



Welcome to the August edition of On the Pier.

COVID Team: A volunteer EABC team has been formed to oversee the safety of EABC members through ensuring COVID guidance is understood and procedures are in place for club activities.

- The club house is still closed and members should only enter to use the toilet facility.
- There will be bar service from the patio on Sunday 23rd August 2pm-6.30pm. Seating will be outside only so please do not enter the clubhouse.
- Multi-handed craft (dinghies, keelboats, powerboats, PWCs, motor boats etc) may have members from different households where suitable mitigations are in place. RYA Northern Ireland has uploaded Guidance on sailing and racing with different households in the same craft. This may take place where appropriate COVID 19 mitigations and conditions are in place and adhered to. The guidance document will be e mailed to members.
- It is the responsibility of the members concerned to ensure they adhere to social distancing measure, public hygiene and mitigations when sailing together.
- A track and trace form will be in the club foyer and anyone attending organised sailing or events at the club should ensure to sign in.
- Hand sanitisation stations have been installed at the club in prominent locations, please sanitise if you enter the club house.
- Cleaning at the clubhouse has been reinstated to ensure the building is maintained and toilet areas are cleaned as they are the only 'open' facilities.
- NI Covid Tracker app is out and can be downloaded to your smart phone:
 - Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.hscni.covidtracker>
 - iOS - <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/stopcovid-ni/id1519404160>

Training: Juniors have been out on the water on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout July.

Sailing courses this summer include Junior level 3, level 4 and RYA Start Racing. Great to see our junior members getting back on the water after a long break. With Covid restrictions there have been limits to the number of sailors and only one sailor per boat (or household per boat) so juniors have literally had to 'take the helm' and have made great improvements.

Juniors: A new Junior committee have had their first meeting over Zoom to chat about what projects they would like to take on and represent the juniors in the club. Any Juniors wanting to get involved please contact training@eabc.org.uk for info.

We welcome the following new members

Paul and Stephanie Doran, Family Members
Bronagh Reid and Jenna Reid, Parent and Junior
Lisa McCormac and Ethan McCormac, Parent and Junior
Andrew Hamilton and Lisa Sheldon, Family Members

Thanks : To Tommy Hutcheson for installing a new starter motor in North Star, a bilge pump in the JSV, and with Steven Kirby making repairs to the front door of the clubhouse.

And following from that please ensure if you are last to leave the clubhouse lock the door.

To Steven Kirby for his work prior to, and during the inspection by Mid and East Antrim Council of our premises with regard to our **Entertainments Licence** which has been renewed with an extension of four months.

Repairs to our Grounds

Slipway repairs - nearing completion; bin store - foundation laid; and seating area at bottom of the dingy park – commenced. Please avoid the bank at the bottom of the dinghy park as it has sharp reinforcing bars that still have to be removed. Parents should ensure their children are not playing in this area.

Committee in Focus

So you get to know your committee(s) and their roles Debbie Hanna has put together the first of these new features, with interviews of two of the

Training Sub Committee

Members: Debbie Hanna, Katie Kane, Helen Rutherford and Lucy Whitford. Interview with Katie Kane and Helen Rutherford.

Activities: Meet regularly throughout the year to plan and review club training activities.

What's involved in the role?

Helen- working together to come up with ideas and programmes for training, focusing on new members and opportunities to develop as sailors.

What are your main goals on Sub-committee?

Katie- getting young people into the club and engaged. I want to give young people the same opportunities I was lucky enough to be given, including having fun at sailing and creating lifelong friendships. Another goal is to keep the club active and get everyone involved so as we can offer members something.

When did you start sailing?

Katie- I was first on my Dad's yacht at 5 days old apparently (can't remember myself)! I'm very lucky to be born into a sailing family. Grew up sailing and cruising around Northern Ireland and the Scottish Isles on my Dad's 26ft yacht 'Sandbagger' which about 10 years ago we changed for 'Artemis'. I started dinghy sailing during summer courses at EABC when I was about 7 years old and got my first topper (pink deck of course) when I was 8 years old. 16 years later I am still sailing both dinghies and yachts both competitively and for fun!

Helen- I was about 9 years old on a sailing course at EABC with Jill Doig was the instructor, thanks Jill! Before that, I was sailing on our family boat, Corona, which we sailed over to Scotland each year for our summer holidays.

What classes have you sailed?

Katie- I sailed toppers and was on the RYANI squad and Irish squad. I've sailed laser 4.7, RS 200 and was captain of Queens sailing

team. We raised £15,000 at Queens sailing to buy a set of fireflies for training and racing at Irish University team racing events.

Helen- I competed in toppers and was on the RYANI and ISA squads. I moved to lasers but realised it wasn't for me. At Leeds university I was team captain, racing in fireflies. I now have an RS 200 which is an exciting and growing fleet on the Irish circuit.

What is your favourite sailing memory?

Katie: It's a toss-up between sailing at the topper British Nationals in Pwelli (Wales) where the waves were so big I couldn't see the top of other topper masts on the other side of the wave, or sailing on 50 foot Beneteau's around Croatian and Greek islands with friends from Queens.

What do you enjoy about being an EABC member?

Helen: An après-sail ice cold beverage and a packet of Cheese and Onion from the bar. Other things I appreciate are all the opportunities the club has given me over the years from learning to sail to now working as a Senior Instructor. Growing up at the club, I have made a lot of lifelong connections with friends and families and enjoy being part of a community who share a love for all things sailing.