



# Cockle Island Boat Club



## Spring 2026

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## EDITORS CORNER



**Well club members the sailing season is just around the next headland, and about time too I hear you say. Its been an eventful winter for the Club but at least the Winter Programme kept us all in touch and the various speakers, choc ice film nights and the bit of craic music nights gave us something to look forward to on a Wednesday night. Of course I can't forget the social tea! So thanks to all who made it happen.**

**Any idea where the front cover picture is???**  
**Answers on the back of a twenty pound note to the Editor!!**





## A view from “The Bridge”

**Hi Members,**

**I was born in Dungannon in 1945, and we moved to Belfast in 1954. I got married in 1968 and moved to Finaghy, Belfast where I met Jack McAdams, Sam Brown and Karl Meyer, neighbours and founder members of CIBC. I joined in 1975 and was persuaded by Duncan McInnes, also a founder member, to do battery duty at the races. 51 years later I am still involved. Little did I know I would be elected Commodore not once but now for the Fourth time. CIBC is a unique club and has in its current membership 21 past Commodores from CIBC, 3 HYC, 4 BYC, 3 DDSC, 2 RUYC (Don't know about RNIYC??)**

**Enough from me, I hope the weather is much kinder this year than the last two seasons. See you all at Club functions and the Regatta, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2026.**

**John Cleary  
Commodore**



**Neill**  
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# Spring Supper at Donaghadee Sailing Club



**9th of May 2026 7pm for 7.30pm**

## Starters

- 1.Soup – Lentil/Bacon, croutons & wheaten bread
- 2.Melon Boats with Sorbet
- 3.Chicken Wings, Rocket & Ranch Slaw

## Mains

- 4.Roast Beef, Yorkshire pudding, creamy mash seasonal veg.
- 5.Mini Grill Stack, chicken, bacon, sausage, tomato, onion ring set on creamy mash & pepper sauce
- 6.Mushroom Stroganoff & Rice

## Desserts

- 7.Apple Crumble & Custard
- 8.Pavlova mixed fruit
- 9.Chocolate brownie & ice-cream

Tea & Coffee



**£30 pp Prior payment required along  
with Menu Selection. By way of Bank Transfer or payment in  
envelope along with meal choices and deposited in Letterbox at  
“September Cottage” 3 Main St Groomsport BT19 6JR  
( Honorary Treasurer )**

**Contact Gemma at [gemmaf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gemmaf@hotmail.co.uk) or text 07738237294**

**Bank Transfer for CIBC 09 01 28 92039523**

**Get in Early Spaces will be Limited!!**

**Cut off date 2/5/26**

**BALLOT PRIZES**



# CIBC AGM 2026



## And presentation of Certificate of Appreciation For members of outstanding club service.

### Flag Officers 2026

Commodore John Cleary

Vice Commodore Niall Orr

Rear Commodore Claire Trimble

Hon Secretary Campbell Gardner

Hon Treasurer Ron Hutchinson

Hon Auditor Johnny Ritchie

### Executive Committee

Gemma McCoubrey Ex Officio

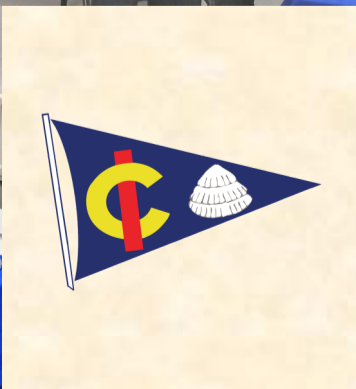
Brian Lawther

Richard Bunting

Brian Galbraith

Harry Patterson

Presiding Officer Jim Howell





## Cockle Island Boat Club Summer Programme 2026



Day	Date	Start Time	Event	Race Officer	High Water	Low Water
Sunday	22/03/2026	09:30	Sail Measuring	Lex McCoubrey		
Wednesday	08/04/2026	19:30	Sailors Meeting	Campbell Gardner		
Saturday	02/05/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 1	Kyle Colville	12:27	18:20
Monday	04/05/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 1	Bryan Lawther	13:39	19:27
Tuesday	05/05/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 1	Trevor Dynes	14:15	20:02
Wednesday	06/05/2026	19:30	Committee Meeting		14:53	20:39
Sunday	10/05/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 1	Michael McSorley	05:30	12:17
Monday	11/05/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 2	Brian Andrews	06:37	13:27
Wednesday	13/05/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 2	Campbell Gardner	08:49	15:14
Saturday	16/05/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 2	Brian Andrews	11:07	17:21
Monday	18/05/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 3	Trevor Dynes	12:50	18:53
Sunday	24/05/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 2	Gary Wilgar	05:58	12:38
Monday	25/05/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 4	Niall Orr	07:09	13:46
Wednesday	27/05/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 3	Kyle Colville	09:12	15:32
Saturday	30/05/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 3	Bryan Lawther	11:24	17:24
Monday	01/06/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 5	Tom Wright	12:40	18:33
Wednesday	03/06/2026	19:30	Committee Meeting		13:56	19:45
Saturday	06/06/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 3	Campbell Gardner	16:02	21:51
Monday	08/06/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 6	Robin Armstrong	17:47	23:42
Wednesday	10/06/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 4	Gary Wilgar	06:55	13:33
Saturday	13/06/2026		RUYC Regatta		09:55	16:15
Sunday	14/06/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 4	Campbell Gardner	10:49	17:04
Monday	15/06/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 7	Gary Wilgar	11:45	17:54
Saturday	20/06/2026		Hollywood Regatta		16:24	22:19
Monday	22/06/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 8	Lex McCoubrey	05:27	11:55
Wednesday	24/06/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 5	Brian Orr	07:30	13:59
Saturday	27/06/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 4	Tom Wright	10:19	16:27
Monday	29/06/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 9	Bryan Lawther	11:45	17:42
Wednesday	01/07/2026	19:30	Committee Meeting		13:00	18:52
Saturday	04/07/2026		EABC Regatta		14:55	20:43
Sunday	05/07/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 5	Brian Orr	15:36	21:23
Monday	06/07/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 10	Brian Andrews	16:20	22:07
Wednesday	08/07/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 6	Lex McCoubrey	18:01	23:57
Saturday	11/07/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 5	Gary Wilgar	08:34	15:01
Monday	13/07/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 11	Bryan Lawther	10:44	16:55
Wednesday	15/07/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 7	Brian Andrews	12:39	18:34
Saturday	18/07/2026		BYC Regatta		15:07	20:55
Monday	20/07/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 12	Trevor Dynes	16:38	22:32
Wednesday	22/07/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 8	Tom Wright	05:40	11:57
Saturday	25/07/2026	11:00	Port Patrick Race	Kyle Colville	08:56	15:16
Monday	27/07/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 13	Brian Orr	10:48	16:50



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Day	Date	Start Time	Event	Race Officer	High Water	Low Water
Wednesday	29/07/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 9	Denis Boyle	12:05	17:59
Saturday	01/08/2026		DSC Regatta		13:50	19:39
Sunday	02/08/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 6	Kyle Colville	14:27	20:14
Monday	03/08/2026	11:00	Wrinklies Glenarm Race	Campbell Gardner	15:06	20:52
Wednesday	05/08/2026	19:30	Committee Meeting		16:33	22:21
Saturday	08/08/2026		CSC Regatta		06:58	13:32
Sunday	09/08/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 6	Robin Armstrong	08:25	14:52
Monday	10/08/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 14	Tom Wright	09:43	15:56
Wednesday	12/08/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 10	Trevor Dynes	11:42	17:36
Saturday	15/08/2026		CAYC Regatta		13:54	19:41
Sunday	16/08/2026	11:00	Round the Lough 7	Bryan Lawther	08:09	14:35
Monday	17/08/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 15	Robin Armstrong	15:15	21:04
Wednesday	19/08/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 11	Campbell Gardner	16:36	22:35
Saturday	22/08/2026		RNIYC Regatta		07:03	13:20
Sunday	23/08/2026	11:00	Round the Islands 7	Brian Orr	14:35	20:27
Monday	24/08/2026	14:30	Wrinklies 16	Lex McCoubrey	09:37	15:44
Wednesday	26/08/2026	19:30	Crowe Cup 12	Kyle Colville	11:08	17:02
Thursday	27/08/2026	19:30	Committee Meeting		11:41	17:33
Saturday	29/08/2026		CIBC Regatta		12:44	18:35
Monday	31/08/2026	14:30	Late Series 1	Trevor Dynes	13:55	19:45
Wednesday	02/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 2	Robin Armstrong	15:17	21:06
Saturday	12/09/2026	11:00	Pursuit Race	Campbell Gardner	12:46	18:35
Monday	07/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 3	Brian Andrews	08:34	14:49
Monday	14/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 4	Gary Wilgar	14:00	19:51
Wednesday	16/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 5	Brian Orr	15:14	21:10
Monday	21/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 6	Tom Wright	07:54	13:59
Wednesday	23/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 7	Trevor Dynes	09:59	15:54
Monday	28/09/2026	14:30	Late Series 8	Campbell Gardner	12:45	18:41

### Discards

<b>Wrinklies</b>	<b>16 Races</b>	<b>Best 11</b>	<b>5 Discards</b>
<b>Crowe Cup</b>	<b>12 Races</b>	<b>Best 9</b>	<b>3 Discards</b>
<b>Round the Islands</b>	<b>7 Races</b>	<b>Best 5</b>	<b>2 Discards</b>
<b>Round the Lough</b>	<b>7 Races</b>	<b>Best 5</b>	<b>2 Discards</b>
<b>Late Series</b>	<b>8 Races</b>	<b>Best 5</b>	<b>3 Discards</b>

### Starts

All starts will be afloat via VHF Channel 77

### Race Results Submission

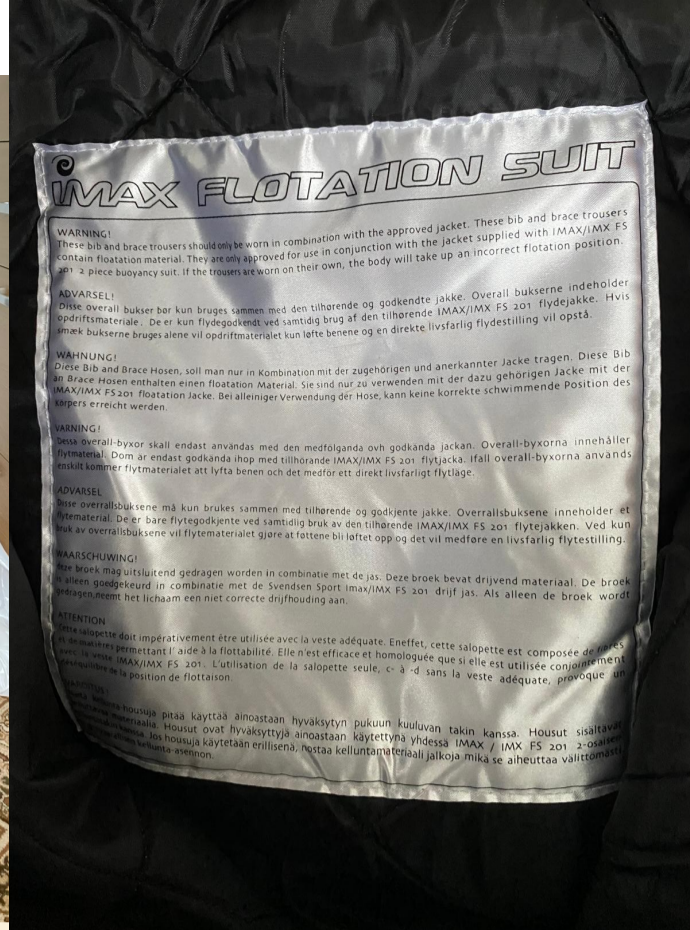
Race Officers are requested to forward details of all boats starting and their actual finishing times to **Campbell Gardner (07368 234513)**, preferably via WhatsApp, within **6 hours of the race finishing**.

If a Race Officer is unable to officiate, they should arrange a suitable replacement and notify Campbell in advance.

**PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES** All boats shall carry Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs) for each person on board, to comply with ORC safety regulations. It is recommended that each crew member should wear a PFD at all times when afloat. For the Round the Islands and Portpatrick Races a PFD shall be worn by each crew member at all times while racing.

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone'

**INSURANCE** By participating in a race each boat owner certifies that their boat has valid third party liability insurance of three million pounds sterling.



## Items For Sale

**Two piece sailing suit XL size. Worn twice in very good order £40.**

**Dingy also for sale awaiting more photos. In good order. No trailer open to offers.**

**Contact editor for further info.**



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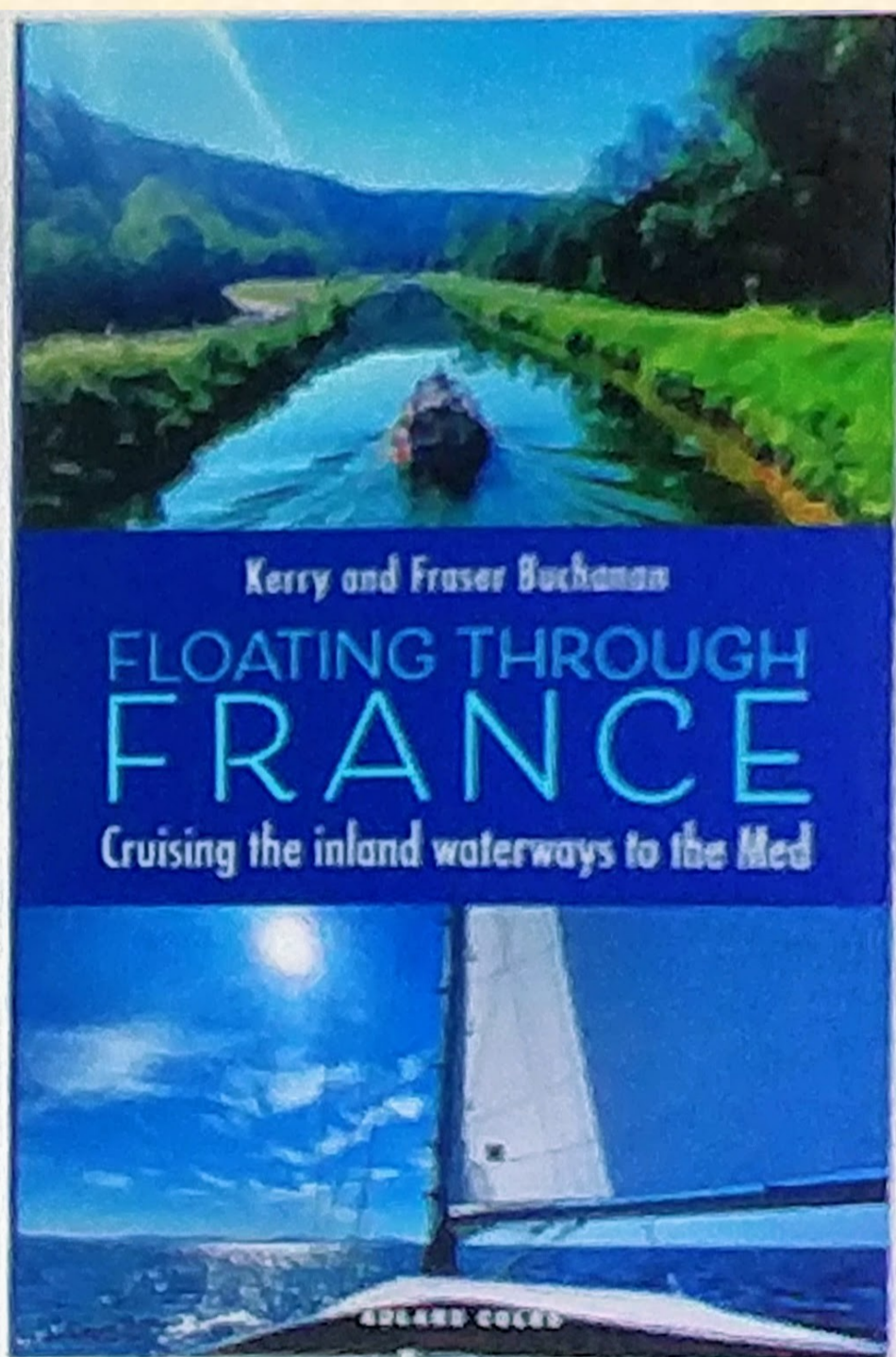
**028 9042 2040**



A bit of promotion for our two club members Kerry and Fraser Buchanan.

After a very interesting talk about the River Bann a few evenings ago.

Kerry has also written a book “Floating through France” available from 4th of June 2026 which I’m sure will be an excellent read....



Great wee  
Music night  
for  
St Patricks



Good craic and  
a wee drap O  
Guinness!!!



Not to forget the sausage  
rolls  
And home baking!!!



**And a final Cheers from the Editor !**

# COCKLE ISLAND BOAT CLUB Regatta 2026



*Final BLYC Regatta of the Season*  
*Saturday 29th August*

On the water sailing and refreshments  
ashore

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