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From the Commodore's Cabin

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We had an excellent Commodore's Dinner on 25th March. There was a very good attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Ryan Seaton, our guest speaker, gave an inspiring account of his worldwide campaign in his 49er. It's really great to see a young club member competing in our sport at the highest level. We hope and anticipate seeing Ryan representing Ireland at the Olympic Games in Weymouth next year. We're all cheering for you, Ryan! Among the very high attendance it was great to see so many former Commodores and I was privileged to pay tribute to their enormous contribution though leadership of our Club in former years. We are very grateful to all those who have worked so hard to make the Club what it is.

The boating season is now upon us and it's good to see all the work going on in the boat park to get vessels ready for the season. On the matter of the boat park, several people have commented how well it is arranged and looked after. A warm tribute is owed to our boat park custodians, Lesley Watson and Eddie Campbell. Thanks guys! To do our own part, can I please encourage all boat owners to leave their space clean and tidy after they launch. Can I also encourage everyone to give a thorough check on their boats

while they can? Looking at the masthead of Dragon Lady I found the radio antenna hanging on by a single rusty thread – it looked quite OK from deck level! I am happy to welcome 2 new members onto the team. **Conor Brown** is joining the Board to take the lead on House and Grounds matters. I know many members are keen to contribute their expertise and time to help him in this, but more support is always needed. **Ryan Johnston** has agreed to become Club boat-swain, in overall charge of the Club's boats. His first job was the restoration of "Sublime". It really looks well. Many thanks Ryan, keep up the good work!

The Club House is looking neater these days. We have a clear set of notice boards and a sponsor's board. Many thanks to Roy Totten for his energy in organising this and in securing sponsorship, and many thanks indeed to our sponsors. Please give them, and our Jibsheets advertisers, support as we obviously need to show how their contribution is valued. We'll be giving more attention to the club house in the coming months, as funds become available. Changes will shortly be apparent. Can I encourage all members to use the club house as much as possible? We have very good catering on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, both in the restaurant and the bar, and a well stocked bar which opens daily.

Catering will also be available on Thursday evenings when the sailing season starts. New visitors' books have been placed at each bar. Can I ask you *please* to ensure that you sign in your guests in either of these books? Please note that this is not an option – it's a legal requirement!

At the time of writing the early season series is about to start, and we have the expectation of a great season. Our full programme or racing, for dinghies and yachts, and our training programme, will shortly roll out. Do join in as much as you can. *It's your club so use it!*

Have a great season!

*Roger Woodward
Commodore*



Don't forget to send us details of your e-mail address for the membership database. Send your details to info@carrickfergusse.org

Cruising

Our speakers nights continue to be well supported, many thanks to all of you who come along. Remember to leave room for a bite of supper and a wee blether afterwards.

We are working on a programme of interesting speakers for next Autumn/Winter and hope to be able to publish the programme in the not too distant future.

Our final speaker for this season is Maud Hamill who is going to give a very enlightening talk on genealogy "Who Do You Think You Are?" on Friday evening 15th April.

By now most of you will be thinking of getting out on the water and our proposed cruising programme for this year is as follows:

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| May 13/14/15 | Portpatrick Cruise/Race |
| May 27/28 | Cruise to Bangor. Friday evening ashore and visit Bregenz House (Coastguard Station) on Saturday. |
| June 4/5 | Carrickfergus Classic Sail |
| July 1/2/3 | Weekend cruise in company to Glenarm. Cruisers starting their Summer cruise proceed North afterwards, others return in company to Carrickfergus |
| August 20 | Carrickfergus Sailing Club Regatta |
| August 27 | Round the Lough Treasure Hunt. A family day for all ages. A couple of hours on the water followed by refreshments at the club. |
| Sept 24 or 25 | Cruise in company to Belfast for food and refreshments at Cutters Wharf. Over night at Odyssey pontoons if desired. |
| Dec 27 | Cruise to Belfast for après Christmas fun at McHugh's or venue to be decided. Overnight at Odyssey pontoons if desired. |

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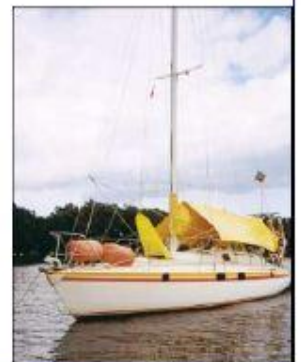


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Training News

Earlier this month we attended a youth fair for secondary school pupils, which was held at Oakfield Community Centre. The aim was to highlight to schools and other youth groups, the sailing opportunities that exist at CSC. We had display boards with photos and information presenting what we can offer and handouts which we provided to the students. Hopefully we will have gained some interest from this and encourage more juniors to enjoy getting out on the water and learning to sail.



Carrickfergus, along with Ballymena and Larne councils have appointed a “Community Sailing Coach” as part of their active communities program. They will seek to generate interest from women, disabled people and the over 50’s and provide the opportunity for them to try sailing. CSC has agreed to work with the councils on this project in the hope that it will bring more new members into the club and promote sailing in general.

CSC Committee has welcomed a proposal from James Waugh to run the sailing courses on behalf of the Club. Rory Moore will remain as Principal of the training centre but James will be taking bookings and arranging lessons for both juniors and adults.

Membership Matters

We would like to welcome one new family member, Mrs Anne Blair, two new Ordinary Members, Darren Barr and Colin Craig, and eight new Social Members, Isobel Day, Ann Taylor, John Wilson, Robert Alexander, Ray Williams, Wilson Murray, Dr Shirley Davey and Peter Hawkins.

We hope you embrace all that the club has to offer and make many friends.

Club Racing—Membership Incentive

A separate page is enclosed with this edition of Jibsheet, giving information on an incentive scheme for boat owners/skipper. The scheme gives financial benefits to both the skipper and crew if all those participating in club racing become members of the club. The Management Committee request that all boat owners/skipper seriously consider the offer and actively encourage all crew to become members of the club.

Sailing News

The sailing season has now arrived starting with our annual spring series.

A lot of work has been done in recent weeks on refurbishing our racing marks. Thanks must go to Alec Kirkpatrick and his team. The three club ribs have been serviced and made ready for the water and new Policy & Procedures have been prepared on their use. These procedures must be adhered to at all times. Our club Safety Officer, Alan Weir assisted by Club Boatswain Ryan Johnston will be responsible for maintaining Ribs.

The Tuesday and Thursday Points Series will be starting on the 3rd and 5th May. Details will be available on the club web site soon.

Another date for your diary is the weekend 13th-15th May when we will be running a cruise/race to Portpatrick.

Finally, a big Thank You to Ryan Johnston, Garth Skelton and Leslie Watson for their ster-

ling work in the refurbishment of 'Sublime'. It is now back looking its best and is once again the pride of our Club boats.



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Member Profile—Terry Windsor

Terry Windsor is one of the most prestigious and best known members of the Club. He is also one of the most experienced sailors, as can be seen from the collection of trophies which adorn the walls and cabinets in his home. Over the years Terry has collected a lot of memorabilia which will be important in recording the history of the Club for future generations. Terry joined the club in 1955. His sailing started in the harbour when he crewed on a 24ft Viking called “Thora” owned by Jack Morris. Then for the next forty years Terry owned and sailed on some very well known yachts.



He built one of the first Flying Fifteens in the Club. Many late nights were spent in a shed where Sainsbury's is now located. It was a diagonally planked wooden boat and he launched it in 1957. During the fifteen years in which he raced this boat extensively he notched up many successes including a 3rd place in the Northern Ireland Championships and numerous wins in Strangford Lough and Lough Neagh as well as Belfast Lough.

He then turned his hand to cruising in 1975 when he bought a Nicholson 27 “Mypesu”, a cruiser/racer which he took as far afield as Tobermorey. In 1979 he bought a brand new Nicholson 303 “Blue Moon” which he sailed till 1985. Terry speaks of great fondness for this boat with which he had a lot of success. He won the Tomatin Class D in 1984. He won the race from Bangor to Tarbert and was 1st overall out of 38 boats. He also won a race to the Scilly Isles in 1985. The next love of his life was “Gumdrop”, a Contessa 35, which he bought in 1986. This is a very famous boat and Terry won the Verrier Seaman-ship Trophy, awarded by the Clyde Cruising Club, when he rescued the crew of five from a capsized boat off the Island of Arran. The fast response by Terry and his crew undoubtedly saved the lives of the crew of “Wakajawa” in very rough conditions when no other yachts were around. After the rescue Terry went on to win the race without claiming time. Since the late 80's Terry has sailed some other well known boats. These include Roy Hamilton's “Imp” a 40ft Ron Holland. At the helm Terry won many races including a Class win in the Round Ireland Race in 1990 in very rough conditions. He also helmed Roy's boat “Commanche Raider” a 40ft Humphries de Borg for 7 years. Terry finished his racing career in John McClure's “Jackpot” a J35 which he helmed till 2007. They notched up numerous wins in local races and were 2nd in the Millenium Race in Portrush.

As well as his successful racing career Terry was heavily involved in the management of the Club. He was instrumental in getting the site for the new club house when he was Commodore of the Club in 1980-81. He, along with other dedicated members, helped with the actual building of the club house. Terry served for many on Committee and was Sailing Secretary for several years prior to his spell as Commodore. If all that wasn't enough Terry for the last four years has been Race Officer for the Club Points Racing. His pleasant and controlled approach has ensured that he has been able to keep a very dedicated team in the battery. It is clear that they find the battery work very enjoyable. Terry honed these race management skills when he was Race officer on various Committee Boats over the years. Racing has changed dramatically over the years. Terry reflects that there was better “big boat” racing in the 70's when they regularly had 20-30 “big boats” out for Club racing. A down side was that the old club house in the harbour closed from September to May. On a plus side for modern times the marina has extended the season to virtually year round sailing. In summing up Terry feels that the Club has improved over the years and he is keen to see the continued development of dinghy sailing. Terry has many pleasant memories of the Club and we hope that he has many more years as Race Officer in the battery. His experience and expertise ensures that he still has a very valuable contribution to make to the Club.

Written by Jim Shields.

Olympic Dreams by Ryan Seaton

Diary of Ryan Seaton & Matt McGovern Irish 49er Team

The 2010 season started off with the 49er World Championships in January, held in Freeport, Bahamas. The event was going well and we were in 14th place until day 2 when we had gear failure leaving us to miss out 2 races. To secure funding for the 2010/2011 season we had to finish in the top 40, leaving us with a bit of work to do! After many hours of boat work and stress we managed to get another boat set up thanks to the French team for day 3. We had a solid days racing but it was not good enough to make the top 25 cut for gold fleet. We finished 5th in the silver fleet, leaving us 30th Overall and this secured our funding.

Other achievements on the way were;

- 12th Gold Fleet in Kiel week, Germany
- 3rd Australian Nationals
- 21st Sail for Gold Regatta Gold Fleet (at Olympic Venue)
- 1st Irish Nationals
- 11th Perth International Regatta Test Event Gold Fleet (at Olympic Qualification Venue)



In 2011 we will go to Perth for our World Championships and it will also be our 1st Olympic Qualifier for 2012. We are now looking forward to an exciting season ahead with many international regattas and our 2011 ISAF Worlds in Perth (Olympic Qualifier). Thanks to everyone in Carrickfergus Sailing Club for all the support. Also it was a privilege to be invited as the guest speaker for Roger's Commodores Dinner on 25th March. I enjoyed presenting my talk and answering the questions afterwards.

Check out www.irish49er.com for updates on Team. Ryan.



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Policy on Club Access—Front Door

We would like to ensure that the legal requirements for use of club facilities are adhered to. To help us there will be new access equipment fitted to the front door in the next few weeks.

Members will need to ensure that they carry their membership card to gain access to the clubhouse. The card operated lock system will be strengthened along with the door closing device. This will ensure that the club door is closed at all times except for special occasions when the committee decide that this is not practical. Your card will be needed for everyday access to the club.

New cameras will be fitted both inside and outside the club entrance. The system will have capacity to record 26 days activity which can be viewed on the office computer. To enable *visitors* to gain access the intercom to the bar will be re-activated so that bar staff can speak to anyone at the door as well as see them via the cameras. Bar staff will be instructed on the club rules about *visitor's* access.

Over the past few years the club has been very lax about using the Visitors Book. We have now provided 2 new Visitors Books, one in each bar, and I would request that members sign in all visitors in accordance with the bylaws of the club. This is a legal requirement that is binding on the club and its management committee.

The Management Committee would thank you for your co-operation in helping us to be within the laws of the land in running our club.

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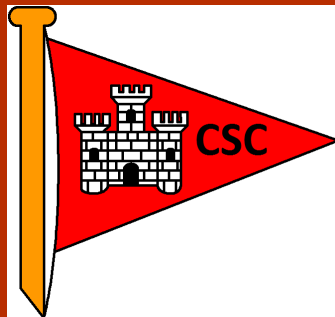


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