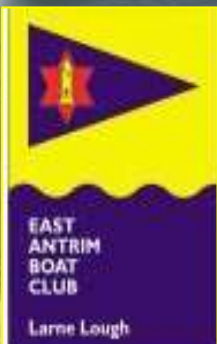


CHAMPIONS & HIGH ACHIEVERS

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While the primary aim of this document is to catalogue the many achievements our membership have chalked up over the years it is of course recognised that EABC has a rich tapestry and back story of 'Junior' goals yet to be catalogued.

From the very early days of sailing on the Lough when it was high achievement enough to prevent the una-rigged 13' Lame Sharpie from submarining to winning the third leaf of the then Irish Yachting Association's shamrock scheme.

Then there was Mirror dinghy sailing and the accolades of our youngsters followed by the various Optimist global assaults of the next generation of youth.

Today our junior sailing is concentrated on the Topper dinghy and the requirements of the RYA squad schemes.





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SIX DECADES OF . . . CHAMPIONS AND HIGH ACHIEVERS

Tradition instructs that the helm/owner is mentioned first, followed by crew(s) and then the boat name.



Neil Kitson was an engineer and inventor.

He is pictured above with his take on the American amphibian 'duck vehicle'. Neil(y) arguably was the man who conceived the notion of the 'boat club'.

The Fifties

1950

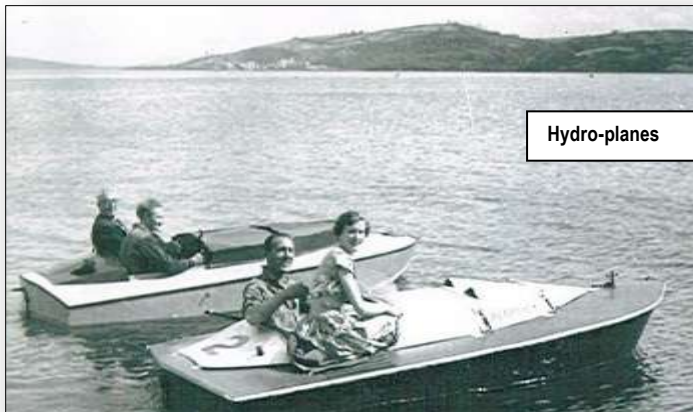
- ✓ *Wymers Ltd was set up by Neil Kitson, Graham Gingles Snr., Margaret McCourt, Ernie Stewart and others. Their objective was solely to purchase the MoD shipyard [EABC] site from the Crawford Estate. At that time the then harbour company had expressed keen interest...*
- ✓ *Neil Kitson, Mick Curran (first commodore), Sadler McKeown, Billy Swinerton, Johnny Montgomery & William (Monty) Montgomery. These men were the founding fathers of East Antrim Motorboat and Cruising Club not long after, re-titled East Antrim Boat Club. The opening membership was set @ 10 shillings per year.*



Mick Curran.

1959

- ✓ *John McWilliam & Victor Poots : GP14 - NI Champion (Larne's first champion)*



Hydro-planes



John McWilliam

The Sixties

1964

- ✓ *Curly Morris & Tommy Hutcheson : GP14 - NI Champions*

1965

- ✓ *Paul Rowan & Graham Gingles : GP14 - NI Champions*

1966

- ✓ *EABC purchased Wymers Ltd. This action followed further harbour interest!*
- ✓ *EABC appoint first trustees : Fred Doig, Eddie Phillipson & Andrew Hutcheson*

1967

- ✓ *Curly Morris & Tom Jobling : GP14 - NI Champions*
- ✓ *(Michael Eason) & Tom Jobling : Scorpion - NI Champions*
- ✓ *Curly Morris & Tom Jobling : Helmsman's Championship of Ireland – Gold medal*

1968

- ✓ *Michael Hill & Charlie Lynch : GP14 - NI Champions (2nd Morris & Jobling)*



Curly Morris
& Tom Jobling
Ballholme 1969

The Seventies

1971

- ✓ *Paul Rowan & Graham Gingles : GP14 - Irish Champions*
- ✓ *Paul Rowan & Graham Gingles : GP14 - NI Champions*
(2nd D.Nixon & T.Hutcheson)
- ✓ *Curly Morris : Finn Class – Irish Champion*

1972

- ✓ *(Peter Duffy) & Tom Jobling : GP14 - Irish Champions*
- ✓ *Des Nixon & Tommy Hutcheson : GP14 - NI Champions*
- ✓ *Curly Morris : Irish Olympic Team Member at Kiel, West Germany*
- ✓ *Curly Morris & Bobby Jones : GP14 - Ulster Champions*
(2nd Rowan & ?)

1975

- ✓ *Curly Morris : Finn Class – Irish Champion*

1976

- ✓ *Chris Boyd : Irish Olympic Team Member at Kinston, Canada*
- ✓ *Michael Hill + 'Juffra' (Nicholson 32) : Round Ireland voyage*
- ✓ *Curly & Ann Morris : GP14 - Irish Champions*
- ✓ *Curly & Ann Morris : GP14 - Leinster Champions*

1977

- ✓ *Curly Morris & Bobby Jones : GP14 - Ulster Champions*
- ✓ *Curly & Ann Morris : GP14 - Leinster Champions*
- ✓ *Chris Boyd : Designed and built the Puppeteer in Larne – first boat 'No Strings Attached' rolled out in September of that year (2nd was P. Doig's 'Cara')*

1979



'Juffra'; 1st club
boat around
Ireland



PUPPETEER 22

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Arcturus' (Puppeteer22) : Round Ireland voyage
- ✓ Joe Kerr/Tom Jobling/Michael Lynch jnr. + 'Quandary' (Trapper 300) : British Airways (Bangor) Weekend – Overall winners.

The Eighties

1980

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Arcturus' : EABC-Fastnet-EABC

1983

- ✓ Curly & Ann Morris : GP14 - Irish Champions

1984

- ✓ Paul Rowan & Graham Gingles : Helmsman's Championship of Ireland – Gold medal
- ✓ Tom Jobling & Richard Henning : GP14 - Irish Champions
- ✓ Curly Morris & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Lienster Champions
(2nd Jobling & Henning)

1985

- ✓ Paul Rowan, Graham Gingles (&?) : Helmsman's Championship of Ireland – Gold medal
- ✓ Bryan Willis & John McPeake : GP14 - Leinster Champions
(2nd Morris & Fekkes)
- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Arctos' (Contension 33) : Round Ireland (2)

1986

- ✓ Robert Gingles & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Irish Champions
- ✓ Robert Gingles & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Leinster Champions (2nd C&A Morris)

1987

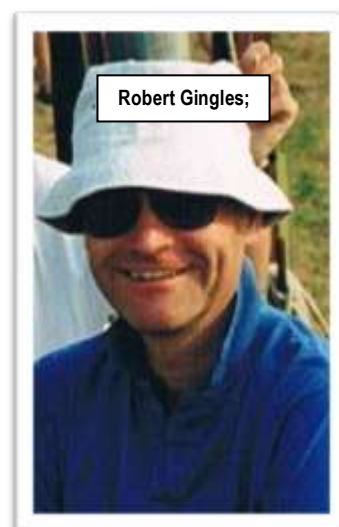
- ✓ Robert Gingles & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Ulster Champions
- ✓ Robert Gingles & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Leinster Champions

1988

- ✓ Tom Jobling & Alan Parker : GP14 - Ulster Champions
- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Leinster Champions

1989

- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Irish Champions



The Nineties

1990

- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Ulster Champions
- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Leinster Champions
(2nd B. Willis & J.McPeake)

1991

- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Irish Champions
- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - Leinster Champions
- ✓ Mark & Paul Fekkes : GP14 - WORLD Champions

1993

- ✓ Curly & Ann Morris : GP14 – Leinster Champion
- ✓ (David Graham) Mark & Paul Fekkes + 'Wandern-Star' : British Airways Weekend – Overall winners.

1995/6

- ✓ Des & James Nixon + 'Winter's Tale' (Macwester) :
Round Ireland voyage
- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balu' (Van de Stadt) :
Round Ireland (3)
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser 4.7 – Ulster Champion

1997

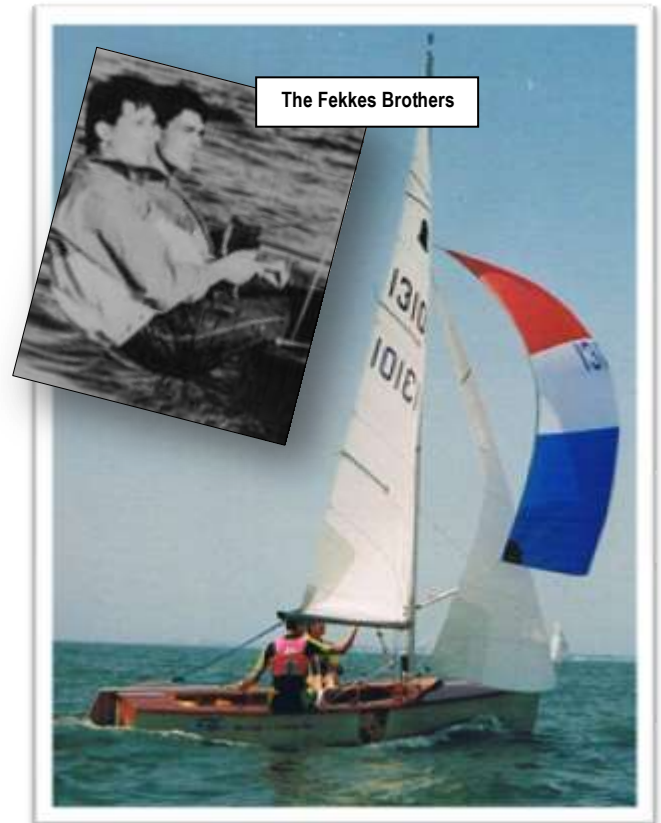
- ✓ David Fletcher & Barry Jobling : GP14 – Irish champions
- ✓ David Fletcher & Barry Jobling : Helmsmans' Championship of Ireland – Bronze medal

1998

- ✓ (Michael Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Irish Champions
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 - Ulster Champions
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Eastern Champions
- ✓ Laura McFarland : BT Irish Team Racing Championship winning team
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Ulster Champion
- ✓ John McCrea & David Woodhead + 'Rona of Melford' (Rival 34) : Round Ireland

1999

- ✓ Lucy & Dick Ford-Hutchinson/R&A.Thompson/Sue Kitson/S.Rolph
+ 'Bright Wings' (Beneteau 32s) : ISORA Race Week – IRC class 2 winner
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Irish/Open Champion
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Ulster Champion
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Connaught Champion
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Southern Champion



The Noughties



2000

- ✓ (Richard Estaugh) & Andy & Andy Thompson : GP14 - WORLD Champion
- ✓ (Ruan O'Tiarnaigh) & Andy Thompson : GP14 Irish Champion
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Connaught Champion
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – Irish Champion

2001

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balú' : EABC- Azores- EABC
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Ulster Champions
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Eastern Champions
- ✓ Connor McGaughey : Laser Radial – [German] Keil Week – Silver medal



Laser classes accepted the baton from the mighty EABC GP class



Debbie, doing it in Melbourne...

2002

- ✓ (Andy Hately) & Andy Thompson GP14 - British Inland Champion
- ✓ Curly Morris & Laura McFarland : GP14 – Irish Champions
- ✓ Curly Morris & Laura McFarland : GP14 – Ulster Champions
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – European Women’s Championship; silver medal
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Ulster Champions

2003

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balu' : EABC-Iceland-EABC
- ✓ (Shane McCarthy) & Andy Thompson : Fireball - British Champion
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – Commonwealth Champion
- ✓ (M. Ennis) & Gavin Doig : Laser 2 – Ulster Champions

2004

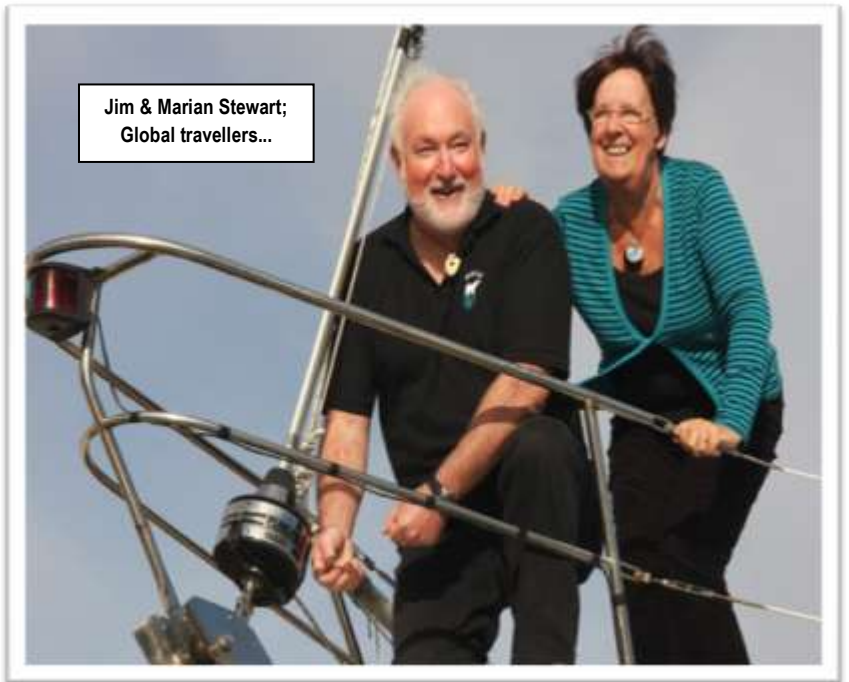
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion

2005

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balu' - Transatlantic voyage to Caribbean

2007

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balu' : Round Ireland (4) Their global warm-up...
- ✓ (Vince Horley) & Andy Thompson : Fireball – World Championship; silver medal.
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – Ulster Champion



2008

- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion
- ✓ Richard Doig : RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment

2008 – 2012

- ✓ Jim & Marian Stewart + 'Balu' : ROUND the WORLD VOYAGE.
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – Ulster Champion

2009

- ✓ Ian & Gavin Doig, Stephen Knox + 'Bambi' (Impala) : Scottish Series - class 7 winners
- ✓ Debbie Hanna : Laser Radial – National Ladies Champion



2010

- ✓ *Curly Morris ; Larne "Hall of Fame" induction*
- ✓ *Gavin & Ian Doig & Stephen Knox + 'Bambi' : Scottish Series- class 7 winners*
- ✓ *(Jeff Coates) & Andy Thompson : Fireball – European C'ship, silver medal*
- ✓ *(Tom Gillard) & Andy Thompson : Scorpion - British Inland Champion*

2011

- ✓ *(Ger Owens) & Melanie Morris : GP14 - Ulster Champion*
- ✓ *Mike & Sandra Chapman + 'Dabrona' (Jeanneau 40) : Round Ireland voyage*
- ✓ *(Tom Gillard) & Andy Thompson : Scorpion - British Inland Champion*

2012

- ✓ *Mark & Paul Fekkes : Larne "Hall of Fame" induction*
- ✓ *Chris Penny : Laser [standard rig] - Ulster Champion*
- ✓ *(Tom Gillard) & Andy Thompson : Scorpion – British Inland Champion*
- ✓ *Chris Penny : Laser [standard rig] – Leinster Champion*
- ✓ *(Ger Owens) & Melanie Morris : GP14 – Ulster Champion*
- ✓ *Dr. Michael Hill : RYA Community Award for Lifetime Commitment.*

2013

- ✓ *East Antrim Boat Club : RYA Volvo Champion Club*



Chris Penny



Commodore Gordon Kane accepts the Champion Club accolade from Mary Farrell (left) the RYA's development Officer for NI. Joining them are the EABC junior girls (L-R): Jessica Shirley, Hannah Liddle, Ellen McCarlie, Katie Kane, Lucy Kane & Susan Higginson.

Feb.2013

- ✓ *..... who's name(s) will occupy this line next?*

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Reading through this impressive list of names will either dredge up memories of good times past or create an embarrassing pause; you've forgotten, know the name, but the individual has disappeared from your radar. Or perhaps as a new(ish) member, have no idea who they were in the first place...

John McWilliam, RAF fighter pilot, yachtsman and sailmaker, spends half his time in the UK and the rest in Australia, gliding. **Victor Poots**, John's crew in the 50's has a dental practice in Edinburgh but we understand remains a committed land-lubber. **Charlie Lynch** who crewed Dr Mike Hill in both the GP and 505 class and after an illustrious career in the forces, is now also high and dry, in England. So too is Scottish resident **Bobby Jones** who crewed for both Curly Morris and Des Nixon. Still sailing is **Chris Boyd**, the designer and builder of the Puppeteer range of yachts. He lives in County Down, is a member of Ballyholme YC and remains competitive within their huge Laser class. **Joe Kerr** owner of the Trapper 'Quandary' is also Scotland based today alas no longer sailing. Another non sailor is **Michael Lynch jnr** he crewed for both Tom Jobling the US sailmaker Dave Buemi and Joe Kerr. He has since immigrated to Georgia, USA. **Alan Parker** Mirror sailor and crew for Tom Jobling lives in Swords his time afloat censored by the demands of an 'Oppy' family. Now settled in Troon **Dr Connor McGaughey** is back within the world of competitive sailing. Having kite-surfed for a time today he drives an RS300 at Preswick SC. **Andy Thompson**, master crew and Fireball champion is now resident in Poole. He works for the giant luxury boat builder Princess yachts. **David Fletcher** is a prominent member of Ballyholme YC. He races Lasers and successfully helms the First 31.7 'Twister' which he co-owns. David has two Round Ireland races under his belt. His crew during his GP era, **Barry Jobling** is a Whitstable resident. But whilst within touching distance of the Thames estuary he has yet to re-dip his toes into the waters. **Stephen Knox** a key member of the super successful 'Bambi' crew is civil engineering in Hong Kong. He continues to race competitively. He crews onboard the Kerr 40 'Signal 8' which co-incidentally is skippered by Jami

HOVED TO...

... APRIL 2013

COMMODORES of EAST ANTRIM BOAT CLUB & *East Antrim Motorboat & Cruising Club*

1950 ~ 1953	Mr. M. Curran
1953 ~ 1955	Mr. G.B. McKeever
1955 ~ 1964	Mr. G.P. Gingles
1964 ~ 1966	Mr. F. Doig
1966 ~ 1973	Mr. E.E. Phillipson
1973 ~ 1978	Dr. R.J. Bolton
1978 ~ 1979	Mr. H.G. Fletcher
1979 ~ 1980	Mr. J.D. Nixon
1980 ~ 1981	Dr. M.J. Hill
1981 ~ 1982	Mr. T.C. Hutcheson
1982 ~ 1983	Mr. D.W. Stewart
1983 ~ 1984	Mr. A.T. Dorman
1984 ~ 1985	Mr. R.E. Doig
1985 ~ 1986	Dr. T.C.M. Morris
1986 ~ 1988	Mr. T.W. Liddle
1988 ~ 1990	Mr. J.B. McCarlie
1990 ~ 1992	Mrs. L. Stewart
1992 ~ 1993	Mr. A.J.A. Scott
1993 ~ 1994	Mr. M. Ford-Hutchinson
1994 ~ 1995	Mr. J. McGaughey
1995 ~ 1996	Mr. D. Liddle
1996 ~ 1997	Mr. A.H. Dempsey
1997 ~ 1998	Mrs A.E. Morris
1998 ~ 1999	Mr. T.N. Jobling
1999 ~ 2000	Mr. D.J. McMeekin
2000 ~ 2001	Mr. G. Freestone
2001 ~ 2002	Mr. P.D. H. Metson
2002 ~ 2004	Mr. R. O'Neill
2004 ~ 2005	Mr. J.F. Hill
2005 ~ 2007	Mr. M.N. Fekkes
2007 ~ 2009	Mr. G.P. Doig
2009 ~ 2011	Mr. P. T. Thompson
2011 ~ 2013	Mr. G. J. Kane
2013 ~	

