

# SIDelines

## Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter



### NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

New years resolutions anyone? How about one that will actually still be in place by February...

Increase your time on the water, and plan to go sailing more often in 2025! We are one of the very few clubs in the country that sail all year round and our fleet of boats are out sailing a number of times each week, so you have no excuse not to get out there and enjoy the outdoors! Don't let the cold put you off - plenty of layers and thermals will keep you warm, and that après sail hot cuppa is always something to look forward to!

It may be winter, but we have plenty going on in Sailing in Dublin Club - the DBSC Spring Chicken series starts this weekend, if you haven't signed up already, see details below, or go to club WhatsApp racing group. On the dinghy side of things, we have the DMYC Frostbite racing series ongoing - there have been some race cancellations in recent weeks due to the weather, but racing continues until March, so still time to participate and get involved. Aside from all the racing activity, we have our regular daysails on both the dinghy and keelboat sides, and all members are welcome to sign up - some of these sessions also involve berthing practice, MOB, and maneuvers, so if you would like to fine tune your skills, don't be shy, book your spot onboard!

Henrik Heckmann is hosting a "Seize and Whip" workshop on Thursday 6 Feb @ 6.30pm in the DMYC. Numbers limited to 7 people, so grab your spot quick! This is a very useful skill to have, so one to join if you have the time. More info on SID club group email.

Our SID clubhouse over in the coal harbour is in need of some TLC - so we are putting a team of avengers together to tidy up and do some maintenance. All those with cleaning OCD are particularly welcome! :) We will have a day or two in Feb / March set aside for this purpose, dates TBC, with a light bite on-site afterwards to say a small thank you to everyone for all their hard work.

Fair winds,  
Ally



### KEELBOATS



Happy New Year! The 2025 DBSC Spring Chicken Series kicks off this weekend. If you are joining the racing fun, don't forget €5 per person payable on the day to the captain!

An expression of interest has been sent to all club members by email and also by WhatsApp to gauge the level of interest in participating in the ISORA and also in the Volvo 2025 Dun Laoghaire Regatta. More information on the events here - [ISORA](#) and [Volvo 2025 Dun Laoghaire Regatta](#) (July 10th to 13th). Please email me [here](#) if you are interested in getting involved.

Mayfly has also had some work done on her tiller - a reduction in size to allow for more cockpit room. Thanks to Dermot Avery for organising.

Patricia Heckmann  
~ Keelboat Secretary

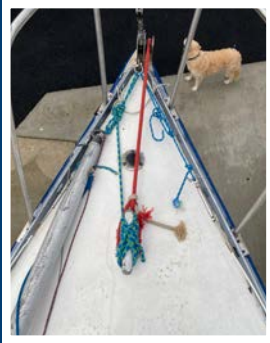
## RUFFIAN

Our fabulous lady Ruff Diamond will be back in the water in springtime - she is currently on the hard over on the coal harbour, and has already received some winter TLC, namely a brand new pulpit (thanks to Dermot, Craig and Henrik). She will have a few more upgrades done to her before the April lift in, and will be ready for daysails and racing.

Hoping to enter RD into the Volvo Regatta in Summer 2025, so if you are interested in taking part, please send me an email with your expression of interest. A full survey will go out closer to the racing season.

Email your expression of interest for Ruffian racing in the Volvo Regatta [here](#)

Eimear Ní Mhéalóid  
~ Ruffian Officer



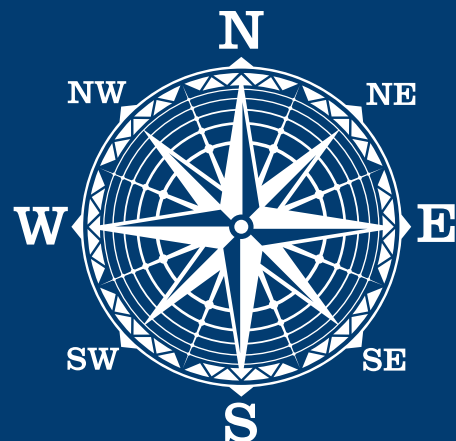
## TRAINING

We now have 16 members that have completed the first aid course with VentureSafe. If there are any members interested in taking the course on 30th March, please email me [here](#) (8 people needed).

There are 13 members signed up for an RYA Day Skipper theory course in March with Waverides (a Northern Ireland based school), which will be taking place in the DMYC. Waverides have organized extra numbers for SID members and the instructor will travel to Dun Laoghaire to facilitate.

Best of luck to all the participants!

Natalia Niewidok  
~ Training Officer



## SAFETY

Mentioned before, but always worth mentioning again!

Engine Checks: I don't WOBBLE any more. We used to be told that the daily engine check should cover WOBBLE: Water, Filter, Oil, Belt Tension, Bilge (for leaks), Levels (coolant), and Electrics plus Exhaust. Then they added D for diesel (make sure you have enough fuel). Now more of us are making it I-WOBBLED. We start by isolating the engine - turning off the batteries, so no-one on deck can accidentally start the engine while our hands are in there. Remember to turn the switches back when you're finished, and maybe check the battery meter too.

Safe sailing!

Patrick Kinsella  
~ Safety Officer





# PHOTO GALLERY

