

# County Antrim Yacht Club

## Newsletter



Commodore's Night - Saturday 28th January 2006

### Dates for your Diary

**SANTA'S  
ENTERTAINMENT  
QUIZ NIGHT**  
Saturday 10 December  
At 8.00 pm  
£2.00pp Entry Fee

### KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY MAGICIAN & BALLOONS

Sunday 18 December  
Under 10's  
3.00 pm  
£2.50 per child  
(Confirm numbers with  
Sheela on 9335 3418 )

Over 10's  
**KARTING at RACEVIEW**  
Meet at CAYC 1.45 pm  
£7.50 per person  
(Names must be put on the  
Notice Board)

**SENIOR MEMBERS'  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Monday 19 December  
(By Invitation)

**BOXING NIGHT**  
Monday 26 December  
DISCO  
At 9.00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
Saturday 31 December

### ROOF REPAIR FUND

As most of you know we have been suffering from leaks in the roof for some time now. There have been various attempts to fix this with limited success. The General Committee recognises that something more significant needs to be done and quotes have been sourced to have the roof re-tiled.

Quotations have been received for tiling and insulating the roof in addition to re-building the chimney which is also in need of repair. This will then allow us to redecorate the General Room which can not be completed while the leaks continue.

The intention is to borrow the money to allow this work to be undertaken. The Committee estimate that the overall cost will be approx. £15,000.

Investigations into the availability of grants have been initiated, however, for these types of repairs grants do not appear to be forthcoming. Grants are available for equipment e.g. training dinghies; safety boats etc. and these will be followed up in the New Year.

Repayments have been assessed and the feeling is that we can cope with the loan **in addition** to specific fund raising events throughout 2006.

**Rather than applying a specific levy at this juncture, we are asking Members to make a donation to the fund raising along with their**

**Membership Fees for 2006. This includes all Members with the exclusion of the Junior Members.**

All events in 2006 will be run on the basis of fund raising for the roof. The intention will be to display some form of 'Blue Peter' chart indicating the funds raised to date.

Specific events provisionally scheduled to help raise funds are detailed below.

#### January

Commodore's Night – Meal in Club including ballot

#### February

Sponsored Snooker Competition

#### March

Wine and Cheese

#### April

Entertainment Quiz

#### May

Sponsored Cycle – Options include FATLAD tour i.e. all the Counties in NI in 1 day or visit all the Clubs in Belfast Lough and Strangford Lough in 1 day or trip to Slemish and back.

#### June

Midsummer BBQ

#### July

Sponsored sail around Belfast Lough

#### August

Juniors – Sponsored sail at CAYC

#### September

Night At The Races

#### December

Christmas Hamper

No doubt there will be further fund raising ideas that some of you may have, so please let the General Committee know and we will be only too glad to follow these through.

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**CHRISTMAS HAMPER DRAW**

The Christmas Hamper draw is up and running. Each square can be purchased for £1 at the bar. Any contributions to the hamper will be gratefully received. The draw will take place on Boxing Night. Funds raised will go towards the Roof Fund.

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**Table Quiz Nights**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month


Next Quiz Night will be on **Friday 16 December**. Please give this your support.

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**SAILING SNIPPETS**

Sailing has evidently finished for the year, but we are already looking forward to the new season when the IceBreaker Series will commence again in early March.

This has proved to be very successful in recent times and ensures the Sailing Committee are up and running to have everything ready.

There have been a number of boats exchanging owners over the last few months. In order that we keep our records up to date please let Carla Hughes our Hon. Sailing Secretary know of any new details. These can then be updated in the Belfast Lough Conference Programme.

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**SNOOKER**

The results from the team continue to be very positive with good progress evident in the Larne & District League Division 1. The annual Christmas Turkey Tournament is underway as we go to press. Please ensure your matches are played on time.

The final is scheduled to take place on :

**Saturday 17 December**  
**At 8.00 p.m.**

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**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Our hard working Hon. Membership Secretary, Gary Stanbridge, is keen to have as many Members as possible paying by Direct Debit which means a major reduction in administration.

There was a significant increase in 2005 and we wish to build on this for 2006. Please talk to him at any time for further details.

The Membership Fees are in the process of being distributed and return of Direct Debit Instructions and other payment options is to be encouraged as early as possible.

The Membership List is now completely up to date and we intend to keep it this way.

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Thank you to all those who take the time to deliver the Club Newsletters. It's amazing that we have now reached Issue Number 40. No mean achievement!!!!!!!!!!!!

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**SIX NATIONS - RUGBY**

As usual the Club will be open for the Ireland matches in the Six Nations competition. The big screen and digital picture is proving to be very popular and we are currently assessing the purchase of an even wider screen for the forthcoming matches.

Dates to have in the diary (subject to change, of course) are:

Ireland v Italy  
 Saturday 4 February 13.30

France v Ireland  
 Saturday 11 February 13.30

Ireland v Wales  
 Sunday 26 February 15.00

Ireland v Scotland  
 Saturday 11 March 15.30

England v Ireland  
 Saturday 18 March 17.30

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**And Finally**

Please make every effort to support the Club over the Festive Period and in general over the winter months.

There are some RNLI Christmas cards for sale behind the bar for anyone who is interested.

Please ensure that names for the Kids' Xmas party are advised as soon as possible. This will allow us to organise food etc. and you never know who might drop in for a visit!!!!

Reminder: Annual General Meeting will be held on **Thursday 16 February 2006**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all CAYC members!!!