

## Haines Owners Cruise in Company Lough Ree, Ireland. July 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> 2011

When Mary Haines decided to hold the 2011 Owners Cruise in Company in Ireland on Lough Ree, her format was to be a leisurely and social weekend with good company and fun for all participants. From the feedback received from the fifty plus owners and friends, her aspirations were wholly achieved.

Some fourteen cruisers, from a couple of 31s to the latest 400 from Silverline Cruisers and a variety of craft in between, assembled around Killinure Point, on Lower Lough Ree on Friday evening 8<sup>th</sup> July. Some were moored at Killinure Chalets while the remainder were berthed at Peter Quigley's marina. Bob, Mary and Justin Haines together with Justin's partner, Suzi, joined the other fifty owners and friends for a barbecue at Killinure Chalets. There was much discussion about the unique barbecue circular gridiron which was capable of cooking fifty steaks at the one time. Good food, wine and jovial conversation was the order of the evening.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny and the fleet assembled at Quigley's Marina where there was great interest in the latest Haines 400. The entire flotilla departed the Marina at 11.00 hours and sailed northwards the twelve miles on Lough Ree to the quiet harbour of Portrunny. All craft moored on either side of the main jetty where the crews mingled and visited each others boats. Lunch consisted of assorted culinary delights which were shared and consumed with the customary "Red and White".



Photo opportunity after lunch at Portrunny



Haines fleet head across Lough Ree



Bob and Mary Haines gratefully receive their inscribed 5000 year old Bog Yew.

By 15.30 hours it was time for the return journey down Lough Ree and into Killinure Lough and the moorings of Glasson Golf Hotel with its picturesque setting overlooking the bay of The Inner Lakes. There was just time to dress for dinner and make our way to the wine reception, which was hosted by The Haines family. We were all seated by 20.30 hours to enjoy a four course dinner. Following some short speeches, the Owners Club Members presented the Haines family with a piece of 5000 year old polished Bog Yew which was suitably engraved with the Company logo and inscription to mark the occasion.



THE barbeque at Killinure Chalets



Haines customers join in the entertainment

The assembly then adjourned to a lounge where music and craic was ably provided by the extremely accomplished duo, Patrice and Bernard Coyle. The singing and dancing continued into the early hours of Sunday morning.

Sunday morning was given to “good byes” as the Owners prepared for their various routes back to base. All in all a successful get-together.



Friday night sunset over Lough Ree

\*All photos were expertly taken by Haines owner Kathleen McCarth. The Haines Owners Cruise in Company report was produced by Michael Martin. Bob, Mary and Justin would like to thank both Michael and his wife Margaret for their superb organizational skills, that enabled this cruise to take place.