

RYANI AGM & Talk by Elaine Taylor
Tuesday October 9th 18.00

PROGRAMME

18.00 Annual General Meeting
AGM Business

Presentations:

- Young Sailor of the Year
- Young Powerboater of the Year
- Donation to Belfast Lough Sailability

Launch of Long Term Sailor Development

19.30 Tea and sandwiches

20.00 Talk by Elaine Taylor

20.30 Discussion

21.00 Close



**HOW TO SPEND A YEAR'S
CAREER BREAK**
**Talk and slide presentation by
Elaine Taylor**

Elaine was first introduced to sailing by her dad Les Firth and has sailed dinghies all her life. She started off in Cadets, crewed in Fireballs and Enterprises, raced Lasers and travelled the country with them. There were stints on keelboats, such as Dragons and Barney Isherwood's 'Gravad Lax' and 'Enjoy' which expanded her enjoyment of sailing and now she sails a Hurricane 5.9 catamaran with husband David crewing.

After 25 years of teaching Elaine decided to take a career break to enjoy some real blue water sailing. Elaine and David were invited by an old friend to participate in the ARC race on a new Oyster 72. One invitation led to another and Antigua Race Week became part of the itinerary as well as a delivery of Kealoha 8 back to the Mediterranean in May. Once back on this side of the Atlantic a further week of racing was undertaken in Valencia in the Oyster Regatta. They stayed on in Valencia to watch some of the America's Cup and in Elaine's own words *'I think I can honestly say that watching the first race of the America's Cup between Alinghi and Team New Zealand was one of my most exciting experiences of my sailing career!'*

Elaine's presentation promises to be interesting and inspiring for everyone.