've competed in Club racing, come along - there may have been some adjustments to make sure everyone who made an effort gets fair reward!!

PROJECT TEAM COMINGS & GOINGS

There have been many recent changes of staff among the Club Project Team. We said goodbye to four members who have moved onto pastures new:

Melanie who has taken a position in Sutton Post Office (do say "Hello" to her when buying your stamps!);

Frank who used his maximum time allowance on Community Employment;

Janet who transferred to a project closer to home; and

Sharon who decided to have a change.

The Club extends its thanks and appreciation to these people who have done a lot of the "unseen jobs" at the club. We hope they found their time at SDC to be friendly & worthwhile, and wish them well in their future endeavours.

Joining **Paddy Fullam** who is in a general maintenance capacity are:

Sandra Hansard -Cleaning/Catering

Vincent Trimble - Trainee water-sports Instructor/Rescue boat driver

Donna O'Reilly - Office Admin.

George Feeney - General Maintenance Duties

A hearty welcome to our new staff! And members: please introduce yourselves to them when at the club!

START PLANNING FOR 2003!

In the beginning:

Don't forget, the sailing season begins on-the water activities with the February **Pico Team Racing**. Commencing on the first Sunday (3rd February), there are only a limited number of places for this enjoyable series - only enthusiastic hardy frostbitten soup-drinking sailors need apply! Contact Alan Carr (tel. 832 5869) to reserve your place.

Club racing:

Every year, Club Racing gets off to a slow start - usually because people leave it far too late to get the winter covers off their boats and start cleaning, fixing and painting them to make them fit to float! **The Club calls on all Class Captains to make a list of all "their" class sailors with telephone numbers, and start early in 2003 by contacting each one.** More boats on the water mean more enjoyable racing and training sessions: the more people who can be motivated to get their boats out early, the better the 2003 season will be! ***It's time to start planning class meetings - Hugh Gill (839 3135) will be delighted to help.***

THE BIG EVENT IN 2003:

SDC are hosting the GP 14 Leinster Championships in 2003 - remember the Nationals in 2000! Helpers needed: *Volunteer or be volunteered!*