

Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter



THE TEMPERATURE IS HOTTING UP!

This week the weather looks like the kind of summer weather we all pray to the sun gods for! So get out there and make the most of it on the water - we have some day and evening sails happening this week, along with a bank holiday mini cruise skippered by Gerry Flaherty... and.... drum roll... on Tuesday the inaugural SID sail of our new keelboat Spiral Moon! Exciting times! More from Dermot Avery on our new boat below.

All the Dun Laoghaire keelboats are lifted back in the water now, and the first week of DBSC racing took place last week. Pat McGoldrick and Marta Anzillotti had a win in one of the club Fireballs, and Ruff Diamond is out there strutting her stuff with all her shiny new upgrades! Best of luck to all the racers this season but most of all, enjoy the racing.



On **Saturday 10 May** - the annual **Pieta House Darkness into Light** event is taking place. It's a very early start, but always worth it to see the sun rising out on the bay and to support a good cause. Boats from all the clubs get involved, and typically sail in a fleet just beyond the harbour mouth. Back to Silver Wind then for some breakfast on board. Sign up on the website if you would like to be part of it this year. A Captain is needed for the sail to go ahead however, so if any Captains are available...

Saturday 10 May is also cleaning and maintenance day on Silver Wind before she departs for France. The more the merrier, so sign up on the website to get involved. Sonja has even promised cake for all the hard workers!

Ally Orr
~ Social and PR Officer



NEW BOAT - SPIRAL MOON

It is with great excitement that SID has taken possession (finally) of a new cruising boat. The purchase was facilitated by way of funding from the capital grants programme. The selection committee spent a considerable amount of time in meeting and looking at various boats before making a decision on a 2005 Sun Odyssey 43ft, with the beautiful name of **Spiral Moon**. We are the third owner of this boat and it has been meticulously maintained by the previous owners, and we would hope to keep it that way. Over the next number of weeks and months we will introduce the captains and VC's to the boat as part of an induction program to be able to manage the boat and crews safely. We also hope to use the boat in the latter part of the cruising season on the south and west coasts. Spiral Moon will need to be fitted out with a number of safety items and also undergo some minor maintenance before going into full service as a day sail boat and for cruising. The boat is berthed in SB09 and can be viewed whenever you are in the marina. A mini cruise is planned for the May bank holiday with some of those involved in the boat selection to test out the boat and highlight any deficiencies for cruising.

In relation to training there are a number of differences to Silver Wind, namely, in mast furling and an electric winch to aid furling of the sails. Other differences are three separate sleeping compartments, TV, microwave, radar, two heads, and Wi-Fi if we choose to buy a monthly card. So all in all, a definite step up in comfort for cruising. Hopefully Spiral Moon will be with us for many years to come.



Dermot Avery
~ Club Chairperson

CRUISING

Silver Wind cruising season is booking up! The schedule is 90% full, so get your name to the captain if you want to book one of the remaining spaces. Silver Wind is a great boat to get familiar with cruising on before members start crewing on our new larger cruise boat.

Also, remember to renew your membership, as I already see bookings falling off the sessions which happens if you haven't renewed your membership.

Before she heads off to France, there's a cleaning and maintenance day down for **May 10th**. There's lots to be done, so if you can even spare a few hours at some time during the day, sign up, drop down to the marina and pitch in.

Sonja Masterson
~ Cruising Officer



CLUB ACTIVITIES AND MEMBER NEWS

Day Skipper Theory



Congratulations to the SID members that have completed the RYA Day Skipper theory course!

Long hours over two weekends in the DMYC and plenty of study at home for an exam and our gang all qualified with flying colours! Thanks to Natalia for organising, the DMYC for the use of the small bar in the clubhouse, and to Hugh Poore from Waverides as course instructor.

Goat Boat Tour



The Goat Boat Tour took place on Sunday 6 April at 11am - what a morning! The weather wasn't the kindest, but the tour was very much enjoyed by all - Ed Ruane showed us the sights of the Bay and gave us some in-depth and interesting history. "Billy" the Redbay Goat Boat RIB sliced smoothly through the chop and for the speed demons we picked up some good 300hp speed on the way back to Dun Laoghaire! Some photos and video footage of the tour on club social media channels (thank you to Gabor Hannel for the great footage) If you are looking for a tour of the Bay, look no further - check out www.goatboat.ie

Membership

For all members who are continuing with their membership this year, the Membership Secretary has requested that all dues are settled as soon as possible. As per club rules, no sailing (including cruising) is permitted until fees are paid in full. See email for more details on how to pay.

KEELBOAT NEWS

The 2025 [ISORA](#) Series got off to a windy start. Three races completed, and well done to all the crews in some challenging conditions. The ISORA races are all paid up. Anyone who joins from the reserves on any race should send the €10/race directly to me. The crew list has been sent around for the [Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta](#) and payment for racing is also being done in advance. Anyone who joins from the reserves on any race day can also send the €15/day directly to me for this event. Enjoy the racing!

Patricia Heckmann
~ Keelboat Secretary

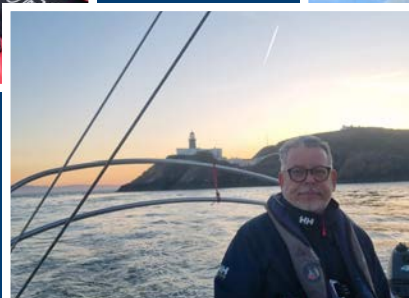
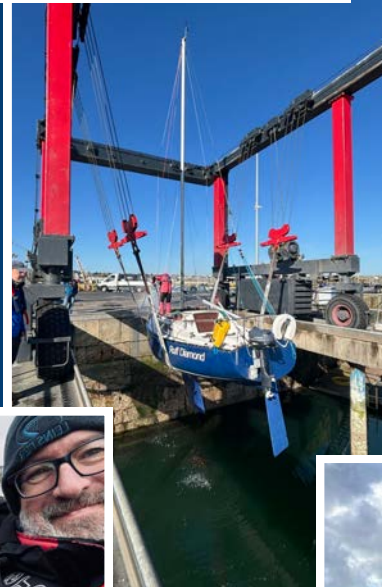
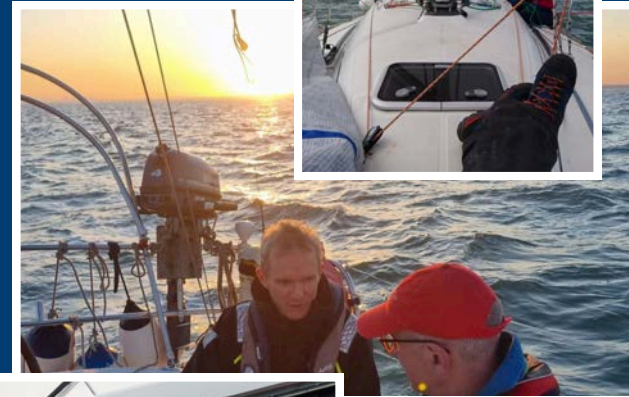


Ruffian racing in DBSC started again on 26th April and is now in full swing on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The boat is in tip top shape and all lines and equipment in order thanks to the efforts of the diligent maintenance team.

The racers are looking forward to a lively summer including bigger events such as the DL Volvo Regatta. Watch this space...

Eimear Ní Mhéalóid
~ Ruffian Officer

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