



on the PIER

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Welcome to the June edition of On the Pier.

I was asked by the General Committee to put together this edition of **On the Pier** and in particular to draw the attention of our members to some of the problems the committee are facing and trying to resolve. Leaving aside, for now, the problems of Covid, the most important issues are recruiting committee members, including Officers to ensure continuity and succession and more generally to recruit volunteers to help with the running of the club.

In the past we have managed to have a succession with respect to Vice Commodore, Commodore and Rear Commodore, the Vice Commodore replacing Commodore and the retiring Commodore taking the Rear Commodore position. This allows for stability and continuity on the committee in these important leadership roles. Between now and the AGM the Committee will be encouraging members to consider putting their name forward for the committee for next year.

We are a small club, and in our present premises there is little scope for us to grow any bigger. Unless we were to increase membership fees etc, to cover the cost of paid staff, we have to rely on members to take on the various committee roles and to volunteer to do the plethora of jobs necessary to keep the club going. The general committee has produced a roles and responsibilities document to list the things that need to be done to run the club.

Had Covid not forced us to close the club this Spring we would have held a volunteer fare in May, the purpose to show our members what our present volunteers do for the club and to seek more of you to lend a hand. I could list the jobs that need doing but space is limited suffice to say the slips don't clean themselves. If you can help please speak to one of the committee. An important part of being a member of a club is

sharing in the running and maintenance. It is your club, come forward, volunteer.

Robert Gingles

General Committee

Our current waste collection has been suspended due to COVID, resuming on a fortnightly basis in August. Members are requested to dispose of all waste at home and not use the club bins, until August and then only for club waste. **Members are reminded that they should not dispose of private waste at the club at any time.**

The door to the clubhouse has been left open many times. It is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that clubhouse is kept locked when no-one is about. If you unlock the door please lock it again when leaving or ask others who may still be using the clubhouse to lock up when they leave.

Steven Kirby is investigating the level and adequacy of the Club's insurance to ensure we are properly covered.

From Alan Scott the Trustees representative on General Committee

"The annual meeting between the club trustees and officers took place on Tuesday last using zoom. Main topics reviewed were club finances, future development proposals and agreement on a memorandum of understanding"

Return to Racing

With the easing of lockdown restrictions by the NI Executive in recent weeks, the General Committee has been working hard to resume club dinghy racing. It was decided that the last two Sundays in June would be used as a "trial run" in preparation for a full July/August series.

Sunday the 21st of June saw the first "organized" sailing at EABC since lockdown measures were announced in March. In total we had 16 boats

participating in three separate races. Richard Doig, our sailing secretary, started and finished each race from the North Star. This was a much-needed return to normality for everyone and the day was enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, racing had to be cancelled on Sunday the 28th due to high winds.

A booking system is now in place to ensure that we comply with Covid-19 restrictions. Members will be able to register for the following week's racing from 4pm each Sunday. To do so, visit membership.eabc.club/login and sign in with your details. Remember to check your emails and our Facebook group regularly for latest updates. If you have any queries or issues, please contact Ryan Brown at comms@eabc.club.

Ryan Brown

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Training

The training sub group met last week to discuss what training opportunities are now possible. The result of this meeting is that we are planning to run 2 hour training sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during July for our junior members. This will be split into two groups, the first group will be for those who have reached RYA level 3 standard and the second for our ready to race group. Lead coaches will be Helen Rutherford and Katie Kane. More information and details on how to sign up will be emailed out to members over the coming days with the sessions starting on 7th July.

It is also hoped that we will be able to run a week's sailing course in August and we are planning to provide more details on this over the coming weeks as Covid-19 restrictions ease.

Adult training will be on a request basis only this year.

Debbie Hanna

EABC Juniors

We are hoping to form a new junior group as our junior membership has been growing over the last couple of years. To gauge interest we are planning a zoom meeting on 10th July and would like to encourage our junior members to join the meeting. The aim is to get ideas together on what activities they would like to see / organise at EABC. Helen and Katie will facilitate the first meeting, and Lucy Kane has agreed to be the moderator for the junior group once established.

Lucy Whitford

Bar and Friday evening meals

Currently our licence does not cover the consumption of alcohol outside the walls of the Clubhouse and social distancing is problematic.

As such, our only opportunity to open the bar at this time would be in the supply of alcoholic drinks to those eating bar meals.

Discussions are ongoing as to how we might open the bar and we will communicate plans in due course.

Nick Murray

GP 14's return to EABC

Covid permitting EABC will be the venue for the GP 14 Class "Hot Toddy" to be held on 10/11 October. The GP has a special place in the history of the Club, many of our members having brought back the silver from National and International regattas.

We'll be needing lots of help to make the event a success.