

Antrim Boat Club

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Gallery



Happy Sailors at St. Comgall's Playgroup



Well done guys



Bann Rally - Ardboe

Message from the Commodore

In our new styled newsletter in the spring I shared with you my thoughts on the terrible winter and the very late spring and who would have bet we were in for such a glorious summer. I hope you all managed to get onto the Lough and enjoy a bit of fun and relaxation.

Now, it's the time of the year that I must heap praise on you and thank you for the help and support that you afforded me during my term as your Commodore. This has made it such a pleasurable couple of years for me.

This year we had our 46th Annual regatta and the help and input from the membership and the committee was outstanding which made it arguably the best in many years. Indeed it has been a great year for all of our events either at the club or around the Lough.

Our summer racing calendar was smoking the whole season long, thanks to the sailing committee and the efforts of our then Sailing Secretary Frank Hamill who has since stepped down from committee life. Thank you for your efforts and commitment to the club over the years I wish you well and hope to see you on the water next year. Thanks also to Alan Reilly for stepping in, more from him later. Don't forget though that it's also thanks to all of you who made the effort to take part, a big cheer to you all.

It's a pleasure to have been Commodore as the clubs RYA training centre has come of age, and has become a big player within the club and indeed across the province, very well done to all involved for your commitment and hard work.

Finally I have to thank all of you who helped in getting the little Anderson 22' to St Comgall's Playgroup, and giving the many children who will love playing in and on the boat for many generations into the future. I would like you to know just how proud I am of Antrim Boat Club, and your interest in our wider community. Thank you all very much.

Joe Allen – Commodore

Message from the Sailing Secretary

Congratulations to Joe Allen for securing a new sponsor for the winter series. We are delighted to have the support of Blair's Caravans www.blairscaravans.com for the upcoming Winter Series.



Racing gets underway with the Shane Magill Memorial Trophy event on Sunday 3rd November with the usual start time of 2:30pm followed by six more races before Christmas and a further seven in the New Year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the sailors from around the Lough and beyond who will be joining us for what I expect to be an exciting and hotly contested series. Good luck. See you on the water.

Alan Reilly - Acting Sailing Secretary

Moorings & Boat Park

Hi to you all. Hasn't this season been full-on? So many good things have happened. The boating was awesome with lots of you staying overnight on your boats and also camping on the lawn. This is great to see as arguably, you could not ask for a more scenic and peaceful place to spend a night. It reminded me of the great dinghy weekends back in the eighty's and hopefully now with our new younger membership we will continue to see more of this.

Our summer and autumn racing series were a blast, and this season Ivan Crozier played a great part, providing the fleet with safety cover. I think this was an enticement for more boats to venture out on the summer evenings. But I will leave it to Alan Reilly to tell you all about the exciting news on the 2013/14 Winter seasons racing.

I am sure I will be seeing you before the enviable winter sets in, but if not, please keep-up the good work on your jetty maintenance and the boat parks and may you have a warm and peaceful Christmas and all you could wish for in the New Year.

Ray Hanna - Boat Park and Mooring Master.



ABC Regatta overall winner and winner of the Summer Series - A Myers on Jezebel

Planned Events 2013 / 2014

Sunday 3rd November - Blair's Caravans Winter Series starts – 2.30pm – 7 races pre Christmas

Thursday 21st November – ABC AGM – 8:00pm

Saturday 14th December – ABC Christmas Dinner
Bookings being taken now at the bar – places limited

Sunday 12th January - Blair's Caravans Winter Series continues – 2.30pm – 7 races post Christmas

Keep an eye on www.antrimboatclub.co.uk and click on the Events link for full details and updates on all events.

Details will also be posted on the clubhouse notice board..
If you are planning an event or have an idea for one please make sure you contact Joe Allen on 07868 780341 giving as much notice as possible. Thank you.



ABC Regatta E Graham & Crew on Quickflash - June



ABC Regatta - June

Congratulations to newly qualified RYA Sailing Instructor Hamish McIlwee and David Kennedy, proud new owner of Eroica on their success in this years Regatta and Summer series. Nice to see some younger faces picking up silverware. This sail training seems to work!

Membership

I would like to remind all members that renewals need to be with the club before the deadline of December 31st. I would appreciate it if you could also update any personal details at this stage as we need reliable information to be able to help you in the event of any emergency which may arise regarding you or your property. Many thanks.

Ray Forde – Membership Secretary

Congratulations

This year Antrim Boat Club entered Ryan Hitching and Daniel Gibson to compete in the Honda Rib Challenge 2013 held at EABC Larne.

Both candidates, proved to be great ambassadors, doing the club and themselves proud, while managing to finish 11th and 13th overall. A great day was had by all with thanks going to everyone who supported the candidates in their training at ABC and on the day. A special thank you to Ivan and Andy. Well Done Boys!!

RYA Training

What another great and successful season of training, both Powerboat and Sailing.

Both the Dinghy sailing and Power boating training sections started to run courses in May and these ran throughout the summer months. We were very pleased to note that when we reflected on the course feedback forms returned by candidates following course completion that everyone seemed extremely happy with the standard of training they had received, with many also showing a great interest in progressing to the next level, to continue to improve their knowledge and competence in their chosen area of interest.

We look forward to welcoming you back for next years programmes which will kick off in May. If you would like to know how an RYA endorsed course can improve your enjoyment on the water please talk to us over the winter by contacting: John Elliott, RTC Principal: 07801527958 or Andrew Nicholl, Chief Powerboat Instructor: 07895953762

Andrew Nicholl - RTC



Andrew Nicholl, Daniel Gibson, Ryan Hitching, & Ivan Crozier

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