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Rush Sailing Club Newsletter

The sailing news for 2011

Mermaid sailing

Mermaid racing started in early May. Their first away trip was to the Munster Championships in June. Three Rush boats competed, no. 26 Patrick Boardman's Thumbelina crewed by V Coleman and D Keane, no. 90 Deirdre helmed by A Butterly crewed by A Berg and E Butterly and no. 30 Elinora skippered by A Weldon crewed by P Archer and B Mc Guinness. The event was won by Deirdre and her crew follow by Thumbelina in 2nd with Elinora finishing 6th.

Next the class was off to Skerries for the Leinster Championships where eight boats from the club competed with Anthony Carthy finishing 2nd and the best of the local boats. It was back home for a couple of weeks of club racing before three competed in the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta. There were some challenging conditions on the first day with Patrick Boardman and crew on Thumbelina coming out on top overall. This was a four day event with very light conditions for the last three days. Thumbelina finished 5th overall, with E Weldon in My Di in 8th position and Paddy Archer in Clare finishing 13th.

It was then back to Skerries in mid July for the regatta with eight rush boats competing. Anthony Carthy in Innocence finished first overall with his brother Jim Carthy in Vee finishing 3rd.

It was then time to head to the national championships in Tralee Bay Sailing Club in Fenit. It was an eventful week with eight Rush boats competing. All the Rush boats were competing for trophies through the fleet. The week ended with the overall winner R Bannon in Endeavour crewed by Patrick Boardman and Eoin Hickey. The Daphne cup was won by E Weldon and crew in My Di. Alan Butterly and crew in Deirdre picked up the Designer's trophy.

Next it was back home for the Rush regatta where there was one day of racing with the Sunday being called off due to bad weather. Anthony Carthy finished first overall.

Patrick Boardman on Thumbelina also won the Daniel Perpetual Memorial Trophy for being the best of the boats travelling to the mermaid regattas.

Cruiser sailing

Once again congratulations to Pat Kelly and the crew of Storm from Rush Sailing Club who achieved first place in Division 1 of the ICRA Cruiser Nationals which took place at the Royal Yacht Club in Cork.

The cruisers in general had a relatively quiet season. This year saw cruisers visiting Carlingford in May, and Peel in both the June and August bank holiday weekends. Jonathan Mason sailed Calimbo north to Rathlin Island and the north coast and was joined by Percy and Áine, Hair Raiser, for a part of the trip. Hum-A-Long and Gabelle were sighted on the south coast and Cork.

Junior section round up

Junior sailing is now an all year round event with several participating in the Chill Laser series even the 'early birds' which required rigging at 7am on a January morning...now there's dedication. In addition a group completed an ISA 'adventure' course with theory on the winter Friday nights and the final adventure on a cruiser day expedition with boats kindly supplied by Áine, Jonathan and Gerry Byrne. This was all in addition to our normal 10 week ISA courses. Over 70 certificates have to be given out on our final night on the 5th of November so that is an indication of the participation this year. Thanks to our instructors for a job well done – Áine, Clare, Paul Maguire and Kevin Mc Hugh. Well done to all sailors who participated in the courses, represented the club at competitions and events at home and abroad. None of this could be achieved without the support of the volunteers, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles – thank you!

Adult sailing

Well done to Darren & Maren Flynn, Caitriona Casey, Michael Heery, Brian Rafferty, Damien O'Toole and Declan Gormley who took up dinghy sailing for the first time using the club picos under the direction of Áine.

Powerboat courses

2011 saw a dozen juniors achieving their powerboat certificates under the tutorship of our resident powerboat instructors Anthony Bollard and Gerry Byrne. This ensured that we had an over abundance of 'rescue rangers' for the junior courses as everyone turned up to get experience and put their new skills into practice.....a good complaint ! In addition a number of adults also completed courses and a safety boat course was also completed increasing the level of skills within the club.

