



OCTOBER — THE CLOCKS GO BACK!

It's that time of year again. Time to put away the t-shirts until next year, and dust off the salopettes, offshore jackets and beanie hats. But don't let the drop in temperature put you off getting out on the water. SID is one of the very few clubs in Ireland that sails right through the winter months. Winter sailing is the lesser appreciated side of our sport, and some get put off by the bad weather and colder conditions - but as the old saying goes - "there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad sailing gear!" Along with some a good quality salopettes and jacket, layers are the key to keeping warm out on the water during the winter months. And my own personal favourite, insulated boots with neoprene socks!

As well as pleasure sailing, racing also continues during the winter, and we will have some of our dinghies participating in the DMYC Viking Marine Frostbite series, along with Mayfly taking part in the DBSC Turkey Shoot series.

Dare I mention Christmas in October? Sure why not! SID members will have two festive events to look forward to again this year:

Saturday 7 Dec - SID Christmas Party - Doheny & Nesbitts

Saturday 14 Dec - Linda's Mulled Wine and Mince Pies - SID keelboats, Dún Laoghaire Marina

[Booking details for both events to follow.](#)

Speaking of SID social events - we celebrated 40 years of SID with a dinner in the National Yacht Club on Friday 27 Sept. Thank you to the NYC, our terrific speakers, and all the current and past members who attended - a nostalgic and enjoyable evening was had by all! More event details further on.

Sadly Maeve Dolan, one of our long standing members and friend to many, passed away last week. She will be very much missed by all who knew her at SID. Our sincere condolences to all her family and friends at this difficult time.

Ally Orr

~ PR and Social Officer

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The AGM marks a point in the year where we look back over what has been, but more importantly it marks a point in the year where we think of what is yet to come. We put the mishaps of last year behind us and look forward to trying to avoid the ones yet to happen, or not hopefully.

The various club officers will be putting together the plans for the various sections under their responsibility, keelboats, dinghies, cruising, racing of all types and of course safety. Maintenance plans over the winter period is a critical catch up time prior to the spring and summer seasons starting. RD is now out of the water and as usual will require some TLC the same as any elderly lady would. Plans are being put in place to improve the racing ability of RD, and following the make over last year we hope to improve the race placings next year, not just look pretty.

So should any of you want to lend a hand to any of the section officers see the list of names below. Contact details on the website.

Dermot Avery

~ Club Chairperson

2024 / 2025 SID COMMITTEE

Chairperson / Dermot Avery

Treasurer / Patricia Mulvin

Keelboat Secretary / Patricia Heckmann

Dinghy Secretary / Paul ter Horst

Safety Secretary / Patrick Kinsella

Membership Secretary / Jude Machado

Cruising Officer / Sonja Masterson

Maintenance Officer / Pierce O'Broin

Public Relations & Social Officer / Ally Orr

Dinghy Maintenance Officer / Pat McGoldrick

Guest Liason Officer / Gerry Flaherty

Training Officer / Natalia Niewidok

Ruffian Officer / Eimear Ní Mhéalóid

Keelboat Maintenance Sub-Committee

Pierce O'Broin, Henrik Heckmann, Niall Milton, Nessa Winston, Ally Orr

Cruising Sub-Committee

Sonja Masterson, Natalia Niewidok, Eimear Ní Mhéalóid, Nick Miller

Notes:

Treasurer

Patricia Mulvin to take over in Jan 2025, Maria Browne in place until then

MAINTENANCE

With the summer over and the winter racing fast approaching, it's maintenance time!

Mayfly is being tweaked into a high performance racing machine and Silver Wind is getting some post cruise TLC - while Ruff Diamond will need to be winterized and repaired and the clubhouse needs patching and tidying.

There will be maintenance days where we pitch in as a group and no experience is necessary. Sometimes there's even cake...

Join the maintenance WhatsApp group to get involved!

You can also help by reporting anything you notice that needs attention, or even any suggestions for improvement. If we don't know about it we can't fix it.

Email keelboatmaintenance@sailingindublin.ie or post in the keelboat or maintenance WhatsApp groups.

Many thanks to all those who give up their time to keep our boats floating.

Pierce O'Broin

~ Maintenance Officer



CLUB MERCHANDISE

Our club merchandise store is now closed.
We will re-open it again at a future date, so watch this space!



Members can still order the SID branded McWilliam bag. Small, medium and large sizes are available. Pricing is €70 / €75 / €80 respectively. There will be the SID logo on one side and members can opt to have their name also embroidered on the bag. If our collective club order exceeds 20 bags, we can avail of a 10% discount, so if you are interested, please text Ally @ 0876728383. Payment and shipping for the bags will be directly through McWilliam Bags.



40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

1984 - 2024 - 40 years of SID. Something each and every past and current member should be proud of. We have all contributed to the success of the club in some way or another over the four decades.

Something to celebrate certainly, which we did, on Friday 27 September at The National Yacht Club.

Current and past members gathered together after the club AGM for dinner and nostalgia! The celebration began with a prosecco reception where new and past members got acquainted and re-acquainted. Some of the AGM attendees couldn't stay for the dinner, so they enjoyed a glass of bubbly and some good conversation with new and old friends. Dinner began shortly after 8pm, where the NYC treated us to a delicious three course dinner. We enjoyed some superb words from both Stuart and Dermot - thank you to both for some really enjoyable listening, and to Stuart for some very interesting insights and a visual presentation showing SID's history from it's small beginnings to the current day.

It was great to meet some of the past members and in some cases put faces to the names for those that hadn't yet met. Of course some encouragement was offered for them to re-join SID - watch this space!

Here's to another 40 successful years of SID, and for now we will all continue to enjoy what our great club has to offer.



KEELBOATS

Hi everyone. It looks like a busy sailing and social season ahead for the keelboats. Thanks to all the Captains and Vice Captains for organising so many regular day sails, evening sails and practice sessions. All great experiences.

The DBSC Turkey Shoot series begins on Sunday 3 November for 7 weeks, weather permitting. Crews have already been allocated from the survey that was sent out and reserve lists are in place - please see spreadsheet in the club WhatsApp groups. If you are interested in being added to the reserve list, please contact me.

The Beneteau 31.7 class dinner is on in the RSGYC on November 28th at 7pm - bookings can be made [here](#). Details are also in the racing and keelboat WhatsApp groups.

As a new Keelboat Secretary I welcome all feedback and ideas. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fair winds!

Patricia Heckmann
~ Keelboat Secretary

DINGHIES

Regular club dinghy sessions are continuing and all club members are welcome to join. We have something for everyone with Fusions for the more novice sailor and those interested in single handed sailing, and Vagos and Fireballs for the more intermediate and advanced sailors. We aim to get spinnakers flying as often as possible, so it's a great opportunity to fine tune your spinnaker skills!

Wetsuits and buoyancy aids are all available to borrow from the SID clubhouse if you don't have your own.

Practice sessions for the DMYC Frostbite racing series are also continuing for those registered to race - the series begins on Sunday 3 November.



Paul ter Horst
~ Dinghy Secretary

TRAINING

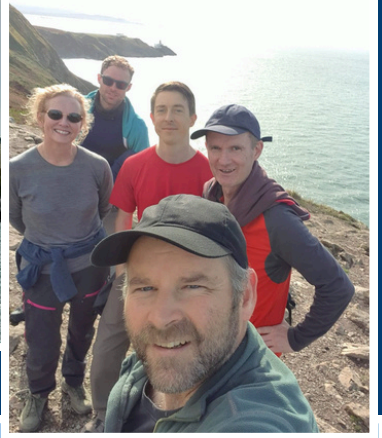
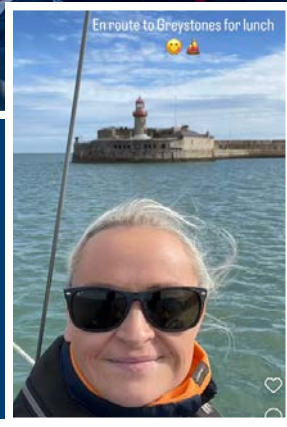
First Aid course provided by Venture Safe is taking place on Sunday 19 January 2025 - please reach out to me directly to book. Looking for 3 more members to fill the required number of 8 for the course to go ahead. We are also receiving a discounted price for a group booking, so it would be great to fill the spaces.

Details of the course are on the provider website - www.venturesafe.ie

Natalia Niewidok
~ Training Officer



PHOTO GALLERY



REMEMBERING MAEVE DOLAN

They say you don't get to know somebody unless you have lived with them. The nearest next thing to that is spending time on a boat in close quarters with someone. In July 2021 I had the pleasure of Maeve being a member of a crew on Silver Wind going from Dingle and finishing in Rossaveal in Galway. The cruise was a memorable one, visiting Fenit, Kilrush, and Inishmor. We enjoyed both the sailing and walking on the various stops along the way. Maeve had a way of cutting your ego down to size when needed. She had a way of turning a phrase or saying, into a memorable expression. Always a conversationalist she enjoyed the banter with the crew and was well read given the scope of the discussions that went on. Maeve had a long history with sailing going back to her days in Glenans, where she would have met other members that later joined SID. As well as cruising, Maeve went on daysails frequently and will be remembered by a wide number of fellow sailors.

We in SID send our condolences to her family and friends on this sad passing.

Foam is white and waves are grey, beyond the sunset leads my way.

Foam is salt, the wind is free, I hear the rising of the sea.

Ar dheis dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

SID Chair,

Dermot





CHRISTMAS AT SID

**7TH
DEC**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
DOHENY &
NESBITTS**

**14TH
DEC**

**LINDA'S MULLED
WINE & MINCE PIES
DL MARINA**

BOOKING DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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