



ARKLOW SAILING CLUB  
North Quay, Arklow, Co. Wicklow

# NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

Firstly, happy New Year to all our members and friends and let's hope we have an excellent year sailing in 2010. In order to improve communications we will be issuing regular newsletters throughout the full year to keep you informed of all aspects of the club and in particular forthcoming events. The various officers of the club are working hard to make arrangements for the year ahead and note that we welcome your suggestions at all times as to where we can make improvements in the clubhouse, sailing and handicaps as well as social functions etc. I would encourage you to attend and support as many functions in the club as possible and to encourage friends and family members to come sailing with us during the season.



## Subscriptions

The majority of income which is critical to the day to day operation of the club comes largely from member subscriptions. By now you will have all received subscription notices and I would appreciate if you would pay immediately directly to our treasurer

(Brendan Murphy at [brendan@bremur.ie](mailto:brendan@bremur.ie)) or simply visit the bar any Wednesday night and pay directly at the bar.



## Sailing & Racing

Race officer Milan Siefert has been busy preparing a race schedule for the coming season. The race schedule will be distributed by the end of January. I have asked Milan to retain the "swap crew" race as it turned out to be a very popular event and an opportunity for some of us to sail together for the first time and get to know each other better. It was revealing to discover how many people got to know each other that day.

Milan is also speaking to our neighbours in Courtown to arrange another successful kilmichael regatta and I am delighted to share with you that Metmast are already on board for next June's event and I hope to be able to share some information with you on the Metmast race later in Spring.

Milan also hopes to present the winners of each Wednesday series on the Saturday following the series. And a squib competition, possibly on a Friday evening

or Sunday morning is being assessed by Milan, Lee boatman and Paul Murphy. Already there appears to be great interest in this squib series. Skippers meetings will be held early this year, the first one is scheduled for Friday Feb 26<sup>th</sup> so please make every effort to attend and make your views known. Please email us on [info@arklowsc.com](mailto:info@arklowsc.com) to register your interest.



## Social Events

The committee will hold a number of social events during the year and I would encourage you to attend. Please put the date of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> in your diaries and mobiles for our first event. This event will be a table quiz which is well underway due to excellent work by Ruth Kennedy of *Tremena*. For further details please see our website [www.arklowsc.com](http://www.arklowsc.com). It is hoped that each boat will enter a minimum of one team and please bring as many non sailors as possible.



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## Training

The club has had some success in recent years running training courses. These courses have resulted in new members joining the club and some have become regular attendees on the Wednesday and Saturday racing schedule. We hope to run similar courses this year and will be contacting members to make themselves available to assist and drive the rib etc. By the start of the sailing season a Rota of assistants and rib drivers will be available and distributed to all concerned. Please log onto the website [www.arklowsc.com](http://www.arklowsc.com) to sign up for notification of intention.



## Clubhouse Development

The Sailing Club development committee continues to work on the proposals for the development of the clubhouse and hope to make a proposal to the committee very shortly.

## Squibs

Lee Boatman and Paul Murphy have been busy over the holidays assessing what maintenance and replacements are necessary for the squibs. It is intended to upgrade all the squibs to a similar level of quality and rig them for spinnakers which are available for all the squibs.



## A.O.B.

7.1 Review of the club constitution. There will be a Review of the Clubs Constitution with a view to making alterations, additions and changes prior to this years AGM. If you would like to become part of this team please contact Peter Whelan whom has accepted the role of chairman of this committee.

Finally we welcome all your comments, ideas and suggestions throughout the year and if you have any suggestions into improving the club website, please let us know.

Yours Sincerely,

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