



## Dear Reader,

Season's Greetings and welcome to the winter edition of the club newsletter.

A lot of goings on has happened at the club since the previous edition. There was the Halloween Ball (see picture below), the Annual Prize Giving and Dinner Dance, our club AGM where Chris Dorman was elected Commodore. The following were also elected/re-elected; Curly Morris - President, Tom Jobling - Vice President, Gavin Doig - Vice Commodore, Lucy Whitford - Rear Commodore, Allison Liddle - Hon Secretary, Melanie Morris - Hon Treasurer, Richard Doig - Sailing Secretary, Stephen McKeown - Bar Captain, also General Committee members Debbie Hanna, Peter Doig, Caroline Wilson and Michael Kane, and Gordon Kane returning to the General Committee as Yard Manager.



## A Note from the Commodore

Firstly, I would like to thank our outgoing Commodore, Lucy Whitford, for her great leadership and sterling work over the last 3 years. Big boots to fill but I'm game to keep up. It's great to see everyone volunteering on General Committee and Sub Committees again this year and I look forward to working with everyone to keep the club moving forward. Without you all it just wouldn't happen.

A big thanks to All the members for their trust in me and I look forward to seeing everyone at the club and hope that you can all find some time to help and volunteer with our upcoming sailing events and entertainment functions throughout the year ahead.

Please don't be a stranger... just turn up and muck in!!

**Chris.**



## Sailing

Club sailing continues throughout the winter each Sunday, weather permitting, with our Christmas Regatta on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Consisting of three races from 12.30pm back-to-back and Prize Giving after, followed by the Annual Sailors Christmas Dinner; all welcome. Thanks to everyone who helps out with safety boats, launch and recovery, committee boat and scoring.

Please note there will be no club racing on Sundays 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> December. Late winter series starting on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Richard.**





## Cruisers View

I'm taking a break from the usual tales in Cruisers View to give you an interesting article written by our very own celebrated author and recently elected Vice President Tom Jobling.

### Champagne Fouling

*Tom Jobling*

**IF ONLY IT HAD WORKED, money wise I'd have saved well, who knows. We're talking Anti-fouling.**

So, what was your excuse for the season past? Was it a 'never again or a Not too bad verdict, considering that a typical 2½ litre tin has tipped over the £100 mark! According to *Bosun Bobs* owner Robert Hastings, "It'll not stop there!" So should the race be on to find a solution to underwater fouling, more especially a Larne Lough [fouling] solution...

"Perhaps if I'd spiced up whatever brand I'd used with a dash of chilli powder, or was it mustard power that one owner suggested...? Personally, I liked the 'champagne option' – oh, if only it had worked – I'd be saving a fortune every season.

It's always the same old conversation as EABC's panel of 'retro fouling experts' think up judgements pre, the hauling-out jamboree; A recent (non-scientific) survey suggested that brand-wise our boat-owning members are coming at overcoming the [fouling] problem from half-a-dozen directions. As each and every EABC craft bears its bottom to the clean and clear Curran Point air the 'experts' gather around to see whose anti-fouling worked, and which didn't.

So how and where do owners find that anti-fouling brand, the magic one, that'll work for them...? A lot of course, depends on the definition '...worked for me but not for you?' Or perhaps it should read, 'it came in at the right price or, I only thinned it a little...'

Whether it's for a sailboat, or a fast or slow motorboat, it's always a personal choice: **International Micron300** was the popular survey choice (4 users) but quietly the Resto **TeaMac** products from Redlands (3) were also favoured by the survey's participants.

**SeaJet** and **Jotun** brands were next with **Int.Cruiser200** and **Hempel Tiger** shoring up the survey with only one fan each. (As previously mentioned – a non-scientific; more of a chatty survey)

Over the years, perhaps since the days of the infamous **TBT** many conversations about the effectiveness of anti-fouling have spawned into folk law. After all, it is basically a poison! A poison required to operate/kill in varying conditions and in a plethora of locations around the coasts: from the still waters of a marina to tidal anchorages, eg: Larne, Belfast, Strangford and Carlingford Loughs.

So, who stocks what in NI? - MB Fibreglass, Newtownabbey for Hempel product range. Bosun Bobs, Bangor for SeaJet. Down Marine, Dundonald for International range, Resto, Larne for TeaMac. CH Marine, Newtownards for Jotun. \*Sands Marine, Oxford Island for Hempel ranges to name but a few. Were you aware that International have an anti-foul for \*fresh water?

Let's hear your thoughts ... say, over the club (bar) but for now this chatty survey concludes with Robert Hastings wise words: "Mix it, mix it again, and again..."

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## Entertainment

The Christmas Season is already upon us and our Entertainment Sub Committee have arranged an array of opportunities to join in the festive fun, please see list below.

### Kids Christmas party Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2-4pm.

It is highly expected to have a special visitor in attendance and adults are advised to bring a small gift for your child.

### Christmas Eve @ EABC Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 3-6pm.

You are invited to attend our family get together and a chance to catch up with friends at the Commodores Christmas reception, mulled wine and nibbles for all.

### EABC Christmas Regatta Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Racing starts at 12.30pm with three races scheduled back-to-back and prize giving immediately after.

### Sailors Christmas Dinner Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Dinner is from 6.30pm, please book your tickets online with choice of main for yourself and guests. All welcome and music afterward.

### New Years Eve family party night.

Guess the date! Yes, its Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December and the usual welcome is extended to all. Come and party into 2024!

**Thank you to our Entertainments Sub Committee for putting together all these and past events for our pleasure and enjoyment!**



## Training and Juniors



Training continues for those interested in racing each Sunday throughout the winter months, weather permitting, and until further notice there will be no open sessions. Please keep a lookout on the WhatsApp group for updates.

**Debbie Hanna, RYA Principal.**

## Mystery Place



Did anyone recognise the mystery place in our Autumn edition (above)?

Well, those who answered Tobermory Lighthouse or Rubha nan Gall, to give it its Gaelic name, (meaning "strangers point") were correct. Its position is just north of Tobermory, outside the sheltered harbour, on the Isle of Mull and in this picture, you can see the Ardnamurchan peninsula in the distance.



Keeping on the theme of lighthouses can anyone name the location of this season's mystery place?



## **For your attention**

Prior to publication of this edition Allison Liddle stood down from the position of Hon Secretary due to personal commitments. On behalf of our Commodore, Club Officers, General Committee and members I would like to extend our thanks to Allison for her dedication in this role over recent times. Also, our congratulations must go to Allison, Mark and Caspar on the purchase of their new Moody 35 "Don's Sottise", we look forward to seeing new tonnage arriving at EABC very soon and wish them fair winds and following seas.

## **YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU !**

The General Committee would like to ask for volunteers to come forward and assist them in fulfilling the duties of this vacant position. Please make yourself known by contacting a member of General Committee if you wish to be involved in the collaborative effort undertaken to manage our club for the benefit of members and visitors alike.

## **And Finally**

**Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year to one and all.**