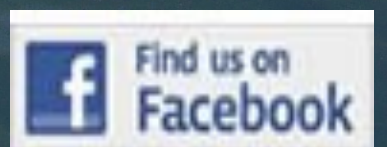


Cockle Island Boat Club 50th Anniversary Regatta Newsletter



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Editors Ramblings !

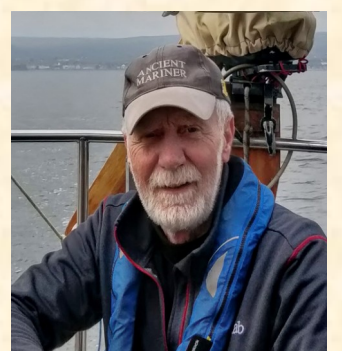
Captions on a £20 note to The Editor



Well club members our 50th Anniversary continues on. The Regatta was a great success even though the wind refused to play. Everyone was well fed and refreshments flowed so a big thank you to all the members who made it all happen. The Bar also raised £300 for our chosen charity Sailability. Our members interview video with the RYA was outstanding and no rehearsals required. The nights will soon be closing in but the weekly meetings are starting with another great winter programme of speakers and social events already lined up (see back page) Thanks Campbell ! Also don't forget to get your menu selection in for our

**50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Prize Giving
on 25th October 2024 at
Clandeboyne Golf Club. (see Menu in this issue)**

I am also giving notice that from the end of the year I will be passing my Editors cap on to some lucky successor so don't all apply at once!!!
The Ed.





The Commodores View from the bridge.



As we reach the midpoint of our sailing season, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've had so far.

Our season began on a high note with the Spring Supper, a wonderful evening that brought us together in anticipation of the sailing adventures ahead. The camaraderie and excitement were palpable setting a positive tone for what we all hoped would be a season to remember. However, as we all know, the weather had other plans. We've faced a series of challenges with unpredictable and often poor conditions, leading to the cancellation of several races and the curtailment of many cruising plans. It's been disappointing for all of us, but I want to acknowledge the resilience and patience you've shown in the face of these set backs. Despite the weather, we've still managed to enjoy some successful club events. A highlight has undoubtedly been the starring roles of our very own Willie Wickens and Sam Andrews in an RYA video about the club and recognising it's place within Belfast Lough sailing and in the local North Down community. Their contributions have brought great pride to the club and showcased the talent and enthusiasm that thrives within our community. In addition to this our annual Club Regatta was a resounding success. We were honoured to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of North Down Borough Council, whose presence added an extra touch of prestige to the event. The day was filled with competitive spirit, laughter, and a shared love for sailing. Furthermore we raised £300 for Belfast Lough Sailability.

As we look forward to the remainder of this our 50th season, let's hope for fairer winds and clearer skies. No matter what the weather brings, I'm confident that we'll continue to make the most of our time on the water and enjoy the fellowship that makes our club so special. Thank you all for your ongoing support and dedication. Here's to smooth sailing ahead!

Fair winds,

The Commodore



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CIBC Race Results - 2024

Regatta

Race No 1	Class 1 YTC Unrestricted & IRC, boats which have a YTC of 972 or BELOW	Start time 13:30
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	ENDEAVOUR	967
2nd	MITHRIL	4505
3rd	SKB	2113
Race No 1	Class 4 YTC White Sail, boats which have a YTC White Sail of 949 or BELOW	Start time 13:30
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	MERRYJACK	1545
Race No 2	Class 2 YTC Unrestricted and IRC, boats which have a YTC of 973 or ABOVE	Start time 13:35
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	MAXIMOOSE	968
Race No 2	Class 5 YTC White Sail, boats which have a YTC White Sail of 950 to 1029	Start time 13:35
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	SIGNET	4700
2nd	IMPULZ	4586
Race No 3	Class 6 YTC White Sail, boats which have a YTC White Sail of 1030 or ABOVE	Start time 13:40
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	BIRD OF SUNSET	408
2nd	SCAMP	369
Race No 7	Class ILCA 7 (Formerly Laser Standard Rig) ILCA 6 (Formerly Laser Radial Rig)	Start time 14:00
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	204044	
Race No 8	Class Dinghy Handicap PN 1139 or less: RS Aero, RS 2000, RS 200, RS 400, GP14, etc.	Start time 14:05
Place	Boat name	Sail #
1st	3949	
2nd	22697	



Cockle Island Members RYA Interview



Members of Cockle Island Boat Club have been enjoying weekly racing as part of their 'Wrinklies' series which has been running at the club for close to 50 years.

95-year-old member, Sam Andrews, named the series so back in the 1970's as most of the members taking part were either retired or not working.

Today, it continues to thrive, with 10-15 yachts regularly taking to the water by Groomsport on Monday afternoons, providing a hugely sociable setting for those involved to get active while having fun.

Speaking about the racing, long term member, Willie Wickens, said: "It's a nice way for everybody to get out. If you don't win the race, it's not the end of the world. It's about taking part and meeting up with friends- old and new."

2024- A year of anniversaries

2024 is an historic year for Cockle Island Boat Club and RYA

Northern Ireland, as both will mark their 50th anniversary.

Willie Wickens remembers the birth of RYA Northern Ireland well, stating: "We heard that the Royal Yachting Association had a branch in Northern Ireland so we wrote to them to apply to be affiliated.

"We then got this letter back explaining that they would be keen to have us and we've been in it ever since."

Naturally, during the 50 years since RYA Northern Ireland's inception, sailing and boating across the country has changed significantly, however RYA Northern Ireland continues to support

clubs like Cockle Island Boat Club.



Current Cockle Island Boat Club Commodore, Harry Patterson, said: “Being affiliated to the RYA allows us to have certain resources should we need them. If people want to buy books they can do so through the RYA. If there has been any updates regarding safety, the RYA will put them out and day-to-day it’s nice to have the RYA’s support.

“I’m privileged to be the Commodore this year. It’s been a great job working with the guys and girls.

“We even meet over the Winter on Wednesday nights and have a ‘get together’. All the people in the club can then get together and it maintains that comradeship.”

If you would like to learn more about the history of RYA Northern Ireland, [you can check out the full story here](#), or never miss any of our news by [subscribing to our bi-monthly newsletter](#).

Jim Howell and Willie discuss tactics for the next Wrinklies Race and some more “behind the scenes pictures” of the video.



Next stop Hollywood guys!!!





50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and Prize Giving



**Friday 25th October 2024 @ Clandeboyne
Golf Club Bangor 7pm for 7.30pm**

STARTERS

Cream of Farmers Vegetable Soup & Guinness Wheaten Bread

Buffalo Chicken Bites, Napa Salad & Harissa Mayo

Crispy Breaded Brie & Seasonal Chutney

MAIN COURSE

Daube of Northern Irish Beef

Creamy Mash, Honey Roasted Carrots, Tenderstem Broccoli, Red Wine Jus

Pan Fried Trawlman's Catch of Seabass

Gratin Potato, Market Greens, Garlic Portavogie Prawns & White Wine Cream

Seared Supreme of Chicken

Millionaire Chips, Manchego Bon Bon, Chilli Nduja Cream

Risotto Primavera (V)

Garlic Sourdough Toast & a White Truffle Dressing

DESSERT

Sticky Toffee Pudding, Butterscotch Sauce and Ice Cream

Oreo and White Chocolate Cheesecake with Honeycomb Ice Cream

Armagh Apple Crumble with Vanilla Ice Cream

Tea or Coffee

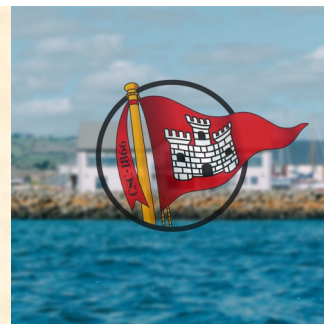
Pay CASH only on the night £30 pp. Cut off date for menu selection Friday 18th of October. If you have to cancel after this date payment will still be required as the caterer will have ordered food as requested

**Contact Gemma at gemmaf@hotmail.co.uk or text mobile
07738237294**

LIVE MUSIC AND BALLOT PRIZES

Get in early as spaces will be limited





Cockle Island Members at Carrickfergus Sailing Club Regatta 2024



Dave Goodfield in Celtic Spirit won his class race at Carrickfergus Sailing Club Regatta today. Crew included our very own Vice Commodore, Gemma and the youngest crew member in the fleet, 12 year old Bailey Bennett from Belfast Lough Sailability. Bailey wants to join CIBC.

Our Commodore, Harry, proudly presenting a £300 cheque to David Todd from Belfast Lough Sailability, supporting their amazing work in making sailing accessible to everyone!



Here's another great shot of Dave Goodchild receiving his prize yesterday at CSC. Look at that grin!



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CIBC WINTER PROGRAMME 2024/25
Club House Groomsport 8pm Sharp
Wednesday 2/10/24 Committee meeting
7.45pm



Sunday 6/10/24 Annual Church Service

Wednesday 9/10/24 Eric Gwynne Diving the Wild Deer

Wednesday 16/10/24 Byron Griffis, previous Cammel Laird Skipper

Wednesday 23/10/24 Ryan Gray K9 Search and Rescue
www.k9searchandrescueni.org

25/10/24 50th Anniversary Dinner and Prize Givivng Clandeboye
Golf Club 7pm for 7.30.

Wednesday 30/10/24 Harry Patterson 3 of the best from You Tube

Friday 1/11/24 Past Commodores Lunch

Wednesday 6/11/24 Committee Meeting 7.45pm

Wednesday 13/11/24 James Gillespie Belfast Harbour Pilot

Wednesday 20/11/24 Dr Bob Brown Whale of a time

Wednesday 27/11/24 Bob Bell Newsletter Cartoons

Wednesday 4/12/24 Committee Meeting 7.45pm

11/12/24 Kerry Buchanan Mediterranean Adventure

18/12/24 Campbell Gardner A look back on a year of
50th Anniversary Celebrations Mince Pies and a Wee Dram

Wednesday 25 /12/24 Christmas Holiday

Don't forget the tea dosn't make itself !!