

The Cruising Association of Ireland visit the Malahide Yacht Club



Vincent Lundy acting Commodore for the Cruising Association of Ireland (cruising.ie)
Ciaran O'Reilly acting Rear Commodore for the Malahide Yacht Club (myc.ie)
The "Standing Waves", musicians from the CAI and MYC,

The Cruising Association of Ireland visited Malahide Yacht Club on Saturday 18th May. There were 60 CAI attendees representing 17 boats. This was an excellent turn out and a reflection of the enthusiasm of the CAI members and the renowned hospitality of MYC.

The day began with most boats berthing in the Malahide Marina at slack high water 12.30am. Damien Offer, manager of the Malahide Marina kindly supported the CAI by sponsoring a discount on the marina fees for the CAI visiting boats. By 2.30pm the CAI members had settled into the St. James Terrace club house for a welcoming tea and coffee which was accompanied by Graham Daniel's home baked Somerset apple cider fruit cake.

At 5pm, after the rugby match, a guided tour of Malahide was given by Joe Varley, the National Maritime Museum's Honorary Research Officer. With only a light drizzle of rain it was well appreciated by the CAI members who returned to the MYC club house around 6pm

A three course dinner had been organised in the St. James Terrace, the caterers being David Smyth and they served a hearty meal which was enjoyed by all.

Vincent Lundy the commodore of the CAI and a past commodore of MYC welcomed the group. He gave an outline of the upcoming CAI events which included the 12 day cruise in June and July around the south coast of Cork and from which a subset of the boats would be setting their compasses for France via the Scilly Isles. Vincent covered the CAI Three Bridges Liffey Cruise taking place in September with sponsorship from the Clayton Hotel and Marine Parts Direct. This annual event is very popular with up to forty boats and over one hundred and twenty sailors having attended in the past. It is the only time that all three Liffey bridges are lifted simultaneously, accommodating the CAI flotilla.

Vincent thanked Anne Molloy from MYC for her help in the organisation and the creation of a welcoming well dressed dining area for the CAI members.

The rear commodore of MYC Ciaran O'Reilly, also a prominent member of the CAI, was asked by Vincent to come forward on behalf of MYC.

Ciaran welcomed the CAI and kindly offered the opportunity for CAI members to participate in the upcoming MYC Rockabilly Rally scheduled for Saturday 25th May followed by a BBQ in the club house.

By this time the local MYC/CAI group of musicians, "The Standing Waves", had set up and were ready to entertain with a selection of popular, classical, jazz blues and Irish ballads. There was enthusiastic participation from the floor with more singers and musicians adding to the ranks.

The evening finished with CAI members retiring to their boats for a little bit more socialising, having had a most eventful hospitable and enjoyable time at the Malahide Yacht Club, with resounding echoes of "We'll be back!"