

SIDelines

Sailing in Dublin Club Newsletter



AUTUMN IS HERE...

Where has the year gone?! We will be talking about Christmas parties again soon enough... which believe it or not, we are already! The SID Christmas events take place in December each year for those that are new to the club, and shortly we have an update on this year's festive plan! But... before all of that... we will have our SID AGM on the Friday 3 October in the Royal St George Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire. The AGM starts at 7pm, with dinner in the club afterwards at 8.30pm at a cost of €42.50 per person - book your place [here](#)

We would be delighted for as many of you to come along as possible - it's a chance for you to hear about what has been happening at SID in 2025 and what we have in mind for the future at your club, and also an opportunity to have your say. All current members can attend the AGM, and members and guests are welcome at the dinner.

Don't let the fact that colder weather is on the way put you off getting out on the water. SID is one of just a few clubs in Dun Laoghaire that remain active on the water over winter. Ruff Diamond comes out of the water for the winter months in October, but Spiral Moon, Silver Wind, Mayfly and the dinghies will all be available for daysails, plus there are some mini-cruises also planned.

The SID dinghies participate in the DMYC Frostbite series which starts on the 2 November this year and runs each Sunday (weather permitting) until March / April. Club Dinghy Officer, Paul ter Horst has some sessions set up so members can get some practice in on our Fireballs ahead of the frostbites, so get in touch if you are interested. The DMYC Frostbites are always something to look forward to every winter... it's a very popular activity every Sunday with après sail gatherings in the DMYC bar and prizegiving's each week and at the end of each of the two series! www.DMYC.ie

THE DBSC Turkey Shoot and Spring Chicken series will also run through winter, with Mayfly likely taking part - more details to follow closer to the dates. The DBSC are also running a competition for your best photos from the 2025 racing season - email them to Sabrina [here](#) for a chance to win a brand new life jacket!

Wishing you all fair winds and calm seas until the next edition,

Ally Orr
~ Social and PR Officer



MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CHAIRPERSON

As the summer sailing season comes to a close, we can be delighted that we have had a successful cruising season, record numbers of guest sails, and lots of daysails. All the boats were fully used, including our newest boat Spiral Moon, and of course our workhorse Silver Wind.

As you may have noticed the club is gearing up for a busy winter season with mini cruises already in the calendar. So make the most of these short cruises to gain experience for longer adventures next year. Both Ruff Diamond and Mayfly have had a mixed year with a lot of races being cancelled due to weather, but that is the nature of sailing.

Thanks to the committee for all the hard work in making all of the opportunities for sailing available to the membership throughout this summer season.

Look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM on 3 October at the RSGYC.

Dermot Avery
~ Club Chairperson



SPRIAL MOON BROUGHT BACK FROM WATERFORD

The main summer cruising season ended this week, with the swift return of Spiral Moon from Waterford City to Dun Laoghaire where some bad weather had left her docked for a number of days. We left Waterford on Monday at midnight, with the crew accompanied by dolphins on the river to get us on our way. On arriving in Dublin Bay on Tuesday evening, we were welcomed back by Silver Wind waiting for us at Dalkey Island! Thank you to all the great crew on the passage from Waterford - Sonja, Christi, Paul and Kay.

As Silver Wind came back from UK she came straight to Dublin and Spiral Moon went to Cork to do the second half of season. It is great the club now has four keelboats allowing the club to have numerous sailing opportunities and activities for all the members.

There are a number of mini cruise activities over coming weeks on some of our boats, so keep an eye out.

Cruising this year covered Brittany, France, Devon, Cornwall, Southern Ireland and mini cruises elsewhere. An impressive log by any standards!

Linda Ffrench
~ Club Captain



THE END OF THE CRUISING SEASON...

Spiral Moon has almost finished her summer cruising season...

Much maintenance is required to keep her in excellent shape, so could all those who enjoy using her please look out for the maintenance sessions planned in September and give some of your time. Contact the session head to be allocated a job, and make sure the necessary parts / materials are brought or ordered to finish the job. This may require discussion with the member who listed the item into the maintenance spreadsheet. Join the club WhatsApp maintenance group in the SID community for more info.

It may be the end of the summer cruising season, but three more cruises are planned on Spiral Moon during the autumn. Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Finally, look out for the post cruising feedback survey which will go out in a couple of weeks. Your feedback is welcomed.

Sonja Masterson
~ Cruising Officer



A DAY TRIP TO IRELAND'S EYE ON SILVER WIND

On Friday 15 August, some SID-ers sailed across to Ireland's Eye on Silver Wind. The trip was led by the great Captain Cearbhall Daly and VC Regina Regan. In temperatures of 25 degrees it was a super day... blue skies and some nice winds around The Baily as can be seen from the photos. A most tasty picnic was enjoyed by all. John Kelly's daughter made the most delicious muffins with second helpings competed for! The homemade hummus was devoured as well. After indulging in the five star picnic, some walked around the island where some black backed gulls were spotted, the island serves as a vital habitat for various seabirds. All topped off with a swim in warm crystal clear waters.

The company was A1 with lots of interesting chat and laughs.

Days do not come better than that.

Mary Connolly
~ Club Member



PHOTO GALLERY

