

Iniscealtra Sailing Club. Newsletter.



Summer 2003.

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. The sunny sailing season began with our Lift In on March 29th, we had an early but worthwhile start as all the boats were launched by early afternoon and gave the boat owners time to get masts hoisted and general tidy up done. Great barbeque food was supplied by John McNamara which kept the hunger at bay. The committee now request all owners of trailers left in the site to remove same asap as they will cause an obstruction and take up space required for parking. Finally, our next edition will be published in early September, holiday adventure stories and snaps would be very welcome.

Wishing you safe summer sailing.

Deirdre Gallagher



Boats don't grow on trees..... or do they?



Hydromania goes to new Heights.

Gortmore Bell

The Gortmore bell sailing race takes place this year on Saturday September 13th. Last year we had 34 entries and a great day out. Briefing is at usual Gortmore time of 10.30am with a 11.15am start. Entry fee will be €20. Start honing your skills and getting your boat ready now.

Clean Up Day

Thanks to those members who showed up on the day and did trojan work, The turn-out however was very disappointing but great progress was made, but much work remains to be done. So hopefully another day can be arranged with far greater participation from members, this is after all your club.

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Our Club House

I hope by now everyone has seen this years improvements in the Club House. Showers, Meeting Room have now all been beautifully tiled thanks to being voluntarily laid by Dan Gallagher with help from Fran McCarthy & Deirdre McCarthy, Der O'Mahony & Sean Collins. We hope you will all appreciate and respect our facilities and help to keep them clean.

Racing Update



The racing season is now in full swing, with the largest fleet size of 9 boats todate....(this had c36 sailors involved...which was fantastic to see, and be a part of...)

April was a challenging month with strong winds for many of the races....22-25 knots... Eclipse (Pat Carroll) showed a clean set of heels winning the April Series, with an outstanding four (4) wins from four (4)..including the DeerRock Trophy.....

May is turning out to be more closely contested, with Papillion (Dan O'Donnell) and Hydromania (Sean Collins) on one race win each for the series, with Eclipse pushing hard in third position....However, its not too late to get stuck in, with two trophies yet to be contested for - including the prestigious Commodores Trophy on Saturday May 17....and the Mayfly Cup, on May 25th.

The newly promoted 'Lets go racing - May Novice Series' is well underway, with three boats signing on for the event... This event is targeted for those sailors who have not regularly raced their own boats, but are interested in getting involved ... The kick-off was Sunday, May 4th; with a 'Racing Talk' convened in the club house. The agenda for discussion included Race Start procedure, the racing handicap system, outline of the racing course, and some basic rules of the road. This was followed by each new Skipper & crew member joining one of the regular racing boats crew for the Sunday Race.... Sort of a hands on!! The following Sunday, May 11th, was an early start for the novice crews & skippers...being on the water at 10am. Great fun - and learning was had, with particular focus on race starts, and rounding marks... The learning was in evidence with two of the novice boats leaving some of the regular fleet for dead at the start of the main race. There are two more races in this Novice Series - which will be contested by Sea Saw; Patsywack & Crystal...Sea Saw has the jump on the other two after the first race..... will be interesting to see how it goes...

Whether you are racing or not - be sure to circle round for the results/prize giving, held at the clubhouse at approx 4.30pm after each race...and support the fleet members.....and be part of the crack!!

Dan O'Donnell, Racing Captain.

E.I.S. September Series

A series of 5 races for the September Series Trophy , one discard.

The Gortmore Bell takes place, as usual on the 2nd Saturday in the month, September 13th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Start</u>
Aug 31	Race 1	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Sept 7	Race 2	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Sept 13 (Saturday)	Race 3 Gortmore Bell	M/Shannon	10.30	11.15
Sept 21	Race 4	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Sept 27 (Saturday)	Race 5 (Gary Barge Wheel)	G/Kennedy	11-00	11.30

R. H. Condell October Series

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

The ISC perpetual cup is the final race in 2003.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Briefing</u>	<u>Start</u>
Oct 5	Race 1	M/Shannon	12.00	12.30
Oct 11 (Saturday)	Race 2 (Gary Visitors)	G/Kennedy	11:00	11:30
Oct 19	Race 3	M/Shannon	12:00	12:30
Oct 26	Race 4 (ISC Perpetual Trophy)	M/Shannon	12:00	12:30

Bank Holiday Cruise to Portumna

A Cruise is planned for this June Bank Holiday Weekend to Portumna, As this is the first cruise of the season we hope everyone will come along and participate.

We will gather at the Club Harbour on Friday Night 30th May. The barbecue will be lighting so bring along your food and refreshments, Bonfire and Marshmallows weather permitting, bring along your musical instruments & talent too!!!

Its a good opportunity to cruise in company for those new members who may not have ventured this far up the lake. We hope to have an early start for Portumna on Saturday morning leaving at 10.00am (approx)

Racing Captain Dan O'Donnell is organising a family orientated race to Portumna if possible.

Please support our efforts and come along and enjoy this June Holiday Weekend.

P.S. - Portumna is a great town for all your supplies and provisions, food, pubs, restaurants & showers all available.

John McNamara, Commodore.



Committee Update.

John McNamara has been elected Commodore for this year, Gearoid Flanagan has been elected Vice Commodore. We wish them both the best of luck in their new roles.

Letter to the Editor.

I note with regret that our club was not represented at the AGM of the Irish Sailing Association, this is a great pity, especially as we are paying our share as a club to the national authority in our own particular sport. It surely is a very sad reflection on ourselves, that we just send a cheque and fail to make any input into the further planning development of sailing, in any of its many aspects by attending this important forum. It is noted for example that there were lectures on promoting children participation amongst other club related subjects, in which we could usefully, have shown an interest.

I don't know how many clubs were like ours who failed to attend the ISA AGM, but I believe that we do not do ourselves any credit by such a display of lack of interest. There is a small core of paid staff in the ISA, but for the most part, all the great work is done by hundreds of willing volunteers. I do hope that future ISA AGMs would be attended by at least two Iniscealtra Sailing Club representatives who would be allowed expenses.

Pat Mortell.

Members of ISC let's brush up on our etiquette.

Pat Mortell

Mission Statement

That we the members of ISC commit ourselves to maintaining high standards in the use of our club facilities at all times and that we value what it is our good fortune to own. That we are involved in the running of the club and that without involvement there can be no commitment.

Club House.

The Club House shall be left clean and tidy after using any of the facilities. We shall leave the place as we would like to find it. Take special care of our keys.



Photo by Brendan Gleeson

Club Grounds.

Boats shall be hard standing as per arrangement and payment November/March period.

Trailers, Cradles, Chocks etc. shall be removed April/October period. Under no circumstances shall the club grounds be allowed to be turned into a **trailer quarry**. Members cars shall be parked space efficiently. Cars should not really be parked beyond the shoreline as it takes from the appearance of the lake view and has been a source of annoyance to local residents.

The slipway shall at all times have adequate access and egress for tenders and rescue boats.

Members of the public are given to entering and strolling in the Club Grounds. These people should be told by a member, present at the time, that they are on private property and they are not covered by insurance and are therefore trespassing.

Club Harbour.

The way that we use or abuse the club harbor, which is arguably the most important asset that we have, is almost entirely a matter of common sense. Leaving boats tied up for long periods invites others to do the same and leads to a clogged up harbor that nobody can use. Membership fee does not include a free berth in the harbour. The Harbor Master is also just a member and should not be put in the unenviable position of requiring a fellow member to conform to rules of etiquette. Boats overstaying reasonable period run the risk of being moved to the public harbour following two verbal warnings.

Moorings.

Boats on moorings should be carefully secured. The swing should be noted and checked so as not to cause damage to a neighbouring boat. Check to see that you have the mooring officer's name and phone number in the event of any mishap.

Green Shed.

This can be very useful for managed storage or just a dump. What is your preference?

Safety.

Each club member shall be familiar with safety practices applicable and appropriate to sailing and boating and shall insist that prescribed standards shall at all times be observed. Shall show by personal example; Shall know the club safety officer and his/her contact; Shall be familiar with safety procedures. It shall be the responsibility of each member to be familiar with safety practices applicable and appropriate to sailing and boating and to insist that prescribed standards shall be observed at all times.