



# on the PIER

March 2022

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## GENERAL

Next committee meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Tom Wood

Thomas Reid

The Hards family, Thomas, Sarah, Noah and Arlo

## TRAINING

An RYA Powerboat Level 2 course has just been completed at the club, thanks to Alan McClernon our new Powerboat instructor for facilitating. Anyone interested in a Powerboat or Safety Boat course, please register your interest and we will aim to accommodate members- [training@eabc.org.uk](mailto:training@eabc.org.uk)

Well done to Hollie McConnell, who passed her Dinghy Instructor course!

## DISCOVER SAILING

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May is set for our Annual Open Day where we get on the water and welcome friends and visitors to our club. We ask that you encourage family and friends to come along and get involved. Further details to be released and we will be looking for you to come along and help on the day, whether it's part of the shore team, hospitality, rescue or sailing we have roles for everyone.

## LADIES TOILETS

The ladies' toilets and washroom area is having a makeover. The works will take place over the next 6 weeks with planned completion by the Kitson Cup on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. There will be some disrupted access to the ladies changing over this time and the current disabled toilet will be available for use by ladies during this time.

## MID AND EAST ANTRIM GRANTS

Thank you to MEA recent grants for supporting our training team validating their First Aid certificates at our recent courses.

We have also secured a grant towards the purchase of a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator). This new device, in addition to the one in the main hall of the club house, will be available for events and taken on the water with the rescue/committee boat. We hope that it will never be needed but we know that

time is critical in an emergency and any member or participant can use this device to preserve life. Please make yourselves familiar with these devices in the clubhouse.

## A WORD FROM OUR COMMODORE, LUCY

As we move from winter dinghy sailing with committee boat starts back to battery starts for our Spring dinghy series it is great to see lots of activity each Sunday, including our junior members who have been training throughout the winter.

The start of May will also see our keel boats starting to launch with Tuesday and Thursday racing starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We have changed our event calendar around a bit this year so we will be starting off with the Kitson Cup on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and I'm really hoping that as many dinghy and keel boats will take part as this is an exciting pursuit race. We are also hoping to have something social in the club after the race, more info to follow on that.

Your committee and volunteers have been very busy over the last few months with membership renewals, maintenance around the building and planning for the ladies' toilets refurbishment and sea defence repairs at the edge of the dinghy part. In addition, we have agreed to repair the lane as the potholes are very large!

In the same way as we have the sailing calendar we would really like to have a full calendar of social events and would welcome any ideas or volunteers who would be happy to help, please get in touch.

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If you have any news that you like to be included in the next edition, send to [vc@eabc.club](mailto:vc@eabc.club)

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