

newsletter spring 2010

Dear Member

Welcome to your Spring edition of the club newsletter for 2010.

It looks like this year will be one of the clubs best sailing years. The weather is due to be perfect for all sailors in Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club. We hear that socially the club is the 'in' place to be in Clontarf.

More and more people are inquiring about the club; if the expected demand materializes we may have to consider where we as a club expect to be in a few years.

Thank you for your patience during the last few weeks. Your club is going through a time of change, on committee as well as socially. The old adage that "*times are tough*" is very true, so is trying to keep a club going with many changes required to a lot of aspects of club structures.

The club has a vast number of members willing to assist – at the drop of a hat - Not everything is perfect but again we do not live in an ideal world, but we expect to achieve that shortly. You have an extended committee that is committed to making the club survive and also to making and bringing a sense of pride back to your club.

Just to let you know that your club staff have assisted in helping the club through a very difficult period, to them we have to say thank you and we look forward to working with them a long period of time.

Elsewhere you will see what some rogue members think of your club, they have deposited oil, filters, batteries, etc. we hope to see if we can get the culprits to name and shame them?

Cass Roche, President

Sailing

The 2010 season is going to be a challenging one but hopefully a good one. Because of the financial circumstances in which we find ourselves we are going to have to pull together to provide the services

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that in other years we would have paid for. The main area from the sailing point of view is the ferry service. We are going to need volunteer boat men and women for two days each week, normally on a Monday and Tuesday but also on some Saturdays and Sundays.

If you can help please contact myself or Mark.

On the positive side we are expanding the junior training so that as well as the course for the children of members we are going to run shorter modules for non members. This should widen the clubs image, encourage new members and hopefully add a new revenue stream to the club. I would like to thank the junior committee who has taken on this task so enthusiastically.

There are a few other issues that I think need addressing. I think that we should have a number of club trailers for all boats. This would eliminate the costly and unsafe practice of stacking and unstacking member's trailers, some of which are wholly dangerous. If we are to continue with the present practice then perhaps there should be a *storage charge* for trailers. On a more adventurous note I think that we should consider a system of trots with a heavy ground chains and risers off them which would be much more efficient than the present haphazard system of individual moorings.

I would also like to point out that we, the members, are the club and we all have a responsibility to respect it which unfortunately we do not always do, for example by dumping batteries, oil, cleaning brushes on the hotel wall etc. It reflects badly on us all.

I would welcome any suggestions you may have on how we might improve this situation

Finally I would like to wish you all happy and safe sailing this year and would ask you to support our upcoming events such as the Adult Training course and the CRC day.

Paul Cooper, Commodore

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E-Boat

Well it looks like being another busy year for the E-Boat Class so it's great now that the weather has taken a turn for the better to see the sandpaper and tins of anti-fouling out again in the back of the club. Those of you who haven't made that start yet it is that time!!

The main class events, outside of normal club racing are the;

- Liffey Challenge, being held on June 26th, always a great event for both competitors and spectators.
- National Championships will be held in Skerries Sailing Club after many years of the SSC fleet coming to CY&BC it's time for us to take that journey north. July 16th – 18th are the dates for your diary so hopefully the majority of the Clontarf fleet will take part and support their Skerries colleagues who have always supported the event in our club.

Following the recent association meeting Clontarf E-Boats can now carry a second spinnaker for club racing on a trial basis so it will be interesting to see if many additional colours appear on the Clontarf skline!!

Finally I'd like to wish you all an enjoyable sailing season and look forward to some great competition.

Mary Rose Curran
E-Boat Class Captain

The faith in junior sailing in Clontarf was greatly expressed by the welcome donation by two benefactors of a top class E-Boat.

This donation will allow and encourage further sail training of juniors at a senior level. Thank you Ray and Pat.

Junior Sailing

Clontarf Yacht and Boat club is introducing a new exciting Junior Sailing Course starting June 28th 2010, running for 5 weeks until July 30th, certified by the the ISA.

The course is being run by head instructor Catherine and her team of instructors

The modules are designed to broaden cadets experience on land and sea, offering adventure with skill challenges. It is taking Junior sailing to the next level, as a preparation to the yachtmaster course.

There are approx 35 young cadets that hope to participate during the month of July and many of these are new entrants both to sailing and to the club. Some have their own boats others don't, however all participants will get out to sail, in an optimist, mirror, topper or laser.

We wish them a great course with lots of sailing and great friendships.

Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club has received some sponsorships towards the supplying the junior section with suitable boats. The preferred type is TOPPERS, dinghies.

Receiving sponsorship during these difficult financial times is no mean feat – the success lies in the great respect that some people have for the club and they are willing to contribute the club's further development.

If you know of someone or a company who would want to contribute or to become a club sponsor please let a committee member know.

Silent sponsors are also welcome.

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Sponsor's Board

This year you will see a sponsor's board erected in the entrance hall. If you know the sponsor – Please acknowledge their contribution to continued sailing in Clontarf.

The sponsor's board will be updated as new sponsor's come on board.

Club Facilities

The gents changing room renovation has commence, a big thank you to the volunteers who turned up to help demolish and remove the rubbish. It is hoped that more volunteers will turn up for the reconstruction phase – **many hands make light work.**

Service Levy

The service levy of €20.00 was not paid by all boats that overwintered on the club's premises last winter. Unfortunately we have to ask people to please pay this levy without the further expenditure of volunteer time and club resources – **you know who you are!!!!**

The water rates bill has arrived at the club and it has cost at lot more than anticipated. It looks like the club may have to put a meter on the taps in the yard – so that we can try and recoup the expense of the water charges.

Bar Vouchers

Thanks to everyone who helped to get the bar vouchers out to all paid up members – before the end of the sailing seasons. Joking apart it does take time and effort.

Just to let you know that the wise usage of the vouchers is to bring down your family, friends and neighbor's – to show them what a great club you have and how economical it is to be a member of such a fine institution.

Club Events and Talks

The great success of the events and talks organized in Spring '10 was in no small way the result of great effort by a few members on behalf of the club.

Events such as the;

- Sunday Suppers
- Virtual Racing
- Snooker
- Wednesday Evening Talks
- Beer and Wine Tasting
- Sail Trim and Maintenance
- Navigational Sailing Course
- Bridge
- Opera Nights
- Sunday Walks
- Musical Evenings with Bands
- Storytelling

All these events were run for you and your friend's enjoyment, during the next round of events in Winter – why not invite more of your friends and family.

Still to come on the social events calendar are;

- Midsummer Night's Ball (black/blackish tie and gown), June.
- Nautical Quiz – tractor fund with good prizes,
- Poker Classic
- BBQ's
- Bands, such as Rockabilly, Rock, Blues, Celtic, etc.

Adult Sailing Training Course

Starting, **Wednesday 19th of May** until **Tuesday the 25th of May**. BBQ Saturday the 29th of May.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS, only a few places left.

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When considering Office or any Party for 2010 or 2011,

Think of

PROMOTING CY&BC for the following reasons

Function Room available for Dinner and Lunch
Full Bar facilities
Dining for 40 to 80 people
Full Kitchen for Catering
Friendly, Professional and Efficient Staff
Main Lounge decorated for weddings, baptisms, engagement parties, etc.

CY&BC Catering can provide Dinner, Lunch or buffet,

Extensive menu available, discussion with CY&BC catering team encouraged to develop menu to suit your needs
Extensive wine list to select from, pre-ordering encouraged

Entertainment CY&BC can provide

DJ from €220.00
Band from €400.00

Close to City Centre, on bus and main taxi route.

Private bus hire available for central collection and drop off

Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club on email, info@cybc.ie phone, 01 8332691 or any committee member for further information.

Also remember that your club is available for hire by members and friends for,

- **weddings,**
- **office,**
- **family,**
- **Christmas,**
- **christenings,**
- **reunion,**
- **21st,**
- **surprise,**
- **birthday,**
- **living parties.**
- **Office meetings/training**
- **Motor bike friends get together dinners**

We can provide, along with the listed items, the following at very reasonable rates,

- **Santa Clause,**
- **jokers,**
- **story tellers, etc**

Everything to make every occasion in the club an enjoyable and memorable moment.

Finally please have a good and enjoyable sailing season and enjoy whatever the season brings, fair sailing. Just to let you know some of us are informed that this will be the best summer, weather wise for a long number of years.

WIFI, CY&BC has a wifi service that is available to all members for use within the club – just ask behind the bar for the access code.