

Rush Sailing Club

January 2017 Newsletter



Happy New Year to all our members.

Planning is well underway for the season ahead, which will no doubt be another busy year. While we look forward, there is a lot of activity in the club at present from sailing, snooker, rescue boat maintenance and preparation of channel marks to mention a few.

It's great to see sailing continuing with the Chill Series on Sunday mornings and Laser coaching on weekends for those who brave the elements. This year we will be hosting the Laser Radial Leinster Championships in August and a Topper event at the end of April. Volunteers will be needed both on and off the water to help make these events a success so all help will be appreciated.

Our barman, Brendan Hand, has recently retired from his role. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brendan for his service to the club over the past number of years and to wish him well in the future.

I look forward to working with the incoming committee to make this a successful year with lots of fun along the way. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable season.

*Brenda McGuinness
Commodore*

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23rd. Nov. and was attended by 42 members. Taking a break from the day to day running of the club were David Kelly, Alan Butterly and Patrick Dillon. All have given sterling service to the club and thankfully have indicated that they will be available to help out when needed.

Taking up the challenge for the first time are Sean Weldon and Brendan Marshall and returning following a brief rest is Enda Weldon. All join Commodore Brenda McGuinness as she enters the second part of her term. Brenda will be assisted by Vice Commodore, Austin

(JoMo) Hughes, Hon. Secretary, Marguerite Carthy, Hon. Treasurer, Lorcan Hand, Sailing Secretary, Paula Carthy, PRO, Phill Casey and remaining committee members, Roger Bell, Chris Fox and Paul 'O Hare.

There is no shortage of work for this new committee and one of the first actions will be progressing the grant allocation for training boats and rescue craft. It is hoped to have increased participation of members on the water during the coming year and Sailing Sec. Paula is anxious to include as many sections of the club in this participation, anybody with ideas in this regard will be most

welcome to communicate them to any committee member. David Kelly Jnr. received the award for Member of the Year at the AGM and we could do no better as members than take a leaf from this 16 year old's book of exemplary example.



Sailing Secretary Report



2017 is shaping up to a busy sailing year and hopefully there will be lots of activity around the club and on the water. The Chill Series is still in full swing with about 10 boats out on a regular basis with a mix of lasers, pico's and toppers. Thanks to our rescue crew and Jim Carthy (who seems to be OD most weeks) for their help and of course to all the soup makers so far. The Chill Series will run until the end of February and then we will be into our new sailing schedule for 2017. The new schedule will be launched soon.

We have welcomed GP's back to the club after many years. Lots of our members have fond memories of when GP's were a strong class in the club. Three members purchased GP's last year and we wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing them at club racing. Some of our new GP owners are eager to get the season started early so they have time to brush off the cobwebs for their first event at the end of April.

The cruisers will be getting under way in time for some Easter Cruises with the Lift In happening early April. The cruiser class undertook some very successful arranged trips last year and they hope to have some more this year. Anyone interested in more information should contact Brian Rafferty.

Event wise this year we have a Topper event on the 29th and 30th April and the Laser Leinster Championship on the 4th & 5th August and our own Regatta on the 26th & 27th August. Lots of volunteers will be needed for these events both on and off the water.

Dates for Diary



4th Mar – Members Night
1st April – Lift in
29th / 30th April – Topper Event
14th May – Blessing of the Boats
5th / 6th – August Laser Event
26th 27th Aug – Regatta
7th Oct – Lift Out
3rd Nov – Mass for Deceased Members
25rd Nov – Laying Up Supper
29th Nov – AGM
2nd Dec – Santa Arrives at RSC
25th Dec – Christmas Swim
Feb & March 7th & 21st - Informal Cruiser gatherings.
We will schedule a number of events over the coming year based on feedback from the recent survey. Details will be posted on the club website/facebook.

Gate Code

A reminder the gate code is currently set to 7531, Any change will be communicated via text message

Reminder re access to Rush Sailing

If you have provided a phone contact, you can gain access to club by dialling either 0892071261 / 0892071262. This call will not be charged.

Please note if your phone no is hidden the data base cannot recognise it and this system will not work. Alternatively, Fobs may be purchased to open the entrance gate & to access the toilet/shower to the rear of the clubhouse when the club is closed. To purchase please email us & we will arrange payment & collection (RushSCLub@gmail.com)

Anyone who would like to volunteer please contact me.

The full sailing schedule & Junior Training Programme will be available soon on our website, Facebook and on the notice board. Tide timetables for 2017 are currently available at the club bar. We hope to run a number of adult sailing courses early in the year. If there are other courses you would like to see being run in the club, please let me know.

Don't forget to use our Facebook group chat to keep us up to date with events you are attending or to share pictures of your adventures on the water. Please feel free to contact me throughout the year with queries or suggestions.

Happy and safe sailing for 2017!
Paula Carthy – Hon Sailing Secretary

Membership Renewal

Membership Fees are now due and should be paid by the 31st March. Payment can be made in any of the following ways. By:

1. Direct lodgement to the club account. The details are:

BIC Number: AIBKIE2D
IBANNumber:
IE20AIBK93201929724070.
Please note it is important to quote your full name in the narrative.
2. Credit/Debit card payment using the merchant terminal accessible during bar opening hours.
3. Cash/Cheque mailed or dropped into the club for the attention of the Treasurer.

Whatever method you use, it is important to complete and return your signed membership renewal form so we can update our records.

Class Captains

Class captains for this year:
Lasers: Paul O'Hare/David Kelly
GP: Coleman Grimes
Mermaid's: Anthony Weldon
Cruisers: Brian Rafferty.
Junior Co-Ordinator: Paul O'Hare

