



SIDelines

Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter

CRUISING SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

Cruising season is underway! An exciting time for many members who look forward to this time of year. We even have some members who join SID solely for the cruising options - a testament to how good our club cruising offering is! Thank you to our Club Cruising Committee - Sonja, Nick, Natalia and Eimear for putting it all together so well - some very long hours of organisation involved.

The SID delivery crew set off from Dún Laoghaire on Friday, 24 May bound for France - on board Silver Wind; Dermot, Sonja, Pierce, Paul, Laura and Colin. By all accounts, they had a challenging passage with a poor sea state and high winds, so a big thank you to all the team for sticking it out under difficult conditions and keeping the club cruising schedule on course.

We have had a good number of new members join SID in recent weeks - so great to see all the new faces, and we hope that you are enjoying club life and some great sailing! Any questions at all, don't hesitate to reach out to our Membership Officer, Sinead Boyle. Or any of the existing club members - we are a helpful bunch - or so we are told anyway!

Apart from day sails and racing, we have had other events on in May, namely the Pieta House Darkness into Light fundraiser, the Blessing of the Boats in Poolbeg and the Women at the Helm supper / regatta. Read on... some more about these events below!

Women at the Helm Supper / Regatta - Weekend of 24/25/26 May 2024 Dún Laoghaire - National Yacht Club - Racing on Dublin Bay

The Women at the Helm event kicked off with a speaker supper on Friday 24 May in the NYC. SID joined forces with Mary Connolly's table (thank you Mary!) and we had a gang of 12 around the table. All female members... the supper was open to all, but it seems no men were brave enough to join us! :)

It was a terrific evening. As well as some delicious food, we had the pleasure of the company of long time friend of the club - Bryan Dobson, who was MC for the evening, along with some very interesting and inspirational words from Irish Olympian, Annalise Murphy, and Irish Offshore solo sailor and racer, Joan Mulloy. Two incredible ladies.

The next day the WATH regatta commenced, with racing alongside the DBSC racers. Weather-wise the day was windy with gusts in excess of 25 kts, the sea state was also fairly unforgiving, and there was a strong chop. Given the conditions, most of the Ruffian fleet decided against spinnaker hoisting.

Day 2 of the regatta there was a plan for 3 races. The winds started off far better than the previous day, but with a forecasted wind drop, the RO decided on 2 races, a good decision, as by the end of the second race, the wind had dropped to just a couple of knots. Boats edged very slowly over the finish line at approx 3pm, and with that, the WATH 2024 regatta was over!

With racing completed for the weekend, the racers went over the NYC where there was a delicious BBQ and plenty of complimentary Drumshambo gin! (event sponsors). The prizegiving and speeches took place at approx 5.30pm... there were plenty of great prizes... and of course more gin!

Well done to our SID WATH racers on Ruff Diamond over the two days - Elizabeth, Pascale, Eimear, Natalia, Niall, Will, Ray & Enda.



XOXO

RACING UPDATE

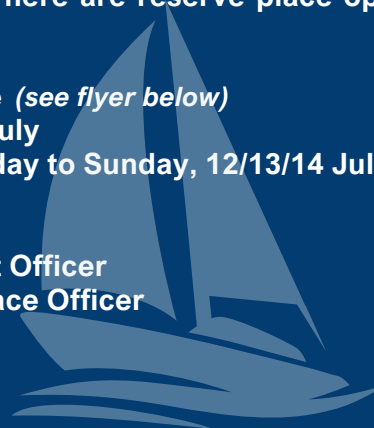
Lots happening on the racing side of the club! We have had large interest and participation from club members this year, in both dinghies and keelboats which is great to see.

The 2024 Dublin Bay Sailing Club season has already kicked off, and our club Ruffian 23, Ruff Diamond, has been racing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (weather permitting!) Ruffians race without a spinnaker on Tuesdays, so those nights are especially good for up and coming racers, or for trying out racing for the first time. Thursday and Saturday racing is with spinnaker, so generally for the more confident racer. Places are available to book on the club website.

There are also a number of club regattas still upcoming, as well as the Ruffian Nationals. If you completed the survey, places have already been allocated to interested members. Please see email in your inbox for further information. There are reserve place opportunities, so please add yourself as reserve in the usual way on the website.

- RIYC - Saturday, 29 June (see flyer below)
- RSGYC - Saturday, 6 July
- Ruffian Nationals - Friday to Sunday, 12/13/14 July

- ~ Nick Miller, Keelboat Officer
- ~ Aoife Hall, Ruffian Race Officer



CRUISING UPDATE

SILVER WIND DELIVERY - We departed DL Marina on Friday, 24 May, bound for France. Unfortunately the weather was not too kind to us, and we encountered a moderate to rough sea state for most of the journey along with F6-8 wind speeds. A third reef was gladly employed for most of the passage, and it kept us travelling at a steady pace in average F7 winds. Silver Wind showed her resilience, and eventually the shoreline of France welcomed us with an easing of seas and fairer weather.

As we approached France, we were buzzed by two fighter jets only 10 meters to our port and starboard sides, and then a pod of dolphins joined us setting off a superlative bioluminescence as SW passed through the Basie de Pouliguen. Two incredible sights!

On shore, a welcome break and some relaxation time, and we filled our bellies with a well deserved array of cakes, bread and cheese to name but a few! Calorie counting not required!

CRUISE SCHEDULE UPDATE - The latest calendar was sent by email on 10/6 and there is still a last minute chance for members to join the delivery to Crosshaven in week 7, and two gentle cruise weeks have a space in week 8 from Crosshaven to Crosshaven. Don't miss being part of the fun and stories from the 2024 cruise season!

- ~ Sonja Masterson, Cruising Officer



DINGHY UPDATE

The dinghy side of the club is becoming very popular! To all the keelboat sailors, you don't know what you are missing - go to the dinghy side - become proficient at both keelboat and dinghy sailing - you won't look back!

Currently in the club, we have Fireballs, Vagos and Fusions. The big news is that we have recently acquired another Fireball to add to the club fleet. This is a great addition, as it opens up the possibility of adding another SID dinghy to existing DBSC racing and club regatta entry. The new Fireball will also be used for club practice and fun sessions.

Speaking of Fireballs, some SID members participated in a day long coaching session on Sunday, 19 May that was led by Thomas Chaix, Head Coach at the NYC. The coaching concentrated on sail trim, crew, and steering, all with the aim to get maximum speed from the boats. There was a series of rabbit starts concentrating on upwind tacking, and downwind spinnaker trim. A good day was had by all.

Our Fireball fleet sailed around Dalkey Island on Sunday last - some great sailing! The new club Fireball didn't disappoint on her inaugural outing... sailed by Paul ter Horst and Gabor, she took off at some speed back to DL from the island - the safety boat couldn't keep up!

Dinghy sessions run a number of times per week - booking on the club website - all levels welcome.

Dinghy boat owners who are SID members are also welcome to join the club sessions.

~ Ita O'Farrell, Dinghy Officer
~ Paul ter Horst, Dinghy Captain



TRAINING UPDATE

With support from the Women on Water funding and in partnership with INSS, the organised race training for our women sailors in the club is well underway. Group 1 have their final (postponed) session scheduled this week and Group 2 kicked off their training last week. Kenny Rumball in INSS is sharing his expert knowledge on racing skills and tactics through practical racing sessions on Ruff Diamond. Not surprisingly, we have received great feedback from those attending.

With all this new knowledge and excellent hands on learning, we are looking forward to some great results on the water over the coming months from our women sailors. No pressure ladies!

~ Imelda Casey, Training Officer



SOCIAL UPDATE

We have a number of confirmed events upcoming :

DALKEY ISLAND PICNIC - Sunday, 30 June, departing 10am. Dinghies and keelboats participating. Sail to and from the island, and enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking Dublin Bay! See flyer at the end of this newsletter for further details. Book your place on the club website.

BRAY AIR SHOW - Saturday, 3 August, departing 10am. Limited places available on Mayfly. Online booking is open. Club members who are keelboat owners may also be interested in joining - please contact me directly - 0876728383 - social@sailingindublin.ie

We will have some exciting news coming to you very shortly about a big club event taking place in August! Stay tuned!

~ Ally Orr, PR & Social Officer

The PIETA HOUSE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT fundraising event took place on Saturday 11 May 2024. Organised by our Club Safety Officer Patrick Kinsella (some of us needed saving due to the early start!) the crew met on Silver Wind at 4am donning our headlamps and very strong cups of coffee. A briefing by Patrick got us started, and we departed the marina for Dublin Bay.

Going past the east pier lighthouse, we got a wave from Club Captain Gerry Flaherty and his wife Bernie who had put their walking shoes on to raise some funds!

Out on the bay there were about 20 keelboats, and approx 15 dinghies... we all stayed together just beyond the mouth of the harbour, and circled waiting for the gorgeous sunrise. We weren't disappointed... as the sun rose, bright yellows and oranges danced in the morning sky. Amazing. Worth the early rise, and lack of sleep!

We went back to the marina at about 7am, and Patrick stepped up once again and cooked us all a hearty breakfast! More extra strong coffee and the sun was well and truly up at that stage.

€259 raised.

Thank you to Patrick for organising, along with crew Jess, Ally, Rhona, Jude and Alan. Until next year!

The annual BLESSING OF THE BOATS ceremony took place at Poolbeg Yacht and Boat Club on Sunday 12 May, with SID participation in the event organised by Linda Ffrench. SID's Silver Wind and Ruff Diamond, captained by Linda and Cearbhall, departed from DL and we made our way over to Dublin Port to get blessed (most of us need it!) We arrived at Poolbeg YC, to a sight of a plethora of boats rafted at the pontoons - some chats with sailing friends on other boats, and then we all went inside to get in the spirit of the event, and press the flesh with the men and women of the cloth!

There was a great atmosphere in the club, and after lunch, the Poolbeg Club Commodore said a few words to welcome us all to Poolbeg. Then it was time for what we were all there for - the boat blessing!

The ceremony was officiated by Fr Ivan Tonge from Ringsend, and the rafted boats were blessed along the pontoons. A wreath of honor was then laid at the mouth of the Liffey.

All the DL boats then headed back for home... the weather had taken a bit of a downhill turn and it made for a focused beat back to DL that kept us on our toes! A really great day out, thanks to Linda F for organising!



Mini Cruise to the Isle of Man
by Tony Corbett

Onboard - Tony Corbett, Agnieszka Urbanska, Henrik H, Patricia H and Trisha Mulvin

We stocked up Silver Wind on Thursday night with plenty of provisions - voted on by the crew and organized by Patricia and Henrik. Boat check that same night with all our good food packed away, we then left DL marina looking forward to journey the next day. Patricia H also put together a passage plan on the assumption that the Celtic God Manannán Mac Lir deemed his island to be covered in secrecy and mist as legend related!

We set off at 4am on the 14 hour trip from Dun Laoghaire to Port St Mary (70 NM). Unfortunately all under engine due to the wind gods not co-operating. We arrived Friday night at Port St Mary - due to the low tide, the harbour wall required clever rope work and ladder climbing. We relaxed and waited there until the engine battery was charged.

Saturday evening was a pleasant sail (no engine needed!) piloting through the Calf of Man Sound just in time for the lowered gates and open swing bridge at Peel. Although there was fog overland, the visibility was good, and we got to enjoy a spectacular coastline.

We subsequently got an airlock in one water tanks - ably repaired by Henrik and crew, assisted with some extra instructions from Pierce by phone. We had an ashore visit to the castle, museum and promenade followed by a dinner and meet up with Paul Walsh's 'Rocinante' crew for drinks.

We departed with open gates and HW -2, giving us an early arrival home on Monday morning.

A great experience for all - mileage building, maintenance on the go, 2 hour / 2 crew watch keeping and a night sail recognising lights of cargo and trawler vessels.

Thanks for the photos all, sadly my phone was out of action... the curse of Manannán!

Tony





Dalkey Island Picnic

SAIL TO THE ISLAND!

SID's annual trip to Dalkey Island will take place on Sunday, 30 June 2024. A dinghy and keelboat event, and members who are boat owners are welcome to join the group and sail their own boats to and from the island.

Keelboats will anchor in Dalkey Sound and dinghies will beach at low tide. After landing, the group can then relax, take in the views and enjoy a packed lunch. There will be an option to purchase a lunch or bring your own.

Après lunch, take the opportunity to explore this stunning island.

Dalkey Island is a 25 acre uninhabited piece of land located approx 3km from DL Harbour. This small island is full of history dating back to the Neolithic period. A church, Martello tower, two wells and an array of wildlife are just some of the sights worth taking in. Everyone will be provided with a map and information to aid island exploration!



WHEN & WHERE ETC:

Sunday, 30 June 2024

Dún Laoghaire @ 10am

If you are sailing your own dinghy or keelboat, or would like to order a packed lunch, please email: social@sailingindublin.ie or text 0876728383

Book your place online!

Packed lunch €7 p/p
(or bring your own)



DRUMSHANBO GUNPOWDER IRISH GIN
ROYAL IRISH REGATTA
~ 2024 ~



SATURDAY 29th JUNE

FOOD & DRINK

*Race Entry
on riyc.ie*

Buffet breakfast served from the drawing room. Fuel up before you hit the water from 8am

Packed lunches €10, pre-order available from Catering@riyc.ie

Enjoy a bite to eat on the Terrace from our **Regatta Bar Menu** served 12 to 3pm

Try our signature cocktail **Gunpowder spritz** Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin, fresh Lemon juice topped with Thomas Henry Ginger Beer

Our **Barbecue** will be serving Pizza, Burger, Pig on a spit, Tandoori Chicken, Noodles, Beef Tacos, Vegetarian burger and a selection of fresh salads. From 3 'to 10pm

Gala Dinner, this very popular dinner will sell out fast! Book a table with Catering now, 8pm, €65 per person

ENTERTAINMENT

DRUMSHANBO
GUNPOWDER
IRISH GIN

Prize giving will take place at 6pm on the Deck

4 – 6pm **ACOUSTIC SOUNDS** with Arthur

7 – 8.30pm **TOTALLY 80'S BAND** will rock the deck

9 – 11pm **D2 BAND** dance through a collection of disco covers

11 'till late **DECK TUNES** music to take you to the early hours