



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As we look at the winter slipping astern, and look forward to the spring and summer sailing season approaching, with possibly a week or more of cruising thrown in, it's a good time to think about renewing your membership at SID.

The racing has already started with the DBSC Spring Chicken and DMYC Frostbites in full swing, and there is a whole lot more being planned for the summer months.

Behind the scenes there is lots happening with the various subgroups: Maintenance, Cruising, Training, New Boat Procurement, and with the SID Committee working on your behalf.

We hope, once the weather picks up, to clear out the SID clubhouse and give more space to the areas required for changing etc. We are going to spread this over two days - and dates are looking like Friday 7 March, and Saturday 8 March.

The club also intend to have a place in the DL Saint Patrick's Day Parade, currently in the planning, but likely to be a number of dinghies with SID members.

If anybody wishes to get more involved in the club activities please get in touch with a member of the committee listed below.

Dermot Avery
~ SID Chairperson

SID 2025 COMMITTEE

Chairperson / Dermot Avery
Keelboat Secretary / Patricia Heckmann
Dinghy Secretary / Paul ter Horst
Safety Secretary / Patrick Kinsella
Treasurer / Patricia Mulvin
Membership Secretary / Jude Machado
Maintenance Officer / Pierce O'Broin
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Social Events Officer / Ally Orr
Training Officer / Natalia Niewidok
Ruffian Officer / Eimear Ní Mhéalóid
Cruising Officer / Sonja Masterson
Guest Relations Officer / Gerry Flaherty
Dinghy Maintenance Officer / Pat McGoldrick



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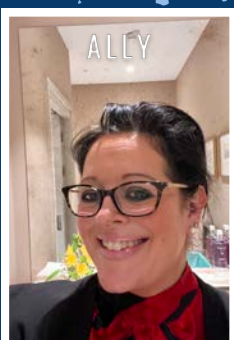
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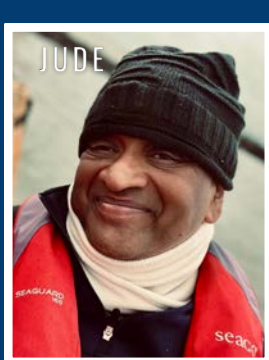
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CRUISING

Spring is here, weather is improving, and it's that time of year again! There are some mini cruises booked into the SID calendar which some members may be interested in joining. Additional details including booking details are on the club website.

Dinner Mini Cruise

1 night - dinner in Wicklow
28 February

Navigation Practice Mini Cruise

8 - 9 March

Mini Cruise

28 - 30 March

Easter Mini Cruise (FULL)

18 - 21 April

Bank Holiday Mini Cruise

2 - 5 May



Meanwhile the summer cruise calendar is almost finalised, so keep an eye out to get your name down for your preferred week.

Sonja Masterson

~ Cruising Officer

KEELBOAT AND RUFFIAN UPDATE

March is nearly upon us and hopefully a change in the weather. The 2025 DBSC Spring Chicken Series has gotten off to a disappointing start with 3 of the first 4 races cancelled. There is strong interest in the [Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta](#) and it is expected both Mayfly and Ruff Diamond will be entered. A poll for availability will be coming out shortly. There is also strong interest in the [ISORA](#) series; the poll is closing for races shortly.

A big call out to the maintenance crew for keeping us safely on the water – volunteers still welcome I believe. There is on-going work on all the boats with a special mention this month for Ruff Diamond, with her new winches and soon, I believe, a set of spinnaker winches.

Thanks also to members who checked lines and re-tied boats in advance of, and during, the recent stormy weather.

Patricia Heckmann & Eimear Ní Mhéalóid

~ Keelboat Secretary & Ruffian Captain

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Club Captain Elizabeth O’Gorman who recently achieved her Yachtmaster. A prestigious award - well done Elizabeth!

We have a number of events happening in SID over the next couple of months - all members are welcome to get involved, with a particular shout out to our new members as it’s a great opportunity to meet other (new and not so new) club members. See below for details and links to book etc.

SID Clubhouse Clean Up

Friday 7 March & Saturday 8 March



Ahead of a busy summer sailing season, we are going to give some TLC to our clubhouse in the Coal Harbour. It will involve tidying up, cleaning, and some light maintenance work. Some light bites and refreshments will be available after all the hard work! Add yourself into the [Clubhouse Clean Up](#) WhatsApp group in the SID community if you would like to get involved.

St Patrick's Day Dún Laoghaire Parade

Monday 17 March



SID has an opportunity to join the DL St Patrick’s Day Parade this year - we hope to pull 1-2 branded dinghies and SID members will walk alongside. The route is short, from Sandycove to Viking Marine. SID participation in the parade is number dependent however, so if you would like to get involved, please add yourself into the [St Patrick’s Day Parade](#) WhatsApp group in the SID community.

Goat Boat Tour

Sunday 6 April

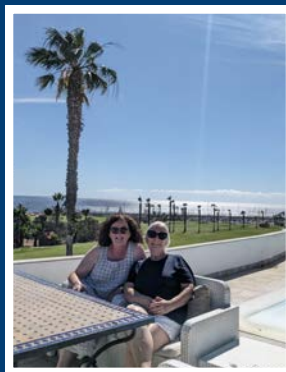


SID member Ed Ruane is a one half of [Goat Boat Tours](#) and has very kindly offered 10 complimentary places on a boat tour at 11am on Sunday 6 April. If this date suits you, and you are interested in being added to the draw list for a chance to win a place, please send an email social@sailingindublin.ie. 10 places are available, and 10 reserve places.

More tour info here - www.goatboat.ie

Ally Orr

~ Social and PR Officer



TRAINING

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!

[Club Policies](#) - for all Captains, VC’s and members - several club policies are in the process of being updated, some of which are complete and available to view on the club website [here](#)

Natalia Niewidok

~ Training Officer

PHOTO GALLERY

