

SIDelines

Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter



SUMMER SAILING SEASON IS NEARLY HERE!

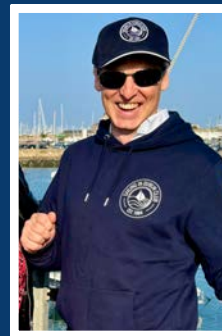
It's that time of year again - time to renew your SID membership to enjoy another 12 months of club sailing! The club committee have kept the membership fee at the same rate of €390 this year, and all membership fees are due by 31 March - please see email sent to all members and contact Jude, the Membership Secretary, if you have any queries. With renewals for another year in mind, it's a good time to remind our members that we have so much to offer in SID - keelboat and dinghy sailing, racing, cruising, and opportunities for involvement in boat maintenance and upkeep, to name but a few. Fair to say that €390 for 12 months club access is great value.

Club lift-ins will be taking place across Dun Laoghaire during the month of April, and once this happens, the summer sailing season will start with a bang! DBSC racing begins for the season at the end of April, and there will be a number of separate regattas taking place over the summer - as always SID will be involved, and Patricia, Eimear and Paul will be sending regular updates in this regard. Along with regular club sailing, and as the sun sets later, evening sails will also recommence, and not to mention the plenty of other activities happening such as Pieta Darkness into Light sail, the Blessing of the Boats at Poolbeg and the Bray Air Show. Keep an eye on club communications and website for details.

There are a number of items of club merchandise available that were used as samples - these are being offered a very attractive 20% discount to club members. Contact me directly [here](#) if you are interested. Club merch showcased by our club model Craig below!

The Goat Boat Tour takes place on Sunday 6 April at 11am departing from Dun Laoghaire - winners and reserve names have now been drawn and notified - well done to all the winners, and enjoy the tour!

Ally Orr
~ Social and PR Officer



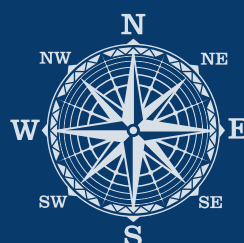
CRUISING

Please see your email for the much anticipated 2025 cruising schedule, and join the SID Cruising WhatsApp group to keep up to date on all the cruising news!

SID members will have 13 weeks of cruising through the lovely coastlines of Brittany, Cornwall and west Devon, and our own Southwest Ireland to choose from. Also encompassing a few days cruise-in-company with 18 other Irish boats on the Celtic Revival Cruise - you'll need your sea shanties ready me hearties!

There are also 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.

Sonja Masterson
~ Cruising Officer



KEELBOAT UPDATE

March has arrived with blue skies and wind – perfect sailing weather. Lots of day sails happening and some short cruises in planning.

The 2025 DBSC Spring Chicken Series got off to a disappointing start with 4 of the first 6 races cancelled so a 7th race was scheduled for Sunday 23rd - this took place in rather windy conditions, and marked the end of the Spring Chicken Series and a tenth place overall for Mayfly! There is strong interest in the [Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta](#) and the crew list will be sent around shortly. The poll is now closed. The [ISORA](#) crew list was sent out already. The ISORA races are all paid up. Anyone who joins from the reserves on any race can sent the €10 to me directly.

I have had a few queries from new members on how they know when a new session is added – on the website on the [MEMBERS](#) tab you can complete your profile and select what updates you want to receive about sailing sessions. Also anyone can set up a session if they wish and flag in the keelboat chat if they need a Captain or Vice-captain to sign up.

A big call out to the maintenance crew for keeping us safely on the water – volunteers still welcome I believe. Contact the club Maintenance Officer, Pierce O'Broin, or just join the Whatsapp group.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon on or off the water.
Fair winds!

Patricia Heckmann
~ Keelboat Secretary



CLUB ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER NEWS

SID Clubhouse Clean Up

Over two days, a number of club volunteers assembled to give some much needed TLC to our clubhouse in the Coal Harbour. A large number of items that had built over time and were no longer needed were re-purposed, recycled or binned. Shelving and floors were cleaned and the clubhouse was made into a brighter, cleaner space with much more room, ready for the summer season! Dermot will be installing more shelves, and when the weather gets a bit warmer phase two of the project will involve exterior painting of the clubhouse. Watch this space!

Thank you to all the volunteers (and Jasper the team leader) who showed up to join the teams over the two days - your time was very much appreciated.

Rope Ends Whipping and Seizing Sessions

Affectionately named “stitch and bitch” 😊 - Henrik Heckmann ran two of these practical sessions over the last number of weeks that both took place in the DMYC. Some very useful skills were learned by all who attended, and a new found hobby for some! No doubt the SID ropes will be kept in tip top shape with all the attendees practicing their new found skills over the coming months. Thank you to Henrik for hosting these excellent sessions and providing all the materials so members could practice the art. There may be more of these very popular sessions upcoming, so keep an eye on club communications from Henrik for details.

Ruffian Upgrades

During March, the dynamic duo of Henrik Heckmann and Craig Meskell got together and took on the task of installing new spinnaker winches on Ruff Diamond - this was a job that took the lads blood, sweat and tears, and 4+ hours of their time - well done both! Before racing season begins, another major job - the spinnaker and genoa halyards will also be replaced by the duo. Some other major upgrades and repairs have also taken place over the winter - the pulpit has been replaced to make it more bow person friendly, damage to the bow has been repaired and the hull has also been antifouled - plenty of hours involved, thanks to Dermot Avery and Pierce O'Broin.

The most well looked after Ruffian in Dun Laoghaire and fantastic work all - I'm sure the Ruffian racers will be at the ready to buy you all a pint or three over the summer to say thanks!



Bon Voyage to Marc Sweeney

One of our longstanding Club Captains, and past club Chairman Marc Sweeney this month jetted off across the Atlantic to relocate to a new city stateside. Marc was a stalwart in the club for 10 years, and anyone who has sailed with him, will very fondly remember his unique captaining style that brought great sailing, fun and very memorable days on the water! Wishing you all the very best Marc, and success with your future endeavours across the pond. Don't be a stranger, and we will look forward to seeing you on a SID boat soon, albeit if only for a flying visit.



PHOTO GALLERY

