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Stop and think – The VOR stopover in Galway showed that there are untapped riches from the sea, writes David O'Brien

Dragon's tale – The story of how the Irish-Chinese VOR entry made it around the world without ballast or money

Racing away from recession – Markham Nolan climbs into the crow's nest and scans the horizon for reasons to be cheerful in 2010

Bottom of the barrel – Abandoning the Asgard was a new low for a nation that has long turned its back on the sea, says Tom MacSweeney

Bringing home the turf - Anna McCormick joined the crew for the annual Calico race to Kinvara

So long, Alpha Zulu Zero Niner – WM Nixon runs through the year that was, from A to Z

Stars of the Sea – We figure out who's going to win the Sailor of the Year competition

Round Ireland, white knuckles – Afloat goes on a record-breaking rib ride with Phillip Fitzgibbon and Mike Shanahan

Golden moments – Howth's Autumn League captured the best of the weather for its 140-boat fleet, writes Graham Smith

Santa for Sailors – Afloat's selection for your Christmas stockings, plus Paul O'Doherty points the way to the best in holiday reading

Easy rider – Afloat checks out the new SeaRay 375 Sedan Bridge and finds her the pick of the class

Inland Waterways Review – 'Tis the season to be jolly; or is it? Brian Goggin questions the traditional seasons –with plenty of reason

Final Voyage – The maritime world bids farewell to two very special members: Paul Murphy and Michael Bowen

Marketplace – If it's a boat you want, we've got it; if it's a service you need, we know the place to go

Soundings – Mr Nixon's SSIA was finally put to good use - on a worse-for-wear American sloop

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