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### **SCGSC AFLOAT AGAIN**

The South Coast Garda Sailing Club is afloat again with the purchase of a Beneteau 393. "Explorer" was built in 2000 and commissioned in 2001. She has had 3 sailing seasons has been privately owned throughout her lifetime and has not been used in yacht charter. The 393 Clipper is a current model and is in excellent condition.



*The layout graphic shows 2 double aft cabins, the saloon area has dining area and chart table to port with a heads and galley to starboard. Forward of the saloon is another double cabin and heads.*

The recent activity of the SCGSC Committee suggests to the observer that the club had decided to drop sailing in favour of surfing.

This new activity became second nature to hardened sailors like Dermot O'Mahony and Victor Shine. Fortunately for you, and I, this surfing was confined to Internet surfing for a new yacht.

An EGM held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November authorised the Committee to seek out a new boat. The guidance was to buy within a maximum budget of 130,000.

The Committee trying to maximise on internal volume with good sailing performance initially looked at 4 cabin boats, however we would have been limited by budget to a 1996/97 boat such as the Jeanneau 42.2. Discovering that newer designs carry their beam much further aft caused us to look at the Beneteau range and we discovered that the 393 adequately suited our needs. The trail eventually arrived in Ardrossan, Scotland where Explorer was identified. A successful negotiation purchased her for stg. £82,000 (117,000 Euro approx). The final cost will have to be adjusted for exchange rates. Some additional equipment such as dingy etc. will be bought as part of the overall purchase. Survey and travel costs will also add to the overall cost. Finally 2 years of the Beneteau warranty remains in place.

The Committee will meet again in early January to put plans in place for the return of Explorer to Ireland as soon as possible. Presently she is lying ashore in the boatyard in Ardrossan.

If you wish to have any further information please contact Eoghan Allen, Dermot O'Mahony, Harry Field or Pat Fleming



Explorer at her berth



saloon on Explorer looking aft