

# Iniscealtra Sailing Club Newsletter.



Summer 2004.

## Message from the Editor.

Welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. Firstly we send a big thank you to all members who attended our clean up day on May 22nd. We had great sunshine and good food provided by our Commodore, a lot was achieved on the day. The Club harbour is now looking great, well done everyone. Odd jobs still need doing, like cutting the grass or cleaning the toilets and we ask all members to help out (the equipment is provided). Our cruising captain has a number of events organised for this summer, details are included. The official unveiling of a memorial to Albert Gill by our commodore is planned for Sat. July 24th at the Commodores Barbecue. Albert was a co-founder of ISC club. *Deirdre*



## 2004 Committee

**Commodore:** John McNamara  
**Vice Commodore:** Gar Flanagan  
**Rear Commodore:** Brian Griffin  
**Secretary:** Deirdre Gallagher  
**Treasurer:** Tim Egan  
**Harbour Master:** Hugh McGrath  
**Racing Captain:** Dan O'Donnell  
**Moorings Captain:** Der O'Mahoney  
**Safety Officer:** Ger Naughton  
**Cruising Captain:** Tom Bolger  
**General Committee:** Nigel Roberts  
**General Committee:** Pat Carroll  
**General Committee:** Tom Fitzgibbon

**We are on the Web.**  
[\\homepage.eircom.net/~icsc](http://homepage.eircom.net/~icsc)

## Weather Forecasts for Lake from May 24th

Met Éireann launches new forecast service for Inland Lakes  
The forecasts will cover Lough Derg, Lough Ree, Loughs Corrib & Mask, and Loughs Allen & Key. Met Éireann Director Mr. Declan Murphy said "We expect this new service will be of significant benefit to those using the Inland Lakes. We will review it at the end of the September to assess how it performed and how it was received". The primary methods of dissemination will be; · via the Irish Coast Guard's new Marine VHF Network for the Inland Lakes, and · Met Éireann's website at [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie). Notification of forecasts will be announced on Channel 16 by Malin Head and Valentia remotely-operated radio stations and broadcast times (Local Time) will be: Lough Ree Radio VHF Ch 62 07.15hrs with a repeat at 09.15hrs 16.15hrs with a repeat at 18.15hrs **Lough Derg Radio VHF Ch 61 At 07.20hrs with a repeat 09.20hrs 16.20hrs with repeat at 18.20hrs** Further details may be obtained from:

Aidan Kelly, Customer Liaison Officer, Met Éireann, Glasnevin Hill, Dublin 9.  
M: 087-244 5291; Tel: 01-806 4250; Fax: 01-806 4247

*Ed: apparently channel 61 is now the Lough Derg working channel.*



Paudie re inventing the wheel



12hrs later we had a new dinghy pier

# Racing News



John McNamara presents the Commodore Cup Trophy to the winner, Brian Lynch of G.S.C.



Dan O'Donnell presents the April Series Trophy to the winner Pat Carroll of Eclipse



Dan O'Donnell presents the May Series Trophy to the winner Sean Collins & crew of Hydromania .

## April Series.

- 1st. Eclipse
- 2nd. Hydromania
- 3rd. Papillion
- 4th. Chelgra
- 5th. La Bamba

## May Series

- 1st. Hydromania
- 2nd. Papillion
- 3rd. Chelgra

We had a good turn out for the April and May series, on average 7 boats participated in each race. While we didn't have much wind for many of the races it was still challenging in the calm & sunshine. Thanks to all who participated and we look forward to seeing you again in September. Enjoy the summer cruising.

## I.S.C Racing - September Series

A series of 4 races for the September Series Trophy, one discard.

The Gortmore Bell takes place, as usual on the 2 Saturday in the month, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Date	Event	Venue	Briefing	Start
Sept 5	Race 1	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Sept 11 (Saturday)	Race 2 Gortmore Bell	M/Shannon	<b>10.30</b>	<b>11.15</b>
Sept 19	Race 3	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Sept 25 (Saturday)	Race 4 (Gary Barge Wheel)	<b>G/Kennedy</b>	<b>11-00</b>	<b>11.30</b>

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The ISC perpetual cup is the final race in 2004.

Date	Event	Venue	Briefing	Start
Oct 3	Race 1	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Oct 9 (Saturday)	Race 2 (Gary Visitors)	<b>G/Kennedy</b>	<b>11:00</b>	<b>11:30</b>
Oct 17	Race 3	M/Shannon	12:00	12:30
Oct 24	Race 4 (ISC Perpetual Trophy)	M/Shannon	12:00	12:30

Annual Entry for all Races: €70. Spring Series: €40. Autumn Series €45. Otherwise: €7 per race. (€20 for Gortmore Bell. )

**Important note. Life jackets must be worn by all crew during races, boats who are not in compliance will be disqualified.**

*Dan O'Donnell .  
Racing Captain.*

**Commodores  
BBQ**

**Pirates Party  
Fancy Dress**

Adults & Children Expected to Dress Up  
**Prizes for Best Dressed**

Our Cruising Captain Tom Bolger is organising a movie for the children in the evening, his daughters Emma & Sarah are in charge of childrens entertainment for the afternoon with Face Painting, Treasure Hunt, Pirate Biscuits, Rock Painting & Colouring Competition + a Sweets Pinata

**Cocktail Contest**  
A Name and Display Cocktail Competition with Adults & Childrens Entries

**Saturday 24th July 2004**

Barbecue will be lighting - Bring Your Own Food!!  
Every Boat is expected to Bake a Dessert to Share on Our Dessert Table  
Music -- Craic -- Bonfire -- Marshmallows

### Cruise to Portumna June B/H Weekend

Assemble evening Fri 4th June for Barbecue at club.  
Cruise to Portumna Saturday morning and barbecue  
Portumna Pier Saturday Night.

Tom Bolger

### Cruise August B/H Weekend. Scarriff River.

Assemble Fri 30th July for Barbecue in club and  
cruise Saturday morning.

Tom Bolger

### Open Day.

Club open day and barbecue to coincide with Mount-shannon fair day in August. Date tbc. Check out club notice board for details later.

## Lifejackets

### Lifejackets To Be Made Compulsory In Water Safety Drive

Dermot Ahern T.D., Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, announced a major new safety drive by making the wearing of lifejackets compulsory on board any boat of seven metres or less.

In addition, the Minister ruled a lifejacket or personal flotation devices must be carried on every vessel regardless of size.

Minister Ahern said: "We have endured too many tragedies at sea and on our waterways. I fully appreciate that people have to take responsibility for their own safety but the time has come, I believe, to make the wearing of lifejackets compulsory on most of our vessels.

The main provisions of the draft regulations provide that :

- A lifejacket/ personal floatation device is carried on board for each person (irrespective of the size of craft)
- Everyone on board a craft less than 7.0 metres (23 feet) in length must wear a lifejacket/ personal floatation device
- Every child less than 16 years of age must wear a lifejacket/ personal floatation device at all times while on deck when the craft is underway

Controls of consumption of alcohol or drugs on board non-mechanically propelled pleasure craft are addressed

The Minister also announced the publication of a draft Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft, this follows the announcement made last year. The Code covers all aspects of leisure safety and guidance for leisure craft that are not already covered by Statutory Provisions.

A copy of both the Draft Regulations on the wearing of lifejackets or personal floatation devices on non-mechanically propelled pleasure craft and The Draft Code of Practice for the Safe Operation of Recreational Craft are available on the Department's website at [www.dcmnr.gov.ie](http://www.dcmnr.gov.ie) or from the Maritime Safety Directorate, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. Phone No. (01) 6782382. Written observations should be sent to Eoghan Beecher, Maritime Safety Directorate, Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. E-mail: [eoghan.beecher@dcmnr.gov.ie](mailto:eoghan.beecher@dcmnr.gov.ie)



## ***Letter to the editor...***

Dear Editor,

I would like to avail of the newsletter 'letters column' to articulate some thoughts caused by reading the letter from our esteemed Pat Mortell.

I refer in particular to his topic charmingly introduced by the title of "an old chestnut"! Pat argues that a club the size of ISC cannot manage to take on new members, our size and inability to grow the facilities will preclude this. He proposes that instead we should sit back on the treasure we've created and maintain an exclusivity through the restriction of new members. This argument, apart from being wrong, quite plainly misses a number of important points.

1. New entrants to the club do not necessarily have boats of their own, they normally want to join our club and participate in sailing events.
2. For those who want to join and do have boats, we have procedures which addresses this - its called the moorings committee and has specific rules as to when new moorings become available and who can have them.
3. All clubs must grow or die - meaning that new members are the lifeblood of any club; ISC is not an exception! New members help take on chores that existing members have grown tired of doing, they provide additional crew for the fleet or replace crew who no longer wish to participate in sailing. They also bring new and invigoration ideas, challenge us to adapt to different circumstances etc. Examples might be - dingy sailing, we have none today, a junior section to teach sailing./racing skills, none today, fundraising events, none today and so on....
4. To sit back and assume we keep membership closed is a dead end street. What really drove this home to me was Pat's closing remark; I quote "careful management of our resources, more respect for ourselves, and for the other the users" .....this is a formula for extinction!

So lets not keep our glorious club to ourselves, lets grow it sensibly and introduce new and exciting ideas through new members, lets allow others to share in the magnificent facility we've created and lets be proud enough of our achievements to share it with others

Sincerely, Peter B. MacNamara.

## **How good is your tackle?**

The photo opposite clearly shows the condition of some chain that has been replaced on a recently serviced club mooring. Obviously it's a very sobering photo. It is strongly recommended that all boat owners regularly inspect their own moorings and rising chain for wear. For further advice/information please contact. Der.



Boomerang was one of the first boats to use (test) the mast machine.

## **Mast Machine is up and running**

Our mast stepping and unstepping machine is well up and running at this stage with at least 30 successful lifts under it's belt.

The following personnel are trained in it's use

Pat Carroll  
Gearoid Flanagan  
John McNamara  
Paul O'Leary

There is a small charge for use and a wee bit of paperwork. Contact any of the above for more information.