

## **REAR COMMODORE HOUSE UPDATE JANUARY 2021**

Welcome to our January update and a very Happy 2021 to you all as we navigate yet another lockdown! I sincerely hope that everyone is keeping safe and well as we await the rollout of the various vaccinations.

We were fortunate enough to be in a position to open up the club during December for a few short weeks but we made the most of it! More amazing food from our chef Rob and great socially distanced evenings. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rob and all the club staff and bar staff for stepping up to the plate for us during a very unsettling year, I have no doubt that you all feel the same!

AGM by Zoom was a tremendous success and probably the quickest one in club history!

The Light Up Your Boat for Christmas initiative was just outstanding! Thank you to all the club members who took the time and effort to put on such a fantastic display which was appreciated by all the town and shared on social media all over the world. Brilliant job guys!

### **Welcome from the Commodore**

Fellow members, despite current Covid-19 restrictions we are heartened to see the commencement of the national vaccination programme and look forward to being able to get back on the water sometime this spring. In the background essential maintenance works continues on the marina. The replacement Leg F will arrive In March/April. Preparations are ongoing for a full programme of sailing events once restrictions are lifted. You will all have received the new 2021 calendar with your membership dues notification. Well done to Matthias Hellstern for his initiative in this regard. Due to the current level of restrictions there is very limited presence in the club. Club manager Brian Hunt is working from home. Brian advises that mobile coverage is limited in Ballinadee and the best way to contact him is by Whats App message or email at [brian@kyc.ie](mailto:brian@kyc.ie) . All queries will be promptly addressed. And finally, congratulations to Donal Hickey, former KYC 'Club Person of the Year' who has been nominated **Irish Sailing Volunteer of the Year Award 2020** . It would be great if you members can join the Awards on Thursday 11 February at 7pm, and wish Donal well on the night. **You can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/virtual-irish-sailing-awards-2020-tickets-132224195127>**. As always I can be contacted at 087 2671904 or at [commodore@kyc.ie](mailto:commodore@kyc.ie)

### **New Website**

Martin Hurley and his team are in the process of launching a new website for Kinsale Yacht Club. The old website was no longer fit for purpose and the new site will have ecommerce functions allowing members to pay certain bills online. We expect this site to go live in the next month or two and it will be tweaked and worked on thereafter to ensure it is exactly what the club needs. Big thank you to Martin and his team for all their hard work

## **Sailing Calendar**

Our sailing secretary has advised that the calendar for 2021 is done and has been agreed by all class captains. It hasn't been issued on the club website as yet as it will be contained on the new website when launched. We will obviously lose some events planned for early in the season due to the current lockdown but once lifted, will endeavour to get people back on the water as soon as possible

## **Marina AGM**

Tony Scannell has advised that this year's marina AGM will take place over zoom on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February at 20.00. Similar to our yacht club AGM, to register your interest, please email [brian@kyc.ie](mailto:brian@kyc.ie)

## **Membership Dues**

Due to Covid restrictions the office is not manned. You are encouraged to pay your dues early online by EFT .

Should you have any queries, please contact Brian Hunt at [brian@kyc.ie](mailto:brian@kyc.ie) and he will arrange to receive payment from you.

## **Junior Sailing**

As announced at this year's AGM, club stalwart John Stallard has stepped back from his role as junior organiser. We would again like to thank John and Valerie for their many years of hard work and dedication to the club. We are delighted to announce that Sinead Crowley is taking over as junior organiser. Sinead grew up sailing in Kinsale, was a participant and subsequently an instructor on the course in years gone by and now has family partaking, so she is well qualified for the job! Formal dates and more information will follow shortly. Sinead can be contacted on [juniororganiser@kyc.ie](mailto:juniororganiser@kyc.ie)

## **Sovereigns Cup**

The on-line entry for the O'Leary Insurance Group Sovereign's Cup 2021 opened on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. We are glad to report that the stream of early entries is strong and is exceeding our expectations. As communicated to members previously, this year's event has a

target number of 50 boats, this is due to the potential uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions that may be required at the time of the event.

All Kinsale Yacht Club members who intend entering the event are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, especially considering the strong number of entries received to date. The 'Early Bird Entry period' cut off is 14<sup>th</sup> February and a draw will take place for a Kinsale Good Food Circle voucher for €200 for all entries received by that date. For additional information or to enter, please visit [www.sovereignscup.com](http://www.sovereignscup.com). The Sovereign's Cup website may also be accessed via the link on KYC.ie.

Anthony O'Neill

on behalf of the Sovereign's Cup 2021 committee.

Well, plenty of information for you all there! Here's hoping we can all get together again soon for more fun on and off the water!

Stay safe and well (and HOME)!

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