

# MAINSHEET

Newsletter of the National Yacht Club

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## IT IS ALWAYS THE BEST TEAMS THAT WIN

**A**s this is my first article for Mainsheet, I would firstly like to thank all you, the members of the National Yacht Club, for giving me the honour and the privilege to take the helm for the next three years.

The Club, as we know, has a proud tradition and heritage and I will endeavour to live up to those expectations.

The Club, as you will have heard from both the Commodore and the Treasurer at the AGM, is in a very healthy state, and my plan is to build on and develop on that success. The key driver for me for the next three years will be to grow our membership and to take advantage of the 'feel good' factor which is beginning to manifest itself in the country.

On the point of new members, I have a strong viewpoint which some of you may have heard me address before. My view is that it is not just a question of bringing in new members for the sake of increasing numbers. It is a far more important issue than that because it is essential that new members feel welcome and comfortable in the surroundings of this Club every time they walk through our front door.

As you are aware, we have a thriving Junior Section and that is due in no small way to the continuing commitment and dedication of our Junior Committee who have worked tirelessly in building it to the successful status it has now

achieved. The Junior Section is so essential to the growth and development of our Club and I will continue to support it in every way I can and to give it all the resources it needs.

Another sailing season has just begun. Like myself, I am sure you are all looking forward to it. If it matches the fantastic summer we had last year, we are in for another vintage season!

As you know the boat lift-in took place on Saturday, April 12, and I would like to take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank the lift-in team, so ably headed up by Peter Ryan, for the fantastic job they did to get over 60 boats launched in a very professional and seamless manner. Peter is handing over this role and he deserves all our thanks and recognition for the extensive amount of time and

commitment he has put into this very challenging task over the past 12 years.

I look forward to working with you all over the next three years for the betterment of OUR wonderful Club. As in sailing, this is a team effort and it is always the best teams that win!

And we have the best team on the waterfront!!



*This summer why not cruise to Carlingford*





**W**hat a busy start to the 2014 season. The NYC junior spring coaching got things going in early February with typical weather conditions.

Thirty five junior sailors blew away the cobwebs with a fast session on the water followed by hot chocolate. Next up was the annual Optimist IODAI winter training in Baltimore during the February mid-term break where hurricane force winds (130-160mph) and power outages threatened the very event itself and a crooked row of power pylons on the event webpage said it all. However, by Friday, the roads were being cleared, power was returning and it was decided by IODAI that just a day's delay was needed. The 'show' would go on. And it did ... 13 families from the National Yacht Club travelled down to West Cork and 21 optimist sailors took part in this annual IODAI training event.

In March, three of our Topper sailors travelled to Rostrevor for the first Topper event of the year at CLYC. Mark O'Connor, Hugh Perrette and Darragh Rowley ably represented NYC, with Hugh bringing home 2nd prize overall for the Club.



*Mark O'Connor, Hugh Perrette and Darragh Rowley at the first Topper event of 2014 in March*

After training for the winter at NYC and testing their new skills racing against other Feva sailors from RStGYC and RIYC, four NYC Fevas travelled down to Greystones in April for the first RS event this year. For most of the eight sailors, this was their first ever Feva event with Alison Dolan and Graine Young bringing home first prize for NYC. We are watching this talented pair.



*Graine Young and Alison Dolan win their first Feva event*

Irish 29er skiff sailors, Sean Donnelly, NYC and Patrick Crosbie RCYC qualified to represent Ireland at the ISAF Youth World Championships in Portugal this summer when they took fifth overall at the RYA's Youth National Championships at Weymouth on Good Friday on the 2012 Olympic waters. After eight races and one discard in the week long event, the National Yacht Club pairing counted seven top ten results, including a third place in race six in a 64-boat fleet.

Finn Lynch is a step closer to representing Ireland in Rio 2016 after earning a second Laser Standard nation place at Spit Olympic week in Croatia just before Easter. Lynch's tenth overall result puts two Irish Lasers on the startline at the Olympic qualifier in Santander, Spain this autumn.



*Finn Lynch on his way to victory at the Laser Munster Championships in Baltimore, Easter weekend*

The Laser sailors started their season competing in the Irish Laser Association Munster Championships, hosted by Baltimore Sailing Club, Easter weekend. As always, a strong contingent travelled from NYC who were also strongly represented in the prize giving with Finn Lynch remaining in flying form and winning the overall event in the standard class including three race wins. Hot on his heels were both his brother Rory and Philip Doran.

In the 4.7 class Johnny Durkan RCYC took 1st place but 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th places all went to NYC sailors – Rory Caslin, Daniel Raymond, Evie Byrne (also 1st girl) and Nicole Hemeryck.

The ISA Youth Nationals were held in Howth YC this year from April 24 to 27. This important event attracts the leading Irish youth sailors ensuring a high standard of racing. It is also the main ISA Performance Pathway event for selection of summer squads and international teams. So the NYC sailors travelled to Howth expecting a pressurized, competitive event and they delivered the results for their Club with nine bullets and four podium places. Nicole Hemeryck won the Laser 4.7 trophy scoring three bullets along the way. NYC sailors took a remarkable five of the top 10 places in this 4.7 event. In the equally competitive Topper fleet, Hugh Perrette and Heather Spain were placed first and third, Hugh scored four bullets and Heather scored one. Leah Rickard took 1st place in the first race for the Optimist Championship fleet on her way to 3rd prize in the first Optimist event of the season.



*Nicole Hemeryck 1st Laser 4.7, Hugh Perrette 1st Topper and Heather Spain 3rd Topper at HYC ISA Youth National Championship*

The ISA Youth Nationals include the first half of the selection for the Optimist squad and teams and NYC's Charlie Cullen burst onto the Opi circuit with two bullets on the first day. He and five other NYC Optimist sailors are well positioned to win some of the 14 European Team and 10 French International team places available to this hardworking bunch of junior sailors.

NYC are delighted to host the Topper Leinster Championships, sponsored by The Jelly Bean Factory, May 3 and 4. Up to 60 young sailors from all over Ireland will sail six races under the careful management of the NYC team with Con Murphy as PRO. At the same time the Optimists will conclude their Irish team squad trials over three days next door at RStGYC.

The first Friday evening of fun racing gets going on May 2 organized jointly by the Dun Laoghaire waterfront clubs. This event takes place in the harbor and, for many young sailors, it is their first experience of racing. Sailors are introduced to the fun and friendship of with fun

prizes and barbeques. Watch from the pier every Friday evening from May to August and see our junior sailors grow in experience and confidence.

NYC Nippers start on the evening of Wednesday, May 21 and can best be described as 'Messing about in Boats' for six to eight year olds – fun, fun fun! They are helped by other young sailors aged 12-13 under the careful supervision of experienced coaches.

The ever popular Transition Year program concludes in May when the 16 year olds will have completed many of the pre instructor elements of their training, VHF, powerboat certificates, etc., in addition to a full winter of sailing.

The casual Sunday afternoon fun sailing will start again in June. Come down and enjoy messing about in boats with your friends!

After four years of developing the junior section at NYC introducing many new and innovative programs Helen Cooney and Ruth Shanahan have handed over the running of the juniors to Susan Spain and Peter Murphy and semi retired to the calm waters of managing the NYC summer courses. We are hugely grateful for all of their hard work and ideas, thank you.



**M**y three years as boathouse captain came to a conclusion last month and I would like to express my gratitude to all those who assisted me in the discharge of what can be an onerous responsibility. I would, in particular, like to thank Olivier Prouveur, sailing manager, and the boathouse staff for their kind assistance and support during my term. My experience has been that, through effective communication, all members of the National Yacht Club make significant contribution and sacrifice in support of the endeavors of the Club and towards ensuring a fair and even distribution of its resources.



*Flooding this winter over the new year!*

### **Moorings**

As is probably obvious by now, the morning issue has been resolved. The C and D lines have been formally assigned by the Harbour Company to the Club and all existing ground tackle purchased from the Royal St George Yacht Club. While I am not anticipating further disruption in the medium term, the feasibility of alternatives is being explored.

### **Price increases**

In line with a reconsideration of certain aspects of the pricing policy of the Club, a review of the boathouse fees was conducted by a task group made up of the treasurer and I along with the new

## **SUMMER 2014**



**W**ith only a few weeks to go until our junior summer courses begin once again this year we have arranged an action-packed programme with plenty of varied options to meet the requirements of juniors, young and old, novice and advanced!

Apart from offering the normal ISA levels we are also providing the following: racing clinics, Feva clinics, keelboat sailing, team racing and adventure training.

Once again we will be incorporating minor courses for six to eight year olds throughout the month of July, following the very popular ISA Cara na Mara Programme. We will also be providing a one week course in access sailing in mid June for children with physical and sensory disabilities.

Details on all of the above are available on the Junior Section of the website and please note that any junior member is welcome to introduce a friend to try out any of the quieter courses in June.

boathouse captain and sailing manager. This review considered the entire price structure on the basis of cost of service, comparisons with other waterfront clubs, use of space and other relevant considerations. Every effort was made to be as fair as possible across the entire user/membership base. I can say this review was not without friction, as is the nature of such things, but was ultimately approved by the main committee unanimously. The full price list is available to any member on request from the boathouse. Huge efforts had been made by the committee to hold prices low over the last number of years in recognition of the economic climate. This, it should be noted, is the first increase for some years and reflects an increasing cost base.

### **Insurance**

There is a tendency sometimes to see the club as a service provider. It is not. The legal basis for the existence of the club is as a contract between all members for the time being. As a non-incorporated association of individuals the club has no separate legal personality. This is the basis for the adage "a member cannot sue his own club as to do so would be, in effect, to sue himself. It is for this reason that it is club policy to require members to ensure all boats using the facilities, mooring, parking and services are insured against inadvertent or accidental damage. All damage that occurs on club premises, or while using club moorings should be referred to your insurance company.

### **A new boathouse captain**

Having dispensed with all this news as a favour to Brian Mathews, our new boathouse Captain, it is just left to me to wish Brian all the best in his new post.

*Frank Cassidy, Outgoing Boathouse Captain*

### **Note from Brian**

**A** very successful lift-in, many thanks go, as usual, to the volunteer team, Peter Ryan, Ralph Shepherd, Damian Quinn, Michael Horgan and Ian Meldon. Peter and Ralph have completed 15 years of fantastic dedication to the lift-in/lift-out cause and should receive our gratitude for their long serving efforts. Prior meticulous planning and significant focus on the day, ensure all boats are moved within the day, with a consequent saving on lift hire.

The new 'ganger' will be Killian Meldon and we wish him all the best. He has big shoes to step into!

Just a reminder that cars are welcome on the platform to drop and load boat gear only but not otherwise. In the interests of the membership as a whole, this rule will be rigidly enforced!





**D**BSC kicked off like clockwork on Thursday, April 24 in a very pleasant evening sun, heralding the start of summer for many. It was great to see such a strong turnout on the first race. We often take this superb facility for granted.

Apart from DBSC, the other sailing events being hosted by NYC this season are listed below.

### NYC HOSTED SAILING EVENTS 2014

May 3-4	Topper Leinsters
May 17-18	SB20 Easterns
May 25	Ruffian North/South Challenge
June 15	Ruffian Inter-Club
June 21	NYC Regatta
July 9	NYC Junior Regatta
July 18-20	Ruffian Nationals J109 Nationals
September 11	Ruffian Captain's Prize (19:00)
October 4-5	F15 & Fireball East Coasts
October/November	Frostbite F15+

As you can see, there are no major international events, so we will have the Club largely to ourselves in 2014, with minimal disruption to the platform users. The Club is delighted to welcome the Toppers, SB20s, Ruffians and J109s, your race management teams are working on ensuring that all these events are run to the usual, high NYC standard.

The highpoint of 2014 will be the NYC Regatta, which, we are hoping, will be a great success. Keep an eye on the website for the full racing and social programmes, which are currently being finalised. The sailing will follow the usual format and, again, we are standardising the sailing instructions across three of the four regattas, RIYC being the exception. Note that there will be a black-tie midsummer ball on the Saturday evening – call the manager to book. Why not bring a few friends to experience the Club at its best for the après sail regatta festivities.



Our adult sail training programme commences in May and we hope to continue it through the summer if the demand is there. The training is in accordance with ISA standards and will cover basic and intermediate level (ideal if you have some crew who want to improve their skills). We need more candidates and we need referrals from you the members. Sail training has always

delivered new members and new crew to the Club. Referrals to [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie) or call the office 01-280 5725.

A very successful CrewZone get together was held earlier in the month, at which many new crew got sorted for the season. Another of these will be arranged for mid season. If you are not yet using CrewZone to find crew or to get a berth as crew, please email [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie) and we will sort you out.

Justin Burke and Alan Green ran a superb pre-season sail Racing Clinic in the JB Room over two Monday evenings. These were very well attended, and raised just short of €300 for the RNLI – well done guys!



After 40 years of uninterrupted service, the electric winch at the top of the slipway finally got an overhaul by Alan Green and Paul Nolan. Alan replaced the badly worn capstan, which had to be cut away in pieces (*pictured left*) and Paul updated the electrics. It came through its first test after racing on Thursday. The slightly larger capstan gives a slightly faster pull – well done to the F15 Fleet.

Our first Rib Raid takes place on the first Sunday of May. Watch the website for news of the next one or contact the office if you want to be notified.

Will it be another glorious summer of sailing? Our NYC Cruising Group has not yet awakened for 2014 but expect news shortly. Again, contact the office if you would like to be notified directly.



*National YC Flag flying in English Harbour, Antigua at end of it's circumnavigation March 2014*

You may have noticed some strange looking craft in growing numbers on the NYC Platform. These new arrivals are the Dun Laoghaire moth fleet, which has made the Club its home. We expect there will be about 12 of them in total. We look forward to seeing their high speed racing in the bay this summer. Annalise is one of the founder members so competition is sure to be intense.

The Irish Surfing Association (ISA) is planning to introduce up to 500 girls and women to Stand Up Paddle Boarding, a fast growing water sport, at a weekend for women on May 10/11 at NYC. There will be opportunities for members to try this out during and after the event. Some boards and paddles will be available at the Club – book via [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie).

Finally, if there are members who want to helm but who do not have a boat, they may be able to charter a Club boat, subject to



experience and sailing committee approval. Our boats currently include 1720, Topper, Laser, Optimist and we may, shortly, have news on some others. If you are looking for a partnership arrangement, we will soon launch an initiative via the website. For either, contact [sailing@nyc.ie](mailto:sailing@nyc.ie).

## MOTHS FLY BY DAY

The Club's rapidly growing moth fleet cleared out of the Club on April 12/13, cruiser lift-in weekend, and headed down to Lough Ree for the inaugural Wineport Lodge Irish Moth Inlands.



NYC Moth Sailors Rory Fitzpatrick, John Chambers, Annalise Murphy, Ronan Wallace, Ryan Seaton & Gavin Doyle on the Lough Ree start line (NYC Humber Rib).

The racing was run on the inner lakes between Quigleys Marina and the Wineport Lodge by our IRO Con Murphy, with the assistance of Eddie and Dara Todderdell, in perfect speed sailing conditions. Rory Fitzpatrick won the championship and Annalise won the speed award with a top speed of 28.7 knots, almost a world record! Next major event for the NYC Moths will be the worlds in Hayling Island in July! See [www.mothireland.com](http://www.mothireland.com) for a full report.



John Chambers (NYC member)

## FLYING FIFTEENS

The flying fifteen fleet continues to flourish and was the only growth one design class in Dublin Bay last season. Turnouts in the championship events ranged from 24 to 32 which is a good indication of the strength of the class and enthusiasm for one design racing and sailing a transportable two handed one design. The flying fifteen continues to prove a popular and practical racing choice.

At the NYC there are some new boats arriving and this will spice up the race card. The class continues to welcome and encourage new participants to come and sail with us in a fifteen and to appreciate the appeal of this proven one design. Second hand boats at various prices are available.

Part of the appeal of the flying fifteen is the ability to tow by car to a regional championship and this season's events are all in scenic locations, with good race management, supported by hospitality.

### FUTURE FLYING FIFTEEN FIXTURES

May 17/18	Southern Championship Carlingford SC, Co Louth
June 14/15	Northern Championship Cushendall SC, Co Antrim
August 22/24	Championship of Ireland Portaferry SC, Co Down
October 4/5	East Coast Championship at the National Yacht Club followed by the frost bite series.

A few fifteens will venture to the British Championships in Poole in July and some have already booked their "freight forward" berth (boat only) by car transporter to the Europeans at Pollensa, Mallorca. Class members are always available after racing generally gathered in 'post race' discussion under the balcony. If you are interested in sailing a fifteen, introduce yourself and we will be more than happy to answer any questions or register your interest in a berth via NYC Crew Zone.

## EDDIE'S OYSTERS RUSH BACK TO WORK

Last month a number of National Yacht Club members celebrated their successful completion of a full circumnavigation of the globe.

Formula One expert, Eddie Jordan led the Oyster world rally which departed from Antigua in January 2013 and finished back in English Harbour last month. Jordan used his Oyster 885 *Lush* for the trip and had NYC members Paul Adamson and Audrey McGovern as leaders of his professional crew.

Eddie Jordan learnt to sail in Dun Laoghaire in a 420 and has been an active supporter and member of the National Yacht Club.

Eddie enlisted NYC members Martin McCarthy and James Woods for some legs of the voyage. The route covered Antigua, Panama Canal, Galapagos Is., Tahiti, Whitsunday Is., Australia, Indonesia, Reunion, Cape Town, Antigua.

Eddie talked to Mainsheet about the trip: "Of all the places we visited, the Galapagos Islands really stands out for its wildlife. There is no way I could ever describe Galapagos correctly because it is just so gobsmacking. I found it especially exhilarating under the water; sea lions, turtles, so many species of fish and of course the sharks."



Eddie Jordan and Paul Adamson celebrate the completion of the Oyster World Rally in Willy T's bar in Antigua

Paul Adamson, skipper of Oyster 885, *Lush* has been amazed by the sea life on the Oyster World Rally. "We know so little about our oceans and all through the rally we have encountered incredible wild life. In Tahiti we visited the Blue Lagoon in the Tuamotu Archipelago, which has literally a hundred Black Tip Reef Sharks and huge Lemon Sharks."

Paul's wife and first mate for the journey, Audrey McGovern is well known for her success in Dun Laoghaire SB3/SB20 sportsboat which she based at the National Yacht Club and named Sailing West after their Sailing adventure business which they ran out of the Harbour.

Paul and Audrey were an incredible team on *Lush*, ably assisted by Cavan engineer, Alan Canavan, who kept all the innumerable systems on the boat running sweetly for the 30,000 mile trip.

However the fun is over for now for Eddie. He has to return to his BBC F1 commentary duties at next month's Spanish Grand Prix and will spend most of the summer on Grand Prix duty.

For further details please see [www.sailingwest.com](http://www.sailingwest.com) and [www.oystermarine.com](http://www.oystermarine.com).





# History Around the Clubhouse

**T**he Club enjoyed a superb Speaker Supper in April given by Tom Conlon on the history of Dun Laoghaire. This is what he told us about our clubhouse area within 200m, perhaps the most historic part of Dun Laoghaire.



When the East Pier cannon came to Dun Laoghaire (then Kingstown) in 1856 it was already battle-weary and old. The East Pier itself was the brainchild of Richard Toutcher (1758-1841), a Norwegian seaman, and the "Metals", the railroad used for the building of the harbour had branches both beside and in front of the clubhouse, right up to 1905.

George IV came in 1821, renamed the town and left his monument on the remains of one of the Three Churls, just 50m from the Club. The Three Churls were rock quarries which originally covered much of the area between the sea and George's St.

From 1826 to about 1835, the prison ship known as the Hulk Essex was a holding prison for prisoners awaiting deportation. It was moored just in front of the clubhouse site where the Ruffians now reside during the summer months. Just slightly further out around the east bite, where our mooring sits, the British Navy always kept a

large man-o-war to show their might and power to the natives.

These and many more historical facts and related pictures are being assembled into a new online Wiki site to be called "The Annals of Dun Laoghaire", now being developed as a collaborative effort initiated by Tom Conlon. Tom is a retired banker, a director of The Genealogical Society of Ireland and a frequent lecturer at the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society.

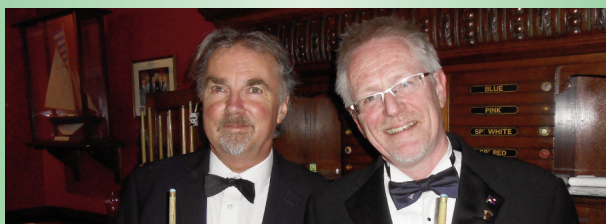
Tom's talk was most interesting with superb photography (old and new). We are hoping that we can convince Tom to return to the Club in the winter to give us another talk for those members who missed out this time round.

## NYC Archive

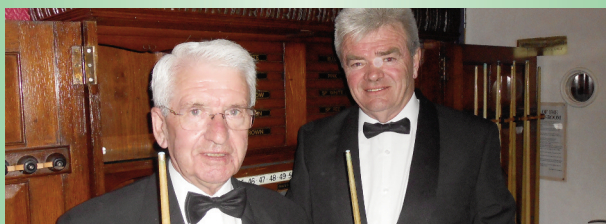
Members who may have items of historical interest pertaining to the NYC might donate same by placing them in an envelope and dropping them off to the office downstairs with covering note clearly marked "NYC Archive". Items of interest include photographs, newspaper articles, old regatta programmes, function tickets, old year-end reports and any other print memorabilia relating to the NYC and its members, boats, sailing and events.



*Dick Wharton, Chairman*



*Preston Ball Finalists, Dave Morley & Frank Cassidy – Frank won after a hard fought battle with Dave*



*Johnston Memorial Trophy winners, Jim O'Reilly & Dermot Baker*



*Last years winner of the Preston Ball in action, Kevin Blake*



*Desmond Campbell*

*desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk*

**T**he last walk of the season took place on April 6, meeting at Rathmichael Church. Fortunately the rain held off for our 2pm start and we had a not unlucky turnout of thirteen.



*Enjoying winter sunshine in Glendalough*

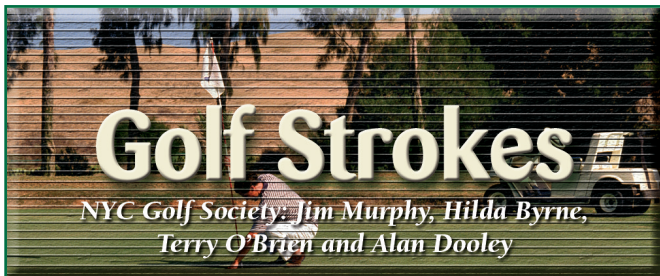
The walk was kindly led by Kevin Browne and we initially set out towards Carrickgolligan and then on to Barnaslingan Wood via a more demanding climb. We picnicked overlooking The Scalp and Enniskerry in the distance. The return journey took us back via the Lead mines Chimney and thence to Rathmichael. It was a warm, dry, sunny day – perfect for walking.

Despite ten members turning up for our March walk from Annamoe, it was decided to abandon it on account of the torrential rain and we adjourned to Avoca for coffee and scones.

The February walk, also led by Kevin, commenced in Enniskerry and we took the Mass Path to Killegar, where there are church ruins and an ancient graveyard. Kevin gave us most interesting talks on the historical aspects of the area on both walks. Our grateful thanks are due to Kevin for helping out with the leadership duties this past season.

We always welcome new walkers and if you are not already on the circulation list and would like to be included – please email: [desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:desmondcampbell@yahoo.co.uk). There will be a break during the summer sailing season and the next walk will be on October 5.





**W**e have already had three outings to Blainroe, Glen of the Drowned (yes, it lashed again) and Bray. All were slightly smaller than usual but it looks like we will have a big outing to Woodbrook on Friday, May 16 (watch out for the text alert).

Remaining outings are:

- Woodbrook, May 16
- Woodenbridge, June 6
- Craddockstown, September 5
- Charlesland, October 10
- Portugal, November 1-6
- Elm Park, December 5 (TBC)

If you want to join the Golf Society, email [secretary@nyc.ie](mailto:secretary@nyc.ie) and we will include your name. The society is open to all members and friends.



**A**nother successful Bridge season has come to an end. I would like to thank the members for their continued support on both Monday and Thursday evenings.

The Monday evenings will continue throughout the summer, all members welcome. It will be fun and I intend to go along myself. I hope others will join me.

We ended the season with our usual end of season supper on April 17, which was very well attended by the members and their friends. We had an excellent meal as always, and a glass or two of vino.

The new season will commence on Thursday, September 25 at 7.30pm sharp and will be followed by our start of season supper at approximately 9.00pm. All bridge players are welcome, Monday and Thursday groups.

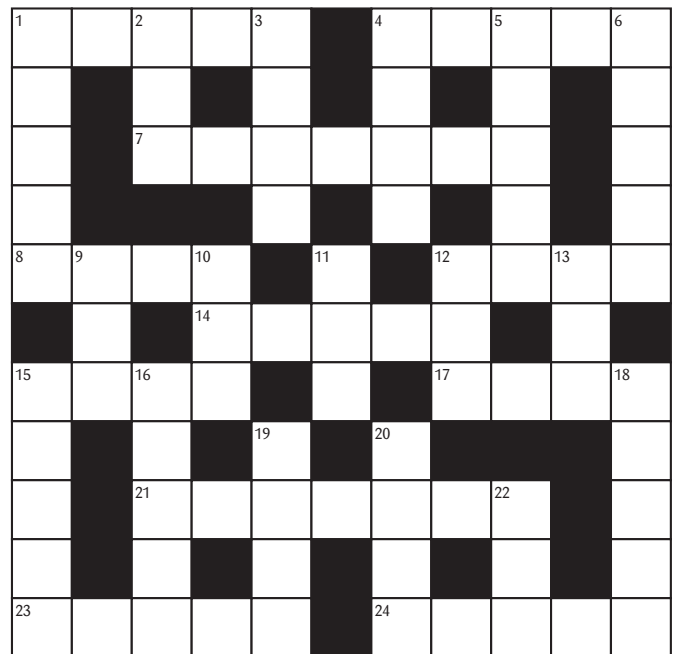
Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the NYC for looking after us so well each Monday and Thursday evening throughout the season. They are great!

Enjoy the summer and we may see some of you guys on the water!



**T**he winner of Navigator No. 59 was Jonnie Phillips having correctly completed the puzzle. Your prize awaits you, Jonnie, well done!

This one is a nice easy puzzle, as usual, and the first correct solution opened will win dinner for two with a bottle of house wine. Entries to reach the Navigator before sundown on July 30.



**Across**

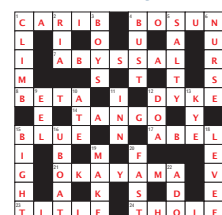
- 1 No car turned around could be a beacon on a buoy (5)
- 4 Sounds like the waters, bind tightly (5)
- 7 Miss tad about particular damage to a sail boat (7)
- 8 Spring tidal wave sounds like it might be a bit tedious. (4)
- 12 Greek letter XXIII (4)
- 14 Mussel fibril sounds like it is tied up at the moment (5)
- 15 Narc mixed up in herring measurement (4)
- 17 Heavenly opposition makes for low water (4)
- 21 Lad ruin ruined for a day's only tide (7)
- 23 Difficult chat with French there to make a vessel (5)
- 24 Use a leg in to make a fire (5)

- 5 make money (5)
- 6 Yes to make small islands (5)
- 9 Pig loses his head in a row (3)
- 10 Ben came around to east but one degree off (3)
- 11 See a way to make a point (3)
- 12 Nip back to secure halyards and sheets (3)
- 13 Initially they formed an association for surfing here (3)
- 15 Cabin sounds like it's questioning his ability (5)
- 16 Cad is mixed up and taking soundings in water (5)
- 18 Duration of radio transmission shows heart (5)
- 19 A boat with no currency (4)
- 20 Nike upset a Sumarian god (4)
- 22 Sailing speedometer but falling off it is easy (3)

**Down**

- 1 Sounds like it could intoxicate a sailor but makes a straight line all the same (5)
- 2 Fish joke (3)
- 3 Sounds wise about the aroma of wine (4)
- 4 Grab, we hear, the waters (4)
- 5 For Peruvians tin is a way to

**Answers to Navigator 59**





# Social Calendar

Booking required for ALL Dining Room services. All Dining room booking with the Catering Team on 2801198/2805725



Weather permitting you can enjoy the most panoramic views in the bay, al fresco style, with our new evening menu, running every Tuesday to Saturday from 6.30 to 9.30pm.

Louise and I will look forward to seeing you down here over the summer and, please, don't hesitate to call either of us (01-280 5725) with your catering or social requests large or small.

Here's wishing everyone an enjoyable and safe sailing season ahead!

## Highlights

May 3 & 4	Topper Leinster Championships
May 10 & 11	Paddleboard Championships
June 16	Bloomsday Lunch
June 20 & 21	Club Regatta Weekend Including Mid Summer Black tie Ball
July 18 & 19	Ruffian & J109 Championships
August 29	Laura Lynn Charity race & BBQ

**T**he Sailing Season is upon us. It is always an uplifting feeling and a glorious sight to see the boats back in the water! After what can only be described as a wet, bleak and stormy winter, it is without doubt that we look forward to a long, dry and hot Summer stretching out before us all.

As always, here in the National, we pride ourselves in having an action packed summer of varied social activities to coincide with the very busy sailing season ahead. We endeavour to have all sorts of events over the summer months to appeal to all our members whether sailing or otherwise and, of course, to all age groups.

Don't forget, members, that we have terrific new BBQ facilities, with unlimited menu and price options, that can be booked privately for that special or unique occasion.

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Thu	<b>1</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Sat	<b>3</b> Topper Leinster Championships
Sun	<b>4</b> Topper Leinster Championships
Tue	<b>6</b> Innerwheel Dinner
Wed	<b>7</b> Final Wine Supper
Thu	<b>8</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Fri	<b>9</b> Toastmasters Conference
Sat	<b>10</b> Paddle board Championships
Sun	<b>11</b> Paddle board Championships BBQ
Tue	<b>13</b> Ladies Lunch
Thu	<b>15</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Sat	<b>17</b> SB3's Eastern Championships
Sun	<b>18</b> SB3's Eastern Championships
Thu	<b>22</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Fri	<b>23</b> Charity Jazz Night
Sat	<b>24</b> Wedding reception
Sun	<b>25</b> Family Sunday Lunch
Thu	<b>29</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ

JUNE	
Sun	<b>1</b> Family Sunday Lunch
Thu	<b>5</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Thu	<b>12</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Fri	<b>13</b> Innerwheel Lunch
Sat	<b>14</b> Wedding reception
Sun	<b>15</b> Father's Day Lunch
Mon	<b>16</b> Blooms Day Lunch
Fri	<b>20</b> Club Regetta Weekend
Sat	<b>21</b> Club Regetta Weekend Mid Summer Black Tie ball
Thu	<b>26</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Fri	<b>27</b> Dining Room Booked Out
Sun	<b>29</b> Family Sunday Lunch
JULY	
Thu	<b>3</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Sun	<b>6</b> Family Sunday Lunch
Thu	<b>10</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ
Mon	<b>14</b> Peter Caviston's Bastille Day Lunch and Entertainment
Thu	<b>17</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ

JULY		CONTD.
Fri	<b>18</b> Ruffian & J109 National Championships	
Sat	<b>19</b> Ruffian & J109 National Championships	
Sun	<b>20</b> Sunday Family Lunch	
Thu	<b>24</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ	
Sun	<b>27</b> Family Sunday Lunch	
Thu	<b>31</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ	
AUGUST		
Sun	<b>3</b> Family Sunday Lunch	
Thu	<b>7</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ	
Fri	<b>15</b> Wedding Reception	
Sun	<b>17</b> Family Sunday Lunch	
Thu	<b>21</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ	
Sat	<b>23</b> Dining Room Booked Out	
Thu	<b>28</b> Sailing Supper & BBQ	
Fri	<b>29</b> Laura Lynn Charity race BBQ	
Sat	<b>30</b> Wedding Reception	