



East Antrim Boat Club

# Main Sheet

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## A Note from the Yard

We wish to remind members that as a club our water is metered so please remember to turn off the hose after use otherwise we are running money into the tide.

Also excessive use of electricity should be avoided and if running de-humidifiers or heaters for a long time, please inform the yard committee in order that the units can be calculated and a cost for the extra energy arrived at.

Adrian Dempsey

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## Note from the General Committee

Members and their guests are requested to respect the Club dress code when in the bar area and also that No Dogs are permitted inside the Clubhouse.

## East Antrim Boat Club Licensed Moorings Areas

Following proposals from and discussion with the yard sub-committee it has been decided that the following will apply:-

1. Members must apply in writing to the General Committee before placing, taking over an existing mooring or moving moorings within a licensed club mooring area.
2. The Yard Manager will advise on the positioning of mooring but because of contrary tides and eddies in our mooring area it may be necessary for a mooring to be repositioned after laying. This is the owner's responsibility.
3. Members should inform the Yard Manager of any changes to their moorings that might influence the scope of the vessel placed upon it.
4. Where a member's mooring is unused by the member for 3 years it will be deemed to be redundant and must be removed from the mooring area by the member.

5. Use of unused moorings by persons other than the owner is not permitted unless for temporary use or in case of distress.
6. Under the terms of our licence subletting (for gain) of moorings is not permitted.
7. It is recommended that members must maintain their mooring in a fashion that is fit for the vessel placed upon it, and inspections should be carried out at regular intervals.
8. The resting position and adequacy of a mooring is the sole responsibility of the owner.
9. The length of riser inclusive of chain from the fixed mooring attachment point on the ground shall be limited to 1.5 times the depth at MHWS (mean high water springs), plus the length of the head rope from the surface through the bow roller to the boat attachment point.
10. If the placement of a new mooring or a different vessel on an existing mooring interferes with any adjacent craft then that mooring must be moved under the direction of the Yard Manager.
11. In the case of a dispute involving interference between adjacent craft, this should be amicably resolved between the members concerned. Failing resolution, the dispute may be notified in writing to the General Committee.
12. Any costs associated with the resolution of any dispute must be borne by the members concerned.

Where a members mooring is adjacent to a licensed club mooring area and comes within the scope of any of the above it will be deemed to be covered by these regulations.

**These regulations will come into immediate effect. Any mooring not in compliance should be rectified as soon as is reasonably practicable.**

David Montgomery

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If you have a feature for inclusion in the next issue of Mainsheet, please email through to:

[Mainsheet@eabc.org.uk](mailto:Mainsheet@eabc.org.uk)



## EABC Child Protection Policy

As a result of queries being raised by some members, the General Committee wish to clarify EABC's position in relation to Child Protection.

EABC have a Child Protection policy in place and we can confirm that both our policy and our related procedures are compliant with current codes of practice and guidance.

Currently **Jill Doig** and **George Kirby** are our Child Protection Officers and they are soon to be joined by **Eddie Cameron**. If you require any information or assistance in relation to Child Protection, please contact one of our Officers – they are fully aware of our Club Policy and procedures and are authorised by the General Committee to act on its behalf in this respect.

David Montgomery

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## Ulster Topper Championships

The Club will play host to the Topper 'Ulsters' during the weekend 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

This is a prestigious occasion and reflects the successes of recent events and the high regard for EABC and our superb sailing area.

Approximately 50 competitors are expected to contest the event which will be the season opener for the class and the first of four Provincial Championships in 2010. A significant amount of work before and during the weekend is required to ensure we produce a memorable event and **the Event Committee would very much welcome and appreciate volunteer help from club members**. This can range from just a couple of hours at the beginning or end of one or both days to being actively involved for both days. It's a case of 'many hands making light work' and if you feel you would like to help, please speak to the Honorary Sailing Secretary.

The Club Car Park will be occupied by the boats and their paraphernalia and it will not be possible to allow cars onto the premises for the duration of the event. Members are respectfully asked to park their cars in the adjacent field.

William Rutherford

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## 2010 Honda RYA Youth Rib Championships

FAO All Junior Members, East Antrim Boat Club are looking for young powerboat drivers to take part in the 2010 Honda RYA Rib Championships.

No Powerboat experience is necessary. All we require is for you to attend the Club on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

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at 10:30am. We will then introduce you to the other young Club members and of course the excitement of driving a powerboat around the training course.

Another Training Session will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 10:30am and then we will have our Club Heats, on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2010-time to be confirmed.

There are two age groups 8 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years. Younger members are also welcome to attend the Club training and the Club Heats. However there are only two classes at the Northern Ireland Finals at Kinnego Marina, Lough Neagh on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

If you are interested please contact Mark Fekkes by phone, 07918671790, or by email [mark.fekkes@metso.com](mailto:mark.fekkes@metso.com). Alternatively you can put your name and contact details on the list provided on the Club Notice Board.

Look forward to hearing from all you young and up and coming powerboat drivers.

Mark Fekkes.

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## Junior Sailing

With the warmer weather fast approaching it will soon be time to dust off those Toppers and get in the water again. (That is if you haven't been one of the "die-hards" sailing all winter)!

We plan to resume Sunday morning sessions for beginners and the more advanced but at this stage I am waiting to hear from you. Please contact me at [jillandrews21@hotmail.com](mailto:jillandrews21@hotmail.com) if you are interested in taking part.

We had some great sailing last year with a lot of beginners and some of you acquiring boats of your own. Let's keep it up and I'll see you on the water.

We plan to start the junior season with an Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2010** so keep the afternoon free for some fun at the Club.

We would also like to form a Junior Committee. Any junior member of the Club wishing to participate in such a committee, please contact me or Heather Kane.

Jill Doig

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## Sailing Committee Update

Notable dates for your diary:

24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Topper Ulsters
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Regatta
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October	GP14 Hot Toddy

4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Carrick Cruise
7 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Bangor Cruise
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Kitson Cup (All)
31 <sup>st</sup> July - 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Doig/Adams Cup (PYA/B)
11 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Ashton Cup (F15)
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Maidens Race (PYA/B)

### Basic Rules Night

A basic sailing rules night has been organized for 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. This evening will be taken by Dennis Todd, RYA Regional Rules Advisor and the emphasis is on basic sailing rules for dinghy and cruiser sailors. Everyone is invited to attend, young and old, inexperienced and experienced, dinghy and cruiser sailors alike.

### Sailing Committee Evening

A meeting for members to discuss the sailing activities for the forthcoming season, PY handicaps and other sailing related matters is being arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.

### Excellent News!!

Funding has been secured from the Northern Ireland Sports Awards for All - Lottery Fund towards the purchase of a new Zodiac RIB Rescue Boat. Congratulations to all involved in preparing this application.

Richard Doig

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### Safety Boat Update

The Sailing Committee has just completed a full review of Safety Boat maintenance and is in the process of implementing a new maintenance regime for all club safety boats and their supporting equipment. The first piece of work to be completed is the painting of the JSV, along with modifications to the launching trolley to further improve the launch and recovery

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capability of this boat. The Dory is currently undergoing hull maintenance and it will also be painted before re-entering service in April. The helm's position on the club's RIB has been modified to improve the steering position and move the radio to a higher position for improved visibility and better protection from water. The North Star has provided 1<sup>st</sup> class service all winter for the sailing events as committee boat and will be hauled up for its annual maintenance in March. All the engines will be given a full service before the start of the April sailing series. All the clubs VHF handheld radios (3 off) have been serviced and are ready for the busy season ahead of us. The sailing committee team will be working on all the boats during March, so if they are about why not pop in a say hello.

Derek Mawhinney

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### Important Note from the Sailing Committee

Essential maintenance to club rescue boats is underway and will continue on into March. Part of this work will involve spray painting and this will be carried out in the top shed. With the risk of overspray it is advisable that **all masts and sails stored in the top shed should be removed ASAP. Any items left in the shed after this date will be entirely at the owner's risk.**

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### Officer Of The Day Rota Mar/Apr

As all Club members are aware, we cannot have club sailing without volunteers to carry out the OOD duty. If everyone does their share this should only mean conducting this role once a year.

The full OOD rota is attached to this mainsheet and the March /April rota is highlighted below.

MARCH		
Sunday	07-Mar	Mr R Adams
Sunday	14-Mar	Mr E Cameron
Sunday	21-Mar	Mr G Kane
Sunday	28-Mar	Mr W McCalmont
APRIL		
Sunday	04-Apr	Mr N Murray
Sunday	11-Apr	Mr J Mcgaughey
Sunday	18-Apr	Mr D Nixon
Saturday	24-Apr	Dr M Hill / Mr R Doig
Sunday	25-Apr	Dr M Hill / Mr R Doig

It is the OOD's responsibility to arrange to do this duty, arrange a deputy and to also arrange an assistant if necessary. If you fail to turn-up or arrange a deputy, you are letting other Club members down.

Please keep the sailing committee informed of any changes, this can be easily done by clearly marking -up the OOD rota on the Club notice board.

If desired, a member of the sailing committee will be glad to run you through the OOD process and to show

you which buttons to press, courses to set and the format for recording results. The members of the sailing committee are listed below.

**Sailing Sub-Committee**

Richard Doig (Hon Sailing Secretary)

Robert Adams

Martin Agnew

Gavin Doig

Gordon Kane

Derek Mawhinney

Jill Doig

Stephen Craig

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## **Wanted - Topper Dinghy**

I'm looking for a couple of Topper dinghies for my kids. If anyone in EABC is selling a Topper I can be contacted at:

Email: [chrisjohnston@talktalk.net](mailto:chrisjohnston@talktalk.net)

Phone: 07763142890

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**Winter Bar Hours**

Wed 8.00 – 11.00pm  
Fri 6.00 – 11.00pm  
Sat 5.00 – 11.00pm  
Sun 12.30 – 6.30pm