

Notice Board



Sutton Dinghy Club

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Very Important Date for Sutton sailors

Saturday July 2nd is a day not to miss in SDC- the "Sponsored Sail", a fun day when our Junior sailors do their bit to raise funds, an event entertaining for all their family & friends. The main sponsor this year is theadventureislands.com, with many local businesses providing additional support.

Other Important Dates for Sutton sailors

Jun 11 th /12 th	IODAI Optimist Ulsters	Ballyholme
Jun 18 th /19 th	GP14 Leinsters	Sutton Dinghy Club
Jul 2/3 rd	Mirror Northerns	Lough Neagh
Jul 15 th /16 th	Clontarf Regatta	Clontarf Y&BC
Jul 16 th /17 th	Optimist Crosbie Cup	Lough Derg
Jul 24 th	HYC Dinghy Regatta	Howth Yacht Club
Jul 24/25 th	Mirror Nationals	Lough Derg
Jul 31 st	SDC Annual Regatta	Sutton Dinghy Club
Aug 6/7 th	Mirror Easterns	Mullingar SC
Aug 10 th -14 th	IDRA14 Nationals	Galway Bay SC
Aug 16 th -20 th	IODAI Optimist Nationals	Howth Yacht Club
Aug 27 th - 29 th	GP14 Nationals	Skerries SC

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EARLY SEASON UPDATE

Early June, with some students on holidays, sees the start of the seasons Club courses and bookings are looking healthy at this stage. We welcome Shane Horgan and Alan Blay as our Senior Instructors for the season. Shane cut his teeth with Glenans over last 2 years and Alan has been sailing and instructing in SDC for many years.

With sailing courses getting underway, our younger racers in the Optimist and Mirror fleets have been very active since April with organised coaching, training and a good number of local and regional events completed.

On May 30th we held a well attended Parents' Briefing in the Clubhouse. The presentation is available on the web-site if you were unable to attend.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS - PLEASE!

It's that time of year again when we remind you about the need to renew 2011 subscriptions. This is a vital contribution to the club's financial well being. However, maintaining your membership and contribution at ground level is equally important.

We do appreciate that the current economic climate is a causing difficulties for many - if you have concerns, please contact the Club office, or me personally, to discuss alternative payment options.

Jim Lambkin, Hon. Treasurer

CLUB SAILING 2011

Plenty of Racing This Summer!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Races</u>
June	MidSummer	9
July	Holiday	14
August	Sunburn	11
September	Fall	9
October	Frostbite	12

See website for dates & starting times.

JUNIOR UPDATE

Attention all junior members - if you are not already aware, SDC Juniors are on Facebook. Please sign-up so you can keep up to date on news, activities and make suggestions for future events.

Niamh McCormack is our Cadet rep. on the Sailing Committee as well as an instructor during the season.

SDC EVENTS IN 2011

As always, we have an extensive list of events scheduled through to October. The committee would welcome all offers of assistance from members and parents alike for these events. From catering, administration to launching we would greatly appreciate your help.:

GP14 Leinster Champs. (Jun 14/15)
Sponsored Sail (July 2)
SDC Regatta (July 31)
Cruise Around (September 4)
Inter-Schools Championships (Oct 1/2)
Frostbite Series (October)

LARRY CUMMINS, FORMER COMMODORE

In April, Sutton Dinghy Club mourned the passing of former Club Commodore **Larry Cummins**. Like many sailors who joined Sutton Dinghy Club in the 1950s, Larry began his sailing career in Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club. When he married **Loretta**, they moved to La Vista Avenue in Sutton, and joined Sutton Dinghy Club, where they and their children became totally involved in all levels of Club activity. **Loretta** took on Junior Affairs, and **Larry** rose through the Committee ranks to eventually serve as Commodore.

Having learned their sailing skills in Sutton, their offspring followed their own paths to personal achievement, at home and abroad. Their son **David** won the Helmsman Championship of Ireland twice in succession (1981 & 1982) for Sutton, and now is a renowned skiff sailor in Sydney Harbour, Australia. Their daughter **Susan** currently works on the other side of the starting line, as a Race Officer in Howth Yacht Club.

A skilled dentist, **Larry** moved up in society, joining Howth Yacht Club where he sailed to success in the Shipman Class, and moved to a new house on the upper reaches of Strand Road, but he never forgot his roots - he and **Loretta** continued to give great support to all of our Club's endeavours. They regularly attended our Club's annual Regatta, the "Cruise-In" barbecue and the Christmas prizegiving. **Larry** also did his bit for national recycling and beach cleaning - he could regularly be seen collecting firewood on the beach beside the Club.

The Committee and members of Sutton Dinghy Club extend their condolences to **Loretta**, to their children **Susan**, **David**, **Paula** and **Michael**, and to all the wider **Cummins** family.

Charles Sargent, Commodore

EVER OPTIMIST-TIC!

A number of SDC sailors have been on the road at a range of events since April. **Hugh Perrette**, **Darragh Walsh**, **Tim Farrelly**, **Shane O'Brien**, **T Cotter** and others have distinguished themselves on visits to Galway, Howth, Dun Laoghaire. The Leinsters a couple of weeks ago saw **Darragh** and **Hugh** take top 20 placings in the Junior Fleet. Next stop is the **Ulsters** (Jun 11/12) and then **Crosbie Cup** in mid July. The Class Captain and the team of coaches have continued to organise regular coaching sessions and certainly we can see great progress across the club's sailors.

With very windy conditions over the last few weeks, a lot of the boats have been full of water with sails etc. lying uncovered. Your **Oppie** and its equipment are expensive, so please go up and check on your boat to ensure it stays in good condition.

If you haven't already paid and collected the boat parking sticker please do at the SDC office, open weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

In order to keep the hard space free and organised please put your **Oppie** away after sailing. This helps all sailors using the boat park.

Mandy Kelly, Class Captain

NEW COMMITTEE BOAT

SDC continues to search for a new committee boat more suitable for bay racing. A sub-committee has been formed to review and consider options: already a number have been considered and rejected, so we keep looking!

Aidan Henry, Sailing Secretary

EARLY MIRROR REFLECTIONS

Magnificent Mirrors - the Class can now boast a fleet of 35 in Sutton. Six boats travelled to Lough Ree Southern in April. 2 days training preceded the event and it was great to see **Medbh** attending training, even though she did not race. Challenging weather saw one race on day one, with 3 races the following day in strong winds. Best of the SDC contingent was **Graham Blay** who took 2nd place in Bronze fleet and progresses to Silver Fleet. **Eanna & Ciaran** had their best event. **Sinead & Aoife** held their own in the Silver fleet while in the Gold fleet **Callum** had to retire with rudder damage.

The Class Captain has ensured all sailors and their parents are kept up to date with news, events and training dates. At the moment some of the senior sailors are doing Junior Cert but there has still been a healthy turnout of 8-10 boats for training sessions. *Where are the rest of you?*

The rearranged **Howth Yacht Club Dinghy Regatta** now clashes with the **Mirror Nationals** (Jul 24/25). **HYC** will have a Mirror start and we hope to have good representation at both events.

The **Bronze Fleet Regatta** in Sligo has been moved to August with end of season event **O'Dowd Trophy** will be hosted by SDC in October 2011.

And **Good Luck** to all **Junior Cert** sailors!

Eimear Shanahan, Class Captain

IDRA 14s - SDC NORTHERN VICTORY!

Two Sutton boats (14/38 - **Alan Carr & Dana Kilroy**, and 14/126 - **Charles Sargent & Ed Fleming**) made their way to **Carlingford Lough Yacht Club** for the **IDRA 14 Northern Championships** on 4th/5th June. **Alan & Dana** won the cup for the 3rd year in a row for SDC, while **Charles & Ed** covered themselves in less glory - the only boat to capsize during the event, followed by another capsize on the way ashore!

HOUSE & GROUNDS

This time of year sees the boat park start to fill up with sailing course participants, and members filtering down now that school nears a close. It is important that all boat park fees are paid and appropriate dinghy park labels have been attached to boats. It is important that each member checks their insurance policy as it has come to our attention that some policies will only cover boats if attached to the ground within the park. The committee are investigating mechanisms to help address this situation and will ensure all members are kept up to date.

Members will have noticed that we have an awning up to give some protection to our BBQ volunteers - but since we have had it in place, we have had nothing but wind and more wind! Let us hope we start to get use from it soon!

SAFETY & RESCUE

SDC 4, our latest rescue boat has been in operation now some weeks and this new and modern fleet will play an important role in our aim to extend our racing to the bay.

The club is looking for any members interested in being part of the safety crew. Powerboat training can be arranged and this is a great opportunity for parents to actually get out on the water while their kids are taking part.

GP14 NEWS

The 2011 **GP14 Leinster Championships** will be held in Sutton Dinghy Club (June 18/19) with **Harry Gallagher PRO**. 25+ boats are expected to compete. As always, any help or assistance would be greatly appreciated. There will be a social night on the Saturday, and Club Members are welcome to attend.

Hugh Gill, Class Captain