

## **ANTRIM BOAT CLUB**

**News Sheet (No. 4)**

**Autumn 2004**

### ***Message from the Commodore***

Looking back over my first year in office the highlight has to be the River Bann & Lough Neagh Association Boat Rally at the end of July, which was an outstanding success. This was entirely due to the hard work and commitment of a number of club members not all of whom were on the Committee. I want to thank each and every one of you for your work in turning the sailboard shed in to a splendid bar, the erection of 2 marquees, the spotless cleaning of the Club House, the tidying up of the grounds, the decorations and bunting and, of course, the ladies for the provision, cooking and serving of a most excellent barbecue. I am sorry I did not have an opportunity to express my appreciation at the time but my gratitude is no less sincere for all that.

We have also clocked up 2 more sailing successes at the Tyrone Crystal Rally in Kinnego with *Jamie Jess* coming first and *Eroica* third in the cruiser class.

We had an unfortunate break in and burglary at the end of August and have subsequently had to insist that all members close the gate behind them every time they enter or leave. I am sorry for the inconvenience but I'm sure you will understand the need to enforce this rule.

Turning to the future, you will see that the Winter Series has already been organised and will start on Sunday 10 October. I also hope you will support Phillip Smith and his team who hope to organise a regular social event every month throughout the winter. Watch the notice board for these or even better let Phillip have your email address.

I wish you all another exciting and enjoyable year on the water in your boat at the Antrim Boat Club.

**Tony Brady**

### ***EVENTS DIARY***

- **Annual General Meeting:** 21 October 2004
- **Winter Series: Part I:** 10 races, 10 October-12 December 2004  
**Part II:** 10 races, 2 January-5 March (Saturday) 2005
- **Christmas Dinner:** 18 December 2004 (Provisional). (A list for bookings will be displayed on the Club House notice board at least one week beforehand).
- **ABC Regatta & Children's Christmas Party:** 19 December 2004
- **ABC Lifeboat Race:** 13 March 2005

### ***SOCIAL CALENDAR***

- **Pub Quiz:** 9 October 2004
- **Children's and adult's Halloween Parties:** 30 October 2004
- **Chinese Banquet:** November 2004 (Provisional)
- **Dinner Dance:** (to be announced)

### ***OVERHEARD IN THE BAR***

"The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails".

### ***Messages from the Sailing Secretary***

- A new list of SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for use in all races at the Antrim Boat Club has been approved by the committee and will be provided when the entry fees are paid.
- Almost all the Winter Series winners from 1969/70 (two years after the founding of the club) to the present are now on display in a table of plaques in the Club House. The only missing entry is for the 1983/84 season and any information on this would be most welcome. It is interesting to see certain names and certain boats appearing with particular regularity over the years!

**Alfie Mayrs**

### ***Message from the Rear Commodore***

- I would like to thank all of you who have helped with the bar so conscientiously over the past year, some doing far more than their fair share, and it has been greatly appreciated. More volunteers would be very welcome. You will find it a great way to meet and get to know the other members and to become part of the social life of the Club.

**Eric Monaghan**

### ***Messages from the Jetty Master***

- Please remember that proof is required of adequate third party insurance on renewal of moorings, or parking, or the use of the club facilities to launch or recover craft (Rule 41).
- A new edition of the admiralty chart for Lough Neagh (Chart No: 2163) is due to be issued before the end of October. It will be available from the Todd Chart Agency, Bangor (Tel No: 9146 6640).

**Alan Reilly**

### ***Message from the Membership Secretary***

- Please remember that failure to pay fees by December will result in loss of both moorings and membership (Rule 14(a) and (b)).

**William Surgenor**

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