

BELFAST LOUGH SAILABILITY



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The Tall Ships



Housing Executive



The Tall Ships was a marvellous event for Belfast Lough Sailability. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out at the event.

Thanks to our friends at the Port of Belfast.

Our volunteers were great and gave a lot of their time and BLS collectors raised £1,806.34 over the four days.

With donations from

Linda Leslie and her 'Bizzi-Buddy' wallaby 'Izzi Crackers' and The Harpers contribution with proceeds from their book 'Letters to the Boatyard.'

Thanks also to Marion Graham from N.I. Housing Executive & her five colleagues who collected on our behalf throughout the event.

The Kite Surfers were also busy collecting for four charities including BLS.

Carrick Marine Projects and Sail NI Boat Sales & Services

Supplied the marquee and stand display.

A great effort all round.

Thank You !



BLS Sailing

The Tall Ships was also an opportunity to promote BLS sailing.

Our access dinghy display in Clarendon Dock raised a lot of interest and we are pleased to report that as a consequence 3 new families turned up for the BLS weekly evening session down at Carrickfergus Harbour on Wednesday 19 August 2009.

Unfortunately we are losing the light in the evenings now and next Wednesday 26th August 2009 will be the last evening sail for this year.

However from Sunday 6 September at 10am, BLS will be operating Sunday morning sailing in Carrickfergus Harbour for 4 – 6 weeks. Cut off date will be weather dependant.



In the event of a last minute cancellation due to weather Chairman Steve Frecknall will endeavour to inform all participants ahead of time but Steve's contact number is +44 (0)75 1809 8084 should you wish to check if sailing is going ahead.

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What's going on.

- Sat/Sun 22/23 August–
Carrickfergus Sailing Club Regatta and weekend entertainment.
- Wed 26 August – 7pm Last Wednesday Sail of the year.
- Sun 6 September – 10am First Sunday Sail Carrickfergus Harbour
- Autumn - Arrival of Paralympic Class Skud 18

(Please note if you have your own wet weather gear bring it along. BLS has a supply of lifejackets but only a limited number of waterproofs available at the moment.)

Other planned activities.

- Sat 22 August - Mill Bay Regatta –
Our friend Linda Leslie is there with her 'Bizzi-buddies' on behalf of the Kite Challenge.
- Kite Challenge – Website Link for further information – www.kitechallenge.com
- Jan 2010 - Annual dinner and Prize giving

BLS Shore based activities commencing in the New Year.

How can I find out more about Belfast Lough Sailability...?

Anyone interested in finding out more about participating in or volunteering for Belfast Lough Sailability, should visit our website www.belfastloughsailability.org.uk or contact

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