

## Variety - the children's charity

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Commodore Brian Turvey Howth Yacht Club Howth Co Dublin

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Dear Brian,

I want to sincerely thank you, your colleagues in particular the Vice Commodore, Berchmans Gannon, Pat Murphy, Suzanne Kane, the management, staff and members of Howth Yacht Club for allowing us to host the whole day within the confines of the Yacht Club. It was a fantastic day for the children and their families as one testimonial which came in today states.

"Doreen.

All reports from our three Units are extremely positive. They really enjoyed the day.

One staff member reported that was the best day out they have ever supported the children with. It was extremely well organised and there was no waiting of the children at all. There was an understanding of the medical needs. The sun added to the day but they were all delighted with the great staff/volunteer support on the day.

Well done to all involved in such a great venture." – Barbara Wiseman, Head of Fundraising in St. Michael's House.

To have access to such beautiful facilities where we were able to invite corporate sponsors was fantastic for us and for some of the children and their families it was something they will remember for ever. I have attached one or two quick shots of the formalities and have asked Gerry Phelan (on Crew) to forward them to you in better quality in case you wish to use them for PR purposes.

This reinforces for me the importance of donors and beneficiaries meeting. I will get more photos sent from when the children were out in the boats to you. These are just a quick view and hope to have a short DVD to be able to show the boat men at some stage in the near future.

Kindest Regards.

Doreen Smyth Chief Barker