



# FOYNES YACHT CLUB

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## FYC AGM 2016 – Commodores Report – Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016

I would like to thank everyone for coming tonight.

This time last year we identified our pontoon as being a huge exposure and we have addressed this in spades. The effort that was put in by the committee and members was nothing short of extraordinary. We are very fortunate to have such a talented group of people in the club to be able to design and construct such a fine facility as we have today. Also the refurbishment of our dinghy changing room facilities in the old swimming pool area was a great success.

The club suffered a devastating blow with the loss of our dear friend Alan. RIP. It took everyone a while to come back from such a shock early in the season but in true fashion Foynes Yacht Club bounced back to finish their pontoons and launch boats in May and get on with the sailing calendar.

Our Sailing Academy has had an exceptional year and is growing from strength to strength. In June we hosted one of the biggest events ever in the club with the Connacht Optimist Championships. This proved a great success and really advertised Foynes as a very capable club to hold any event. I must pay tribute to our junior sailors who have represented Foynes Yacht Club all over the country and in Europe this year. They are a real credit. I want to thank everybody involved in the dinghy regattas over the last twelve months. It is fantastic to see 16-20 boats out sailing on a Saturday or Sunday. Well done to all involved.

We had twelve boats representing the club in WIORA with great success. We had four boats winning in their respective classes in the competition.

The Mermaids were not as busy as previous years in the club but represented us very well at different events including the nationals and various regattas in the east coast.

We have to acknowledge the fantastic achievements of Derek and Conor Dillon for flying the flag for Foynes in the offshore and east coast regattas. Well done to you both.

We have just started the last section of the pontoon. We will require some assistance at a later stage so be prepared for a phone call!

I would like to thank Elaine who is stepping down as secretary tonight for the huge service she has given in the role of secretary. I would also like to thank Liam Madden who is taking a break from the committee after twenty seven years of service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the flag officers, committee members and you, the members, for your support and commitment to the betterment of Foynes Yacht Club over the past twelve months.

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Commodore  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 2016