

# SIDelines

## Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter



### NOVEMBER - WINTER IS ROLLING IN...

It's November. Not long now until we will all be sitting down for the turkey and roast potatoes! The November weather has been great so far, unseasonably warm with some good sailing winds. Make the most of this weekend though as we will have more November-like weather from this Monday onwards as an arctic front hovers over Ireland.

Don't let the cold stop you sailing though, dust off the oilies and dig out the layers and woolly hats! As well as the usual club daysails continuing, the DMYC Frostbite and DBSC Turkey Shoot racing series are both in full swing. Members are welcome to get involved, although they have been very popular and it's possible it's just reserve place options now available.

Booking for our two SID 2024 Christmas events opened during the week.

Booking details are in your inbox, club WhatsApp or click on the live links below...

**Saturday 7 Dec** - [SID Christmas Party](#) - Doheny & Nesbitts. 7pm 'til late. €30 p/p

**Saturday 14 Dec** - [Linda's Mulled Wine and Mince Pies](#) - SID Keelboats, DL Marina. 2pm - 4.15pm. €12 p/p



Sonja Masterson organised for a number of SID members to attend a very interesting talk on cruising to Scotland and Norway last Sunday. 20+ SIDers made their way to the Wicklow Wolf Brewery for the talk and enjoyed some brewery beer and pizza whilst listening - a great evening was had by all. More from Sonja further on.

Patricia Heckmann, our Keelboat Secretary is encouraging our Mayfly sailors to attend the Beneteau 31.7 class dinner which is on in the RSGYC on Thursday November 28th at 7pm - bookings can be made [here](#)

A very warm SID welcome to all our recent new members, hope you are all getting involved in club life and enjoying all that SID has to offer. To all the very new and nearly new members alike, join us at the club social events coming up in December, it's a great way to meet other club members!

Ally Orr  
~ PR and Social Officer



### KEELBOAT PRACTICE SESSIONS

There have been a number of keelboat practice sessions over the last number of weeks. These sessions are open to all, and aim to offer members the opportunity to practice a range of skills on SID keelboats - to name but a few; MOB, boat handling, coming alongside and berthing. Some join the sessions to keep skills fresh, some are beginning to learn, and others are heading towards in-club assessments. All members are welcome to join. They are approx 3 hours long, and for the most part take place in the harbour area, although some sessions go out to the bay. Our man overboard dummy "SIDney" does tireless work during these sessions!

Thanks to club Captains Gerry Flaherty, Elizabeth O'Gorman, Sonja Masterson, Pierce O'Broin and Patrick Kinsella who have given their time to facilitate these sessions for members so far.

## CRUISING

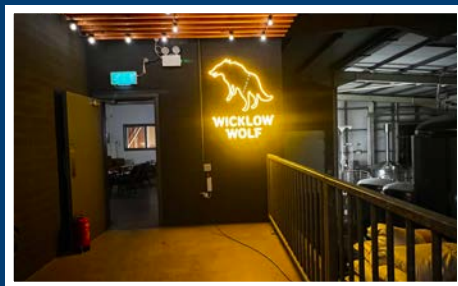
If winter sailing in Ireland wasn't enough, the interest in taking to the water in even higher latitudes from the 20 plus members that showed up to a talk in the Wicklow Wolf brewery's venue and tasting room showed there's an appetite for it in SID. We were given a slideshow and Q&A session in mid November on sailing in Norway by Adrian's friend Asley Glover. Ash took us through the planning considerations and timing for a route on 'Alacrity' through the Caledonian Canal (3 to 5 days) and over to Bergen (2.5 days) in Norway. The style of tying up was briefly covered, plus the nature of yacht mooring locations and what you'd expect to find there, or not (as the locations are often remote from tourism hubs). The lack of shops and restaurants seems to be more than made up for in scenery, and other friendly sailors. So pack a good camera and a good cook! Only 3 days weathered out in 8 weeks of sailing is a great ratio and whetted the appetite for the destination. Thanks to Ash and Wicklow Wolf for a great evening out!

### Irish Sailing Cruising Meeting

SID members were invited to meeting on Saturday 9 November organised by the new IS cruising policy group. It was an open forum to allow priority issues to be raised by members of the cruising community, with the plan to try and deal with them as a joint force with the help of IS. It was a really well run brainstorming session by a facilitator, at the end of which the following three issues were identified as the current greatest priorities for cruisers:

- Hazard posed by poorly marked and poorly laid lobster pots
- Lack of leisure marine facilities at regular intervals around the Irish coast
- Difficulty in accessing marine services at locations around Ireland

Sonja Masterson  
~ Cruising Officer



## TRAINING

We are looking for input as how we can continue our training offering for club members, with options that are a good fit for the skills and experience that lie within our club.

Members are asked to have their say, and complete a training survey (closes this Monday 18 Nov) to give an insight in what training has been achieved already, and what members would like to be offered going forward. SID is not an Irish Sailing Training Centre, but we will be offering training in the form of external providers, and continuing with our in-house coaching specific to our own club boat fleets.

Survey link [here](#)

Natalia Niewidok  
~ Training Officer



## MERCHANDISE

Due to popular demand, the SID club merchandise shop has re-opened, but it will close again on 17 November, so get your orders in for those Christmas presents! Order [here](#)

McWilliam SID branded bags are still also available. See club communications for details.



# PHOTO GALLERY

