



RSC Newsletter

JULY 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

As we pass the halfway point, in this our 60th year, the club has been very busy both on and off the water as you will see from the various updates below. Some of the highlights so far are the re-opening of our newly refurbished clubhouse, the participation and success of members representing the Club at open events across the different classes and indeed our recent visit to Lambay island.

As we head into the second half of the year the saying "A lot done more to do!" comes to mind. In August we are looking forward to hosting the Mermaid National Championships, quickly followed by a Junior Regatta and our Annual Regatta

Other planned activities for our 60th celebrations will be advertised in the clubhouse and on our website so keep an eye out! If you have any suggestions for marking the celebrations, or would like to get involved in any activities, please contact any member of the committee or send an email

Patrick Boardman - Commodore

COMMITTEE

Elected Committee

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| Commodore: | Patrick Boardman |
| Vice Commodore: | Brenda McGuinness |
| Sailing Secretary: | Alan Butterly |
| Secretary: | Marguerite Carthy |
| P.R.O.: | Colman Grimes |
| Treasurer: | Des Jones |
| Committee: | Paul Thorne |
| | Karl Flynn |
| | Lorcan Hand |
| | David Kelly |
| | Enda Weldon |
| | Austin (Jomo) Hughes |

REFURBISHMENT OF CLUBHOUSE



We have one of the best facilities in the country, thanks to the hard work and efforts of many current and former members. To celebrate our 60th year the clubhouse has recently been revamped, in true Rush Sailing Club style, through the stellar voluntary efforts of many of our members. The project took on a life of its own and was completed in a record 6 weeks, thanks to David Kelly (alias John Sisk) for keeping us all on track. By all accounts, in addition to the hard work, 'great craic' was had by all who participated.

In recent weeks you may have noticed the completion of a windbreak around our patio area. We hope that this will serve us well during Championship week when après sailing drinks can be enjoyed in wet gear and without the impact of a strong breeze!

To book your social event please contact rushsclub@gmail.com



SAILING SECRETARY ROUND UP

Junior sailing is in full flight taking advantage of the long evenings and the good weather. With Jacqui and her helpers (too many to mention) having what could only be described as an army of children on the water. The laser class is going from strength to strength with lasers from the club competing in events from Baltimore to Bangor and in-between, bringing home prizes from everywhere they go.

The mermaid class has been somewhat slow to get going this season with only two outings in the club so far, but this will have to change if the Rush mermaids are to pose a serious challenge in the upcoming championships from the 9th - 15th of August. If you hadn't already heard the mermaid championships are taking place in Rush this year as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations. If you are available to lend a hand in any way both on and off the water during those dates please let myself or a member of the committee know. Last but by no means least, on Sunday 15th June we held the annual ISA Sail Spree in the club. The weather conditions were, dare I say it, perfect with light to moderate breezes ideal for introducing newcomers to the club and the sport. The day was a great success with almost 40 people taking part, not to mention all the members who turned up to lend a hand/equipment. A huge thank you to all who showed up to help, both on and off the water.

Alan Butterly - Sailing Secretary

CRUISER CORNER

14 Cruisers lifted in this year, a big drop from previous years. This year's lift in was suspended at 10 am on Saturday 26th April because of high winds and resumed on Sunday morning without any difficulty. Many thanks to everyone who helped out. Noel Ruigrok was a great help as usual and we are all grateful for his assistance.

We had break-ins in the boat yard during the lay-up season. Greater vigilance is needed to avoid re-occurrence and losses by ensuring ladders are securely locked and the gate is kept closed at all times.

Thanks to Mr Noel who sprayed the weeds in the boat yard and to Angela Byrne for all her help.

Finally I hope everyone is enjoying the sunny days and have a safe and pleasant season.

Brian Rafferty -Cruiser Class Captain

MERMAIDS



Big congrats to Jim Carty and crew on their fantastic win at the Munster championships in Foynes, taking three guns from three races in the process. Also congratulations to Enda Weldon and crew who were in flying form and placed very well. The mermaid fleet would like to thank Foynes for their wonderful hospitality, craic, and of course racing thrown in too.

With everyone eagerly awaiting this year's Nationals in Rush we are hoping for a good turnout with a strong club representation for the week. So if you need to dust the cobwebs off your boat/sailing gear, now's the time to get started and get the practice in over the coming weeks. For our 60th year, here's to good weather, fair breeze and a local win.... not much to ask for!

Andre Berg - Mermaid Class Captain

LASER LAND

The laser fleet continues to be a popular choice down at the Club and a lot has happened since our last newsletter. Congratulations to Aoife De Faoite who became the youngest ever winner of the laser chill series. She is also the 1st Woman and 1st 4.7 to ever win the series so big congrats. The 4.7s dominated this winter taking the top 4 spots, 2nd David Kelly, 3rd Max McKnight & 4th Lauren O'Hare. Well done to all who braved the winter weather.

This was followed by a successful Laser Open weekend where we were joined by Skerries boats. David Kelly took the honours in the 4.7s,

beating Skerries boat Arron Rodgers by a single point. Aoife De Faoite had to settle for 3rd this time. Erica Ruigrok won the Radials and Alan Ruigrok took the Full rig honours. We also had Toppers and Picos on the water too. A great weekends racing by all.

Alan's Army (David, Aoife, Lauren, Michelle and Max) have been enjoying their 1st season on the circuit and getting great experience in big fleets at the Munster's in Baltimore, the Ulster's in East Antrim and the Connaught's in Lough Derg. Keep up the good work, it's great to see the class competing at national level. It's also great to see the young guns (Tom, Floinn, Fionn & Niall) moving out of the Picos and buying their very own lasers.

Enjoy all the sunny days on the water. If I can help with anything please feel free to contact me on 086-8689303 or talk to our newly elected Junior Laser Captain - David Kelly Junior!

Colman Grimes - Laser Class Captain

JUNIORS

Summer is well and truly underway and great fun has been had by all on the Junior Sailing courses so far. Delighted to report that there are plenty of new juniors participating and there are up to 50 active participants this year – all very busy. Olive Parker [from Skerries SC] was our Senior Instructor on a Tuesday night with our own Brian Carthy taking up the mantle of S.I. on a Thursday night. They were supported by RSC instructors, Ciaran Hand, Clara Hynes and Cameron Mc Crum. Jomo Hughes and his rescue team [Brian Foley, Shane Whelan, Fergus de Faoite] are on hand also, keeping a close eye on activities. We rented three Argos from the ISA for two weeks and all had fantastic fun trapeezing. Now that the formal courses have finished, junior sailing will continue on a Wednesday night during July and take a break for the first two weeks in August. The final week of sailing will be on 18th August with a Junior Regatta on Saturday 23rd with a camp

out for 'older' juniors that night – so keep the date free. In addition our juniors have already been on the road this year (see Laser section above) collecting trophies. Congratulations to Erica Ruigrok who collected three trophies at the Munster Laser Championships [1st lady, 1st youth and overall 3rd place] ; at the Ulster Laser Championships 'newbie' to the laser event scene, Lauren O'Hare received a trophy for 2nd lady - well done to both of the girls, great achievements by all.

Alan Ruigrok's winter training proved dividends as it resulted in building the confidence of the juniors to compete in fleets of up to 200 lasers at the Munster and Ulster Championships and the ISA Youth Nationals.

In addition, Erica has been selected to join the ISA Academy [congratulations!] And for the summer she is working with Sailcoach travelling around Europe with her laser radial.

Three tall ships visited Dublin city recently and Freya Mc Crum returned on the Dutch owned Morgenster after a week's voyage. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience which was organised by Sail Training Ireland.

A number of the juniors have acquired new lasers and we wish them fair sailing in their new boats - Fionn Higgins, Tom Fox, Niall Gossan, Floinn Boardman, Lauren O'Hare, Michelle Ryan.

Jacqui McCrum – Junior Organiser

POWERBOAT & SAFETY BOAT COURSES

Thanks to our in-house powerboat instructors Gerry Byrne and Anthony Bollard, we have a new set of potential rescue rangers who completed courses recently – Errol Mc Guinness, Ciara Reidy, Anne Ryan, Sean, Freya Mc Crum and Gwen Fox.

SNOOKER

Snooker activities continue off season with individual members honing their skills in preparation for the winter series. Anyone interested in taking up this sport should call to the clubhouse on Wednesday nights to get involved.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of the late Brendan (Bennie) Penie who sadly passed away earlier this month. Bennie, was a very active snooker member who played up to the day before his sudden death, he will be sadly missed
Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

DINGHY AREA

A number of weeks ago several volunteers turned up to help tidy and clear the dinghy area - many thanks. Most of the dinghy owners were identified and trailers/boats were clearly marked by their owners. There are however a number that remain unidentified and we would ask if you own a boat to please drop down to ensure it is clearly marked.

This area is strictly for dinghies that are in regular and active use and is not a storage area. If there are dinghies that are not being used we would again ask that they be removed to allow the space to be appropriately used. Thank you.

A DAY ON LAMBAY

In June approx 70 members availed of the opportunity to visit Lambay Island on what was a fabulous trip in very clement weather conditions. For some it was a first visit to the island while for others it brought back fond memories of past visits. Thanks to Jacqui for organising it and to Alex Baring and family for their hospitality.

SAFETY BOTH ON AND OFF THE WATER

All members are asked to exercise due care and consideration as the car park and slip way are particularly busy over the sailing season.

Please drive through the car park at a very slow pace and when reversing onto the slip way try to enlist the help of another adult to assist - be particularly mindful of members of the public who may be walking in the area.

Lifejackets and buoyancy aids should be worn at all times on the water.

GATE ACCESS

Access to Rush Sailing Club is now available to members via their mobile phone. If you provided a mobile number on your renewal/application form, your number is registered on a new system for either 0892071261 OR 0892071262. To gain access call the assigned phone number from your mobile phone and the gate will open and close automatically. Please ensure your number is not blocked or the gate will NOT open. Calling from another phone will not gain access. Please only dial the number once you are near the Club. Passing this number to another person will not give them access, as their phone will not be registered on our system. The present "zappers" will continue to be used but may need to be reprogrammed at which stage we will contact members to advise.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

August 9th - 15th. Mermaid National Championships.

August 23rd - 24th Junior Regatta.

August 30/31st 60th Anniversary Regatta.

Other dates are to be agreed. Watch the Club website www.rushsc.ie , noticeboard and texts/emails for details.

Regards Colman Grimes - P.R.O.
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