



Sidelines

Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter

ITS JULY ALREADY!

It's July already! Where does time go? And where is the elusive summer weather? We have had a few days of sunshine so far, but nothing worth talking about - leaves those of us who haven't booked a spot on a SID cruise this summer somewhat jealous! Speaking of cruises, Natalia and Cearbhall have written about their cruising fun on week 2 and week 4 of the summer schedule for Sidelines - read on to find out what they got up to!

40th Anniversary Event - you have received communication via email and WhatsApp about this event upcoming on 10 August @ 6.30pm in the RSGYC. It should be a great event for current and past members alike, so please show your support for your club and join us in raising a glass and toasting the next 40 years of sailing adventures in SID!

It's regatta season! We have had some great regattas so far - Women at the Helm, DMYC, NYC, RIYC and the RSGYC regatta last weekend with some great fun had at the RSGYC après sail! This weekend sees the Ruffian National Championships taking place over 3 days - we have Ruff Diamond racing each day - wishing all the crews the very best of luck! The Ruffian Nationals dinner takes place in the DMYC this Saturday from 7pm - all welcome. Further details of this event at end of this newsletter and in the club WhatsApp. Bookings close today (10 July) for this event.

Our club ruffian Ruff Diamond, is certainly enjoying her 2024 DBSC racing season - enjoying it so much in fact that RD is lying in 2nd position overall in the Tuesday evening series! Well done to all skippers and crew, and Patricia Heckmann who took RD over the finish line in 1st place!

We have a new buy and sell / freecycle / wanted section available for club members. Do you have any sailing clothes, PFD's, wetsuits, equipment or anything sailing related (boats included!) that you want to sell or pass onto someone else in the club? Or maybe you are on the hunt for something specific at a good price? Send me some details and a photo or two and it will go into the next issues of the newsletter.

We have a number of new members in our club, so featuring again details of your club committee (below) for those that may have missed it previously. As always, we hope our new members are enjoying club life - any questions, just ask Sinead, our Membership Officer, or any of the gang!

Fair winds,
Ally



RSGYC REGATTA APRES SAIL!

SID Committee 2024

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 Keelboat Officer / Nick Miller
 Ruffian Officer / Aoife Hall
 Dinghy Officer / Ita O'Farrell
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6.30pm

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€40 per person

two course buffet menu - please advise any dietary requirements in advance
 click on this email link - social@sailingindublin.ie

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SID CRUISE WEEK 2

Cruise Week 2 - France

On board - Marc, Natalia, Eimear, Tobi, Catherine & Tom

Written by Natalia Niewidok



The crew, Captain Marc, VC Natalia, Tobias, Catherine, had to get up at middle of the night (3am or earlier!) to get the flight to Nantes on Saturday morning. Made it across, and after strengthening with scrumptious pastries at the train station and meeting Tom (who smartly took a flight on Friday and was well rested) we took a short train ride to Pornichet where Patrick was waiting onboard Silver Wind to complete the boat handover. No issues reported! Quick change into shorts and sandals and crew opted for lunch first (remember French eat at set times, if its after 2pm you have no chance for lunch!) and then we sailed to the first destination. We were told Pornic (south east of Pornichet) was well worth the visit by the previous crew and we were not disappointed, gorgeous walk along the shore from marina to the town centre and a castle (Château de Pornic). After a short fret about restaurants being full, we got a table and filled our bellies.

On the next day after a visit to the boulangerie and shopping, we headed out to Île d'Hoëdic (north west) where we dropped the anchor outside Port de la Croix and the boys went for a refreshing swim off the boat. The new dinghy is not only good for carrying baguettes and cider, but also safely brings 6 crew in one go to shore. Gorgeous white sandy beach, dunes, a fort and no people in sight. Short walk lead us to the village with a few restaurants, church, bar and on the other side of the island, the harbour. We couldn't miss the only bar, where we walked into someone's birthday party! A friendly singing contest followed with the French serenading us with 'Le peuple irlandais' (https://lescopainsdubord.fr/?page_id=1237) among others!

They love *Irlande* in Brittany and we love them back.

On Monday after further morning exploration of Hoëdic, we motored over to bigger island Belle-Île-en-Mer, to Le Palais. There if you time it right, the bridge opens and you can stay for the night in the heart of the town. We decided to use the great weather and stayed on land on Tuesday. Baguette and fromage breakfast followed by ice cream all round, and renting bikes to explore the beautiful island. We went to see the rocks famously painted by Monet (Les Aiguilles de Port-Coton), climbed 220 steps up the lighthouse (Phare de Goulphar), swam in the sea (well some of us), and others enjoyed the Plage du Donnant and some the WWII fortifications.

Next morning the departure was a little earlier, to catch the opening of the bridge. We headed to Île d'Houat and anchored at another gorgeous white beach on the south end of the island. Tobi eagerly jumped in to brush Silver Wind and remove the green algae and the rest of us enjoyed a relaxing few hours. The forecast was due for the wind to drop, so we took the dinghy ashore to find a dinner place. Ashore we realised that Silver Wind was the only boat left on anchor and all other boats were sitting on the other side of the coast in much calmer conditions. After short deliberations, Marc and Natalia headed back to move the boat to the calmer bay. Another adventure was to find an open restaurant, Houat was very much pre-season and the last possible place saved us from going to sleep hungry. We celebrated with oysters, *cidre* and lovely desserts.

Next morning we managed to get a walk around Houat before rain setting in. The highlight was the lovely galettes at Cathy's. Back to sailing, the rain getting heavier, the Captain amended the plans and instead of anchoring at another island, we diverted to Trinité-sur-Mer. All grateful to have only a short walk to a restaurant and hot showers in top notch marina facilities.

Friday was the famous Morbihan bay entry, which can be tricky if you are against tide. But if you get your calculations right and timings for Vannes, it seemed easy to enter. We enjoyed the views of the Île-aux-Moines and Île d'Arz navigating between the islands, all covered in forests. The channel to Vannes is quite narrow and shallow but we managed to get in on time and rafted up to another boat. Short walk along the water into a gorgeous medieval town centre, with cathedral, crooked colourful houses and Château de l'Hermine. Only the rain was disrupting the moods, the weather turning irish at the end of the week.

Tobias, Catherine and Tom left on Saturday morning, while Marc, Natalia and Eimear ate their way through another heavenly *boulangerie* haul (La Huche à Pain) and a food market on the streets of Vannes.

Silver Wind was left to wait for the next crew to arrive. Thanks to the hard work on maintenance by many club members and hired electricians, there were no issues to report.

Merci,

Natalia



SID CRUISE WEEK 4

Cruise Week 4 - France

On board - Cearbhall, Loraine, Pascale, Rory, Sinead & Tricia

Written by Cearbhall Daly



MERCI!!!

We picked up Silver Wind in Vannes, a fine medieval town just a short train ride from Nantes. Our week started with some uncertainty as Aer Lingus cancelled our flight home, but thoughts of spending a second week in France were soon dispelled when they rescheduled us to Friday so we just lost one day's sailing.

We set off on Sunday with a two mile motor down the canal that brought us to the Golfe de Morbihan, an inland sea with many islands to explore and some very interesting tidal streams. Our first stop was Île d'Arz, mooring outside the Les Glénans base before spending the day ashore.

On Monday we moved on the Île aux Moins where we hired bikes to explore the island.

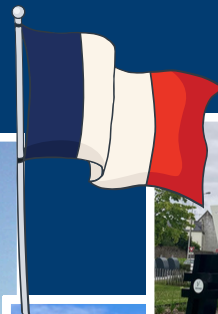
The next day we waved au revoir to Morbihan and sailed out to the Baie de Quiberon, making a lunch stop at the idyllic island of Höedic before berthing for the night in the town centre of Le Palais on Belle Île. Our last stop was then Île de Groix before heading into the busy port of Lorient.

Each island was quite different in its own way, all well worth visiting. Lots of beaches, hiking trails, cycle trails, history, sight-seeing, fine dining, and all in a very relaxed 'island' atmosphere. The winds were light but the blue skies and 24-28 degrees of sunshine more than made up for that.

Thanks to Loraine, Pascale and all the crew for a great week.

Cearbhall

CRUISING PHOTO GALLERY



MESSAGE FROM OUR CRUISING OFFICER

Our delivery crews are in the process of bringing Silver Wind from France back to Ireland. The greatest of thanks to all of our crews and the club sailors involved for taking on these trips and being an integral part of making the SID cruising season such a success. Many of these sailors do it year after year in support of the club.

Wishing the delivery crews fair winds and good sailing for the return leg back to Ireland.

Sonja Masterson
~ Cruising Officer

RUFFIAN NATIONALS DINNER

This Saturday evening, 13 July 2024, 7pm @ DMYC — €40 p/p
You don't have to be a Ruff Diamond racer to attend — open to all!



To book your place, click on button below, or see the SID club WhatsApp group. Text Ally (0876728383) directly if you are going and if sufficient numbers, there will be a SID table. **BOOKINGS CLOSE TODAY - 10 JULY**

(*Note this is not a SID event, organisers are the Irish Ruffian Association and DMYC)

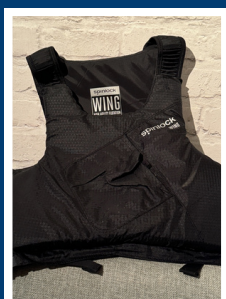
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