

# County Antrim Yacht Club

## Newsletter



Autumn Calendar

Autumn Sailing runs from 4 September to 2 October

Dates for your Diary

**MOTORBIKE FLICKS**  
**Round the World – DVD**  
**Friday 30 September**

**Trivial Pursuit Quiz Night**  
**Saturday 15 October**  
**At 8.30 pm**

**VINYL NIGHT**  
**(ALBUM COVER COMPETITION)**  
**We need you to bring your**  
**“prized collections”**  
**Saturday 22 October**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
**Kids Fancy Dress**  
**Competition & Games**  
**Starts 7.00 pm**  
**Saturday 29 October**

**CAPTAIN’S PRIZEGIVING**  
**Afternoon presentation for Juniors**  
**3.00 pm**

**EVENING EVENT with**  
**Music & Supper**  
**Saturday 5 November**

**MILD TO WILD**  
**Party night - Fundraiser**  
**LADIES ONLY!!!**  
**12 November at 9.00 pm**

**SANTA’S ENTERTAINMENT**  
**QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 10 December**

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



The quiz nights begin once more through the Autumn & Winter season. Please make every effort to provide your support.

### ENTERTAINMENT QUIZ

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Trivial Pursuit Quiz Night is due to be held on:

**Saturday 15 October**

The intention is to have this as an interactive quiz using the big screen.



This was a great success back in March although only a small group attended, so please come down to the Club and support the event.

### BAR OPENING HOURS

The Club has been closed on Thursday evenings for many weeks now. This followed staff illness and a

review of the Bar take. The Committee decided at the September meeting to keep the Bar closed going into the winter season.

When the Autumn series finishes on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, Sunday opening times for the Bar will be:

17.00 – 22:00
Wednesday 20:00 – 11:00
Friday 20:00 – 11:00
Saturday 20:00 – 11:00

With the usual customary half hour “finishing up” time.

### SAILING SNIPPETS

The **Regatta** this year was another resounding success. The Commodore, Committee and various eager volunteers within the club made a massive effort in making the Club look its best.

A special thanks to Steven Canning for the organisation behind the new Deck on the winch hut roof top. Although this appeared at the tail end of the summer season, many members have enjoyed this often-sheltered suntrap.

In addition, the admiration the Club has received from other “larger” Clubs from around the Lough has presented us with a facility to be relished and proud of.

Please note that the **RAFT RACE** in aid of the RNLI was a great success on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August



The Club received excellent sponsorship from NK Fencing to aid in the running of this event and along with the fundraising on the day we were able to donate approx £1250 to the fund.

A special thanks to Rory McKenna for organising the Rafts for hire. This ensured an excellent response in terms of numbers of participants.

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### NEW RULES

The RYA has produced a 'Handy Guide to the Racing Rules 2005 - 2008' which at £2.99 may well be worth a small investment.

Please contact John Lewis if you want a copy of this and orders can be placed.

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### RYA SAILING COURSES

There were 3 Junior Courses held this year. We were very fortunate to have the services of Fiona Mullan yet again and the Dinghy Instructors were Catherine and Rachel Stanbridge.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls for their support over the past few years as they built these Instructing accreditations.

Although off to University now we hope to see them again next summer at some stage. Both are looking forward to taking Senior Instructor training next year. Well done to Eoin McAughy and Josh Enlander who completed their Assistant Instructor training and who now hope to go on and complete their Dinghy Instructor training.

As ever, it is important that the Juniors make every effort to practise their sailing before and after the courses. Unfortunately, some may have been a little disappointed this year as they did not move up a stage.

This is down to having to re-learn skills from the previous year and regain confidence. The Club owns dinghies that Juniors can sail if parents do not wish to commit themselves to purchasing a dinghy.

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The Adults Assessment weekend was another success, formalising the training the adults received each Wednesday with Jim and Megan.

Please note we already have a list of names interested in next year's training and to ensure everyone has a chance to confirm this, booking forms will be provided and a place secured for a deposit of £15.

PowerBoat Courses were again held this year which proved to be very successful. It was good to see some of the Juniors including Miles Canning and Scott McWilliam acquitting themselves admirably.

This training was put into practice almost immediately when a certain Kestrel decided that sinking was preferable to floating, but it certainly confirmed that we do need 2 Rescue Boats in the Club.

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### MEMBERSHIP FEES Reminder:

The proposal to increase Membership Fees by 5% for 2006 was passed at the AGM in 2005, as was the important proposal to reduce the Student Membership to 25% of the Full Membership Fee.

This was felt to be particularly important to ensure we encourage

those primarily in the 18 - 22 age group to retain their membership.

Membership Fee advices will be sent out late November/early December. The take-up on the option to pay by Direct Debit increased dramatically in 2005.

Our hard working Hon. Membership Secretary, Gary Stanbridge, is keen to have as many as possible paying by this means to cut down on the administration. Please talk to him at any time for further details.

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### BIG SCREEN REMINDER

As many of you know the big screen for the rugby matches is now in place and has proved to be an absolute success. The digital picture has really made a big improvement.

Ireland will be playing a number of matches in the Autumn and the intention will be to have these on the big screen.

Dates to have in the diary are:

Ireland v New Zealand	12 November
Ireland v Australia	19 November
Ireland v Romania	26 November

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### And Finally

A big thank you to all our Sponsors in 2005. The support is much appreciated and hopefully can be continued in the future.

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