

Notice Board



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.

ANNUAL DINNER

8.00 p.m. SATURDAY 17th NOV.
IN THE CLUBHOUSE

A most enjoyable night, a meal in the company of Club members and friends, and guest speaker Ger Owens, member of the Ireland 2012 Olympic Sailing Team.

Tickets only €25 per head - there are still some available. Why not make up a table with your friends, family or sailing Class colleagues?

Book by calling the Club (839 3135) or contact any Committee Member

SAILORS' MEETING

Monday 26th November 7.30 p.m.
in the Clubhouse - review the season, plan for 2013 sailing

-----followed by -----

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 26th November 8.30 p.m.
in the Clubhouse - review the Club performance, elect the Officers and Committee for 2013

WHAT'S IN YOUR ATTIC?

SDC is looking for old photos and memorabilia from the past - have you some in your attic or under the bed we can copy? If so, contact Commodore Andy Johnston or any Committee member

www.sdc.ie

Keep up to date with your Club news, boats for sale, etc.!

SANTA POSTPONED!

The Christmas drinks / Annual Prizegiving in the Clubhouse has been **PUT BACK** by one week to Sunday 16th December at 1.00 p.m.

This is to facilitate Santa Claus who prefers to arrive by boat (weather permitting!) for the younger members - and the tide was **OUT** on the original date 9th December!

HAVE YEZ NO HOMES TO GO TO? IT'S CLOSING TIME!

Now that the only scheduled sailing activity is Pico Racing in November, you **MUST remove your boat from the Club** - unless permission has been obtained from the Committee (winter training, etc.) any remaining in the Boat Park will be placed in the Car Park for collection.

Apart from anything else, your precious boat will be safer and drier under cover when winter winds blow and temperatures drop towards freezing!

If you have already taken yours home Thanks!

WORST SUMMER? - NOT AT SDC!

According to the experts, 2012 was the worst summer on record: that may be true of the weather, but Sutton Dinghy Club has had a great 2012 season, with much to be happy about! Since it was launched in April, our new Committee Boat "Saoirse" has proved to be a very good platform for race management, for Club Bay racing as well as for running Open Events.

Club fleet sailing is also showing new talent - 2012 brought a great upsurge in younger Laser sailors, both 4.7 and Radial - Lucy L'Estrange, Ellen Harkin, Ryan Synnott, Tess Coyne, Billy Keenan, Dylan O'Reilly etc. The season started with just 3 or 4 "old fogeys" in Lasers - John Lynch, Robert Orr, Fergal McNamara, and Andy Johnston - it's great to see the younger sailors getting involved. And the Topper dinghy has made its debut in Sutton, with three boats already in action and more expected to take to the water in 2013.

The level of enthusiasm among our Junior sailors owes much to Mandy Kelly for organising various coaching sessions for Toppers, Lasers, and 420s as well as "mothering" the Optimists; and to Eimear Shanahan for inspiring the Mirror sailors to compete and train in advance of the Mirror Worlds next year!

AUTUMN SAILORS' MEETING and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 26th November at 7.30 & 8.30 p.m.

People hate going to meetings - unless there's going to be some major change to their lives, and they need to go to make sure their views get heard. So when the Sailing Committee were planning their Autumn Sailors' Meeting to review the 2012 season, and the General Committee were planning the Club Annual General Meeting, both decided to call you out **ON THE SAME NIGHT!**

So no excuses - come to the Clubhouse on Monday 26th November at 7.30 p.m. where you can tell us what you believe were successes and failures in Club sailing in 2012, and discuss the best way to set our course for 2013. Then at 8.30 p.m., **WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR SEAT**, you'll be attending the Annual General Meeting, ready to approve accounts, congratulate the Commodore on a job well done, vote in the Committee for 2013, or start a row - you can't let them away too easily! How's that for organisation - two meetings for the price of one (which is free), no need to repeat yourself!

You shouldn't opt to stay at home and let "them" decide how things will be next year - it's your Club, you pay your subscription and have a right to be involved in decisions - please do so, even if only once a year!

OCTOBER 2012 FROSTBITES

Club racing in 2012 came to an end with the Frostbite Series, which attracted 18 competing boats:

GP 14 Class:

1st **Samuel McConkey** SDC

Laser:

1st **Tess Coyne** SDC

2nd **John Lynch** SDC

3rd **Ryan Synnott** SDC

4th **Rory Murdoch** SDC

5th **Barry Elwood** Crookhaven HSC

6th **Ellen Harkin** SDC

7th **Meg Elwood** Crookhaven HSC

Mirror (all SDC):

1st **Conor Twohig / Andrew Twohig**

2nd **Darragh White / Sean**

Bebbington Doyle

3rd **Shane McLoughlin / Jack Dinan**

4th **Conn McCormack**

5th **Emma Bebbington Doyle / Sarah Dowling**

6th **Sorcha Lynch / Mairead Nic Reamoinn**

Optimist (all SDC):

1st **Darragh Kelly**

2nd **Alex Hynes**

3rd **Oscar Langan**

4th **Aoife Harpur**

Topper:

1st **Tom Mulligan** SDC

IDRA 14 - "Did Not Compete"?

No IDRA 14s turned up for the event; but three SDC boats were at the **Clontarf Frostbites**, not at home! **Alan Carr** (who won the event, crewed alternately by **Aoibhinn de Burca** & **Ian McCormack**), **Gerry O'Hanlon** (crew **Jim Farrelly**) and **Charles Sargent** (a record 4 separate crews - **Ed Fleming**, **Gordan Kelly**, **Mark Masterson**, and **Stephen Harrison**!)

SCHOOLS COMPETE FOR 37TH TIME

On 29th/30th September Sutton Dinghy Club ran the 37th All Ireland Inter-Schools Sailing event - it continues to attract some of the top junior and youth sailors in Ireland. Previous competitors include London 2012 Olympic team members **Scott Flanagan**, **David Burrows** & **Annalise Murphy**. The event was the brainchild of the late **Riocard O'Tiarnaigh**, a school teacher in Belvedere College and former Commodore of SDC. This year's event saw 120 boats compete in Mixed (27 schools - 37 teams) and Optimist (16 schools - 18 teams) fleets, a total of 165 sailors from 36 different secondary and primary schools from around the country. This Mixed Fleet regatta is now probably the largest Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) dinghy event held in Ireland!

With heavy wind forecast for both days, PRO's **Harry Gallagher** and **Jim Lambkin** got Saturday's racing off fairly promptly - the Mixed Fleet out in Dublin Bay, with SDC committee boat **Saoirse**, and Optimists with committee boat **Highland Mac** racing a little closer towards Sutton Creek. The races were tough but exciting - some very tired sailors came ashore to a welcome shower and plenty of warm food courtesy of Sutton Dinghy Club parents and volunteers, as well as local restaurant **Casa Pasta**. However, conditions deteriorated overnight and Sunday morning saw gusts well into high 20's, so the Sunday racing was abandoned - to the relief of many!

*A big thank you to all our volunteers, both parents and members and members of other sailing clubs. We are also very grateful to **Howth YC**, **Malahide YC**, **Skerries SC**, **Rush SC**, **Clontarf Y&BC** and some of their members for providing Ribs, drivers and crews for safety and rescue, and to former IDRA 14 sailor **Joe Kelly** for his mother ship.*

SDC COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

The Community Employment (CE) Project based at Sutton Dinghy Club provides valuable employment and training for 15 people, to help them in finding permanent positions - if you know of suitable vacancies for any of them, please let us know! You may be familiar with the 9 participants who are based at the Club:

In the Clubhouse, **Liz Brown** & **Tammie Wolverson** work on Reception and Club Office duties, and **Cecil Andreucetti** has gained valuable experience maintaining our Accounts & Timekeeping records. **Andrew Kenna** has plenty to do to keep the Club clean and tidy, while **Hugh O'Malley** updates the Club Website.

Outside, **Tommy McNally** & **Derek Knott** perform general maintenance work, while **Thomas Farrelly** & **Colum Fitzgerald** are working on their skills driving and maintaining our Rescue Boats.

However, our team also includes 5 more participants who are getting work experience and training with other community groups at other locations:

Samantha Caffrey is assisting the **Church of Ireland Raheny** with their office administration, and **Mircea Chibacu** maintains the grounds at **St. Fintans Church, Sutton**. **Howard Yule** provides general maintenance for **Trackside Tennis Club, Bayside**; while **Paul McCann** & **Huntley Carroll** work with **Sutton Tidy Towns**.

*Time on Community Employment is limited - we are currently seeking to fill one post. We wish every success to the CE participants who left the project over the past year: **Amos Phillipson**, **Brian Ward**, **Bridie Owens**, **Louise Donnelly**, **Paul Roberts**, and **Vernon Chadwick**.*

GP 14 NEWS

*SDC sailors had a very successful outing at the **Autumn & Youth GP Championships** in Sligo, with **Eanna Moloney Lawless** winning the Under-23s; **Dan Gill** winning the Under-18s, and **David Johnston** became Under-16 Champion - on his first sail in a GP! (Not a fluke - he won the ISA Youth Gold Medal in the Feva Class and has also been sailing and competing in 420 and RS200 events this season). A new addition to the Sutton GP fleet - **Conor O'Neill** has bought a Series 1 boat.*

SECURITY ISSUES

Following the theft of several rescue boat engines at the beginning of the season, SDC installed security cameras as a deterrent. However, there is need for continued vigilance by all members, and not just in relation to "high-value items" like engines. Boat parts and equipment can also "go missing" during the season, so increased levels of respect for boats and property must be maintained and encouraged at all levels at our Club. You can help yourself to avoid theft or loss by clearly marking your name or boat number on ALL sails, spars, accessories, clothing - not to mention the boat itself! And carry spare bungs, shackles and other such items in your kit bag - it is NOT acceptable to "borrow" one without permission from another sailor, just because their boat is not going afloat.

NAVAL SERVICE - NEW RECRUIT

*Sutton Dinghy Club extends its best wishes for success to volunteer rescue driver **Garreth Kelly** as he starts a new career with the **Irish Naval Service**.*