



ANTRIM BOAT CLUB

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Summer 2005

Message from the Commodore

Time has flown with a crowded series of events this summer. Nine of our 10 scheduled races in the Summer Series were sailed with 12 boats making up the fleet each evening. The first 3 places (Echo handicap results) went to *Quickflash*, *Underdog* and *Jamie Jess* respectively, and on Helmsman handicap the honours went to *Quickflash*, *Eroica* and *Underdog*.

Several boats competed in the 3 races for the Country Lifestyle event on the shore of Shane's Castle, with *Quickflash* once again being the overall winner. We were pleased that so many boats came up from Kinnego for our Antrim Regatta making up a total fleet of 17. We also held a traditional raft race, for which I particularly want to thank two relatively new members, Jim Maxwell and Ray Ford. First and third places in the main event went to Lurgan boats, *Jay* and *Toto Roxy* respectively, with *Quickflash* in second place. However, the following day we were delighted that the venerable (1907) Cats Cradle cup came back to Antrim after a gap of 3 years, after a very demanding race down to Kinnego with a spinnaker detour on the way! A week later 4 of our boats competed in the Lurgan Regatta at Kinnego, with first and second prizes going to *Starkers* and *Miss Piggy* in the white sails class. The season continued with 4 boats competing in the Strangford Lough Race week, where Pat Kelly in his new boat *Full Circle* triumphed by winning the notoriously difficult "Narrows" event. *Full Circle* and *Quickflash* also distinguished themselves by winning second and third places, respectively, overall in their class in the Race week itself. Finally, we concluded the season with the traditional River Bann & Lough Neagh Association Boat Rally in which *Quickflash* triumphed once again by winning both the Grade A race and the prize for the overall event. *Starkers* also did well coming second in the Grade B class. Congratulations to you all!

All in all it has been a most rewarding term as Commodore for me personally and I would like to finish by conveying my heartfelt thanks to everyone on the committee and many others who served quietly in the background to make this such a successful 2 years in the life of our Club. Thank you one and all, and I wish Alan Reilly every possible success and good luck as he takes over the helm from me in the autumn.

Tony Brady



EVENTS DIARY

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| ● Winter Series: | Part 1: 10 races: | Sundays, 9 October – 11 December. |
| ● Annual General Meeting: | | Thursday, 20 October 2005 (provisional date). |
| ● Annual Christmas Dinner: | | Saturday, 17 December. |
| ● Santa Race & Children's Xmas Party: | | Sunday, 18 December. |

OVERHEARD IN THE BAR

"Second is first last".

"It's not the age that matters, it's the matter that ages".

Message from the Sailing Secretary

• We are now in a “rest period” on the competition front before the next Winter series starts at the beginning of October. I would like to see more single class racing at Antrim and we are exploring the possibility of including a short Sonata class series within the second part of the Winter series in February/March 2006.

Alfie Mayrs

Messages from the Jetty Master (Acting)

- Please make sure your trailer is marked with both your boat’s name and your telephone contact number.
- Please note that it is the responsibility of members who have been allocated river moorings “to ensure that the portion of riverbank adjacent to their mooring is kept free of litter, overhanging branches, undergrowth etc.” (*Code of Practice for Members, paragraph 6.2*).

Joe Allen

Messages from the Membership Secretary

- In the interests of security, the committee has agreed that duplication of keys for the gate or any of our premises is not permissible under any circumstances.
- Non-members are not allowed to use the slipway or any other facilities of the Club except under the supervision of a member who takes full responsibility for safety in the event of an insurance claim arising.

William Surgenor

Messages from the Social Convenor

- **27 August (Saturday):** Pub Quiz
- **September:** “End of Summer” BBQ and disco.
- **29 October (Hallowe’en):** Children’s party and traditional fancy-dress evening with live music.
- Following a number of complaints about the state of the Club House and the loss of kitchen equipment after certain social events, the committee has decided to levy a refundable deposit of £200 before any such events take place in future.

Phillip Smith

Notice to Jetskiers

A meeting on 23 June 2005, to which all jetskiers were invited, was very useful and a number of issues were clarified. It was also agreed that the jetskiers would come forward with the nomination of a representative to be co-opted on to the committee.

FOR SALE

Magregor 26 (1993), 6 berths, new (2003) sails and cruising shute, VHF (DSC) and GPS, Mariner 9.9, 4 stroke outboard (1999). Trailer included. Lying Carrickfergus marina. £12,900 ono. Contact Wilbert Clarke 077 8606 7664.

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