

# Antrim Boat Club

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## 2015 Highlights



Batten down the hatches - Wet & Windy Winter



Close competition – ABC Win Cats Cradle



Noel wins the Sports Boat Class – Winter 2015

## Message from the Commodore

Since our spring 2015 newsletter the club has experienced a whirlwind but very successful year. Some highlights being a number of visiting boats racing and winning the Blair's Caravan's winter series as well as ABC retaining the Cats Cradle Cup. In Jan & Feb the Lough experienced possibly the worst known storms and severe flooding. The committee would like to express thanks and gratitude to those who supported the clean-up activities. Great effort was required as well as rental of machinery to begin to restore the club to the post-flooding condition. This was all made possible by tenacious support in terms of labour and financially possible from our extensive social calendar. This help will allow this year to be even more exciting, with a full racing and social calendar and visiting sailors or guests will receive the same warm welcome.

This year I have three points of interest to mention;

- 1) Caravan Site Planning:** Many of you will be aware Shane's Castle has been working with Blair's Caravans on plans for a possible caravan site in the Lord's estate. Our membership should know; the committee has an awareness of this project but no active involvement. Shane's Castle Estate is the club's landlord and we are not a stakeholder in this project. Our committee is only privy to public info regarding the project.
- 2) Behavioural Matters & CCTV:** The committee has been dealing with some poor behavioural matters with one club member; this has been a catalyst, which influenced an investment in CCTV at the main gate & clubhouse access points. This has previously been on members' wish lists and will be of great benefit to all.
- 3) Significant Milestones:** Our club is fast approaching a significant milestone; next year 2017 will be the club's 50th anniversary. The committee will be reaching out to our membership with the hope that everyone can openly share ideas and be forthcoming about their wishes and aspirations for a year of celebration.

For more information on the above three points or to share an idea for a 50th year celebration event, please contact any committee member.

**William McIlvenna – Commodore**



## RYA Training Centre

## Defib & Resuscitation

### Awareness

Drop in sessions

11<sup>th</sup> June 2016

10-00 to 16-00



During October of last year HeartSine employee, Arthur McGarry who was previously a club member donated a HeartSine Samaritan® PAD defibrillator to Antrim Boat Club. The lifesaving Automated External Defibrillator will protect the club's members and visitors in the event of a Sudden Cardiac Arrest! To finalise the implementation of this equipment a number of free drop in awareness sessions will be available on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. These sessions will not be a certified training course but should give enough operational awareness to increase confidence in using the machine, in case of an emergency. If you are interested in this event please ensure your email address has been submitted to the ABC mailing list and/or resend to [info@antrimboatclub.co.uk](mailto:info@antrimboatclub.co.uk). Event confirmation and supplementary info will be electronically sent out prior to this event. In addition details of further RTC summer activities will be communicated via electronic mail.

John Elliot – RTC

## Social Events 2016

This years social calendar is off to a good start with a country night and the steam engine rally additionally, BBQ's have been cleaned and prepared in advance off a full summer social calendar

Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	June	–	Monthly Music Night
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	June	–	ABC Regatta & BBQ
TBC	Aug	–	Open Day
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	–	Monthly Music Night
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept	–	Summer BBQ
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	–	Monthly Music Night
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	–	Halloween Party
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	–	Christmas Dinner

Dates are subject to change and more events are in planning, to avoid disappointment please check our social media or behind the bar.



Get connected with ABC social Media

If you are planning a special occasion or organising a family party – Consider Antrim Boat Club as a venue and contact Joanne Walker. Please try to give as much notice as possible - Thank you.

## Sporting Events 2016

The Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to sailors from around the Lough and beyond to attend our open events and interclub competitions.

Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	May	–	Early Summer Series Race 1
Thu 09 <sup>th</sup>	June	–	Early Summer Series Race 5
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	June	–	ABC Regatta
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	June	–	Ballyronan Regatta
30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup>	July	–	River Ban Association Rally
Thu 04 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	–	Late Summer Series Race 1
Thu 01 <sup>st</sup>	Sept	–	Late Summer Series Race 5
Sat 03 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept	–	LNSC Regatta
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	–	Bart's Bash
TBC	TBC	-	Cat's Cradle

Dates are preliminary and subject to change



Link to our flickr photo gallery from the website

Keep an eye on [www.antrimboatclub.co.uk](http://www.antrimboatclub.co.uk) and click on the Events link for full details and real time updates.

Notice of race and sailing instructions will also be posted on the sailing section of the clubhouse notice board.