

Antrim Boat Club

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Gallery



Visiting boat Jawsome and Jezebel



Visiting boat Jammie Dodger, Eroica and Quickflash



Visiting boat Jalfrezi with Tic Tac in the background

Message from the Commodore

Looking forward to an exciting seasons sailing and boating on the Lough this year.

The new regulations for using the crane have been decided; a list of key holders will be posted on the notice board and members will be able to access keys through these volunteers, while signing the declaration of competence. This will satisfy Health and Safety Regulations and ensure that the crane will be in a safe working condition for everyone to use.

There is a Clean-Up Day planned for 8th March. I appeal to all to pitch in. A free pint and burger will be made available to those who work hard enough!

We are considering various themes for social nights to boost bar takings and increase the members using the clubhouse – see any committee member with your ideas and we will discuss at the next meeting. We would like to encourage all our members and their friends to come along and enjoy our fantastic facilities in a safe and responsible manner, just remember to sign your visitors in.

Andy Speedie – Commodore

Clean Up Day – 8th March 2014



Help clean up YOUR club...

Message from the Vice Commodore

Hi everyone, now that another winter series is at an end and the Race Officer and crew of Blue Thunder have time to reflect on the tossing, rolling and soaking they endured in the name of winter yacht racing and all insisted that unlike our boat, there is in every cockpit a perfect place to sit. This will vary from boat to boat. Most cockpits are comfortable in the river, but when the yacht starts to heel, you suddenly find that you've got a winch in your back or the mainsail traveller is threatening to slice off your fingers or worse! You need somewhere to settle, with good support, out of the worst of the weather and where you won't get in the way. The three favourite spots are:

1. Huddled with your back to the cabin bulkhead, looking astern and out of the wind.
2. Right at the stern, in one corner or the other. You should be safe from spray here and can nestle against the push pit, considerably more comfortable than the wires of the guardrails further forward.
3. The companionway – everyone seems to be drawn to the stairs at a party and it is the same on yachts. Standing on the steps down to the cabin allows you to see what is going on, and feel part of it all, without putting your boots on. However, just as at a party, such stair dwellers get in the way of those trying to get past and you'll eventually be moved on, but it won't be long before someone takes your place.

As I close, I would ask you all to please try to attend as many of our social functions this spring and summer as you can. See you soon.

Ray Hanna



ABC Winter Series

Planned Events in 2014

Saturday 8th March – Spring Series starts
– 2.30pm – 4 races pre Easter

Thursday 17th April – Early Summer Series starts
– 7.30pm – 7 races

Saturday 7th June – ABC Regatta –
races, barbeque, music & entertainment

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd August – Bann Rally

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.



Eroica, Jaime Jess & Jammie Dodger (ABC Winter Series)

Notices

Sands Marine is offering 10% off your first online order and free postage for orders over £100.

Visit sandsmarine.co.uk and enter the promotional code '**club**' at the checkout.

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They are also holding their annual boat jumble on Saturday 5th April at their Kinnego Marina showrooms in Lurgan.

If you are interested in selling off any unwanted boating items, call **028 3834 3911**. Stall prices from £10.00.



Membership

The club membership for the year 2013/14 comprises of 111 members and three block memberships.

Moving forward this year we would like to try and expand our membership base and welcome as many new members as possible, especially with regards to youth!

Finally, should any of your contact details change, please ensure that I am notified so that an amendment can be made. This will ensure our club database can be kept up-to-date and that contact can be made with members should a problem arise.







I hope you all have a fantastic and safe season of boating!

Andrew Nicholl – Membership Secretary



High Water February 2014

Officers and Committee Contact Details 2014

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