

Cullaun Sailing Club Notes – September Regatta 2011



On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of September, Cullaun Sailing club hosted the Wayfarer Inland championships in conjunction with the club's annual mixed fleet regatta.

It was a heart lifting sight to see so many cars in the car park at Cullaun, whilst in the compound there were boats everywhere and a real buzz about the place, and was fantastic to see boats travel from East Down YC, Greystones and Killaloe sailing clubs to support the event , they really brought the event to the next level.

Registration closed at 11am and was immediately followed by the race briefing and by 11.30 the first race promptly kicked off, in all twenty boats took to the water with sailors ranging in age from eleven to seventy one, there was a nice south westerly breeze at the start of the first race, and it didn't take our visitors long to adjust to the quick wind shifts on the inland waters, in particular Tony Fisher and Simon Jeffery (wayfarer) who set the standard for the weekend by winning the first race, the racing continued in that vein for the day.



By 5pm everyone was off the water, and after stowing the boats it was off to Donellons for a BBQ. Salads arrived in Tupperware boxes and tables laid, the adults began to unwind in the bar and chat of the days events while children picked chestnuts in the garden. As the evening turned to night the music started and the fire stoked. What a glorious day.

Sunday was a shorter day, two races with the intention of finishing at lunch time. The wind was fresh and squally early morning and the scene was set for some exciting sailing, but the wind began to ease as the racing started, Tony and Simon started day two as they had ended day one. Only in the final hour were the pair denied the perfect finish to the regatta when George Jess and Robert Anderson (Wayfarer) took the final race followed by Chris Caher (super Nova) with Fisher/Jeffery paring coming in 3rd.



Results:

Wayfarer Inland Championships

1st	Tony Fisher/Simon Jeffery	East Down Yacht Club
2nd	George Jess/Robert Anderson	East Down Yacht Club
3rd	Austin Collins/Mike Laffan	Cullaun Sailing Club

Best Cullaun boat

Chris Caher in 3rd place overall (Super Nova)

Enterprise Fleet

1st	Colm Ward/Lelia O'Shaughnessy	Cullaun Sailing Club
2nd	Brian Park/Mike Logan	Cullaun Sailing Club.

Thanks to all the Volunteers both on and off the water who all helped make this such a successful event, and provide the lifeblood of the club.

In Other News:

The Next event on the calendar will be the beginning of the "Cooler Series" which will start on the 11th of September at 2pm.

The September cruise is on schedule for the weekend of the 17th of September departing Kinsale, two boats and sixteen people are due to set sail, details are being circulated to all those taking part in the event.

A reminder that the laying up supper is taking place in "The Cornstore" limerick on the 26th of November, Sheila is currently taking deposits.