

RUSH SC

NEWSLETTER

Commodore's report

A few words and reflections from our incoming commodore, Brenda.

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Happy New Year to you and your family

It's the start of another year in 'Linkside' and with signs of a stretch in the evenings there is anticipation of a good summer and sailing season ahead! Indeed for some of our hardened sailors the season doesn't stop and the 'Chill' series kicked off again on the 10th January on what was a bright and breezy morning.

The 2015 AGM saw some changes in the Committee and an amendment to the constitution with the introduction of an 'Ex Officio' position on committee for an outgoing Commodore. Patrick Boardman, who has finished his tenure as Commodore will now participate at committee level in this capacity and I look forward to his continued support as I settle into my new role.

A sincere thanks to Karl Flynn & Coleman Grimes who have stepped down from committee but who continue to work for the club both on and off the water. New faces on committee this year are Phil Casey, who has re-joined us after a short break, together with Roger Bell and Chris Fox.



Congratulations to Chris Creevy who was awarded the Commodore's trophy of 'Person of the Year' for his work in providing voluntary bar cover on Wednesday nights over the past 10 years or more. Now that's commitment!

We have a busy schedule for the year ahead, so as a committee we invite you to get involved and contribute in whatever way you can to building our club for the future.

I wish you a safe and enjoyable year and look forward to seeing you

in Rogerstown.

Brenda McGuinness Commodore, Rush Sailing Club, 2016

SAILING REPORTS

Cruisers

Happy new year to all in Rush Sailing Club.

Although last year was a bit of a disaster for some of us, a few got away for great sailing further afield! I hope that 2016 will be a lot better and we cruisers hope to get a lot more sailing.



Preparations are afoot in the boat park getting the boats ready for the season. Joe Hughes (Jomo) is our new boat park manager with Noel Fynes (ESB cards can be purchased from Noel).

There will be a meeting of the Cruiser owners to discuss the lift in. The 24th Feb 2016 at 20.30hrs in the sailing club.

See you all *Brian Rafferty*. Cruiser class captain

Lasers

Hi everyone, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope you had a good and enjoyable 2015 sailing season and I'm looking forward to the fun 2016 sailing to come.

As you all know, Alan's army have been taking part in Laser events all around the country last year and have been getting some great results. We have been training every weekend out on the water and fitness off the water. Our fitness levels are getting higher and higher. We have also been competing abroad in Grafham Water, England. There is another trip to Malta for the guys in February. I've been there myself in December with Alan. It was a really good experience. My racing skills took a leap. I know the guys will enjoy it when they go over there.

I am looking forward to the 2016 sailing season as we have lots more sailing trips and experiences to enjoy, such as a weekend in Weymouth, England, a trip to Malta, and France for the Europa cup and more events throughout this country.

This is huge for our sailors as it really benefits us all. Our group has come on so much from last year as we have been taking a bigger step into sailing and talking about doing the world and european championships !

Safe sailing *Tom Fox* Laser class captain

Rush Sailing Committee - 2016

Commodore:	Brenda McGuinness
Vice Commodore:	Austin (Jo Mo) Hughes
Secretary:	Marguerite Carthy
Treasurer:	Lorcan Hand
P.R.O.:	Paul O'Hare
Sailing Secretary:	Patrick Dillon
Committee Members	Alan Butterly
	David Kelly
	Paula Carthy
	Chris Fox
	Roger Bell
	Phil Casey
Ex-Officio	Patrick Boardman

Toppers n' Oppies

Another great year planned for our sailors in Toppers and Oppies.

Following on from last year with our first outings to regional and International events (yes, Northern Ireland qualifies as international) our youngest group are planning more competitive events this year including the World championships !

Training has been ramped up for our group with regular sessions with both Alan and Erica Ruigrok. A massive improvement in our group is obvious to anyone who has watched us recently.

We've even seen some of our Oppie group try their hand at Toppers. We should see these fleets grow over the coming year with the addition of new sailors. The summer training programs will yield new competitors and see an elevation in competitive racing among our groups.

Come and see us in action at club racing on Sundays. Happy sailing,

Mallaidh Boardman Topper class captain

SAILING REPORTS

Mermaids

Firstly I would like to thank Andre Berg who has stepped down as Class Captain having been in the role for the past two years.

The Mermaid class had our first meeting on the 23rd January to go through 2016 fixtures. We hope to get racing started in early April with approximately 6-8 boats expected to be on the water this year. The time has come for preparing the boats so anyone interested in wooden boat maintenance could certainly benefit from a few hours of preparing a Mermaid for the season.

A new departure this year will hopefully be inter-club racing in Rush with Skerries Sailing Club, with dates in May and October to be decided, in addition to races to the Harbour and around Lambay. Also, we will be trying a new course layout of windward-leeward as well as the standard Olympic for club races. So keep an eye on the Sailing Instructions which for this year will be on a display board at the boat house. Also the usual away fixtures are the Munster Championships in Foynes, the Leinsters, venue to be decided and the National Championships which will be held in Westport (Mayo SC) which is a new venue for the class. The Mermaid fleet is still one of the biggest fleets of multi crew one design and attracts a strong turnout for our championships annually.

We had a number of new recruits last year who participated in the Inter-club racing in Skerries in October and we look forward to welcoming them back into the class

this year. We continue to welcome new participants so anyone interested in crewing or mermaid sailing should contact me.

Jim Carthy is currently revamping 'Perhaps' which is new to the club and rumour has it the boat is going to be campaigned by some of the 'Carthy/ O'Hare' clan, so watch this space. Also 'Tumbelina' has been sold to a former Mermaid sailor so hopefully we can look forward to seeing her back on the water this season. Currently the class is trying to locate any old Mermaids that are lying around or in mothballs to update the classes national register of boats so if you know of any, let us know. There are a number of boats currently available for sale so hopefully we would like to drum up some interest within the club for these boats as we would like to keep the fleet strong within the club. Anyone interested in buying a Mermaid can rely on the local class for advice in maintenance and sailing.



Finally we would like to wish Paddy Dillon, our current National Champion and Ruairi Grimes, the best of luck in their current endeavour campaigning on an Etchell 22 in the Isle of Wight. Hopefully Paddy will manage to frequent the mermaid class on some occasion during the season.

If you are interested in any of the topics above I can be contacted through the club e-mail and text system.

I would like to wish you all best of luck on the water in the season ahead.

Class Captain, *Ants Weldon*

JUNIOR SAILING & TRAINING

A fantastic 2016 is planned

Well done to all of the juniors for turning up in every weather to compete in the chill series. You are definitely putting all of our adult sailors to shame, at home in their beds on a Sunday morning (me, included). The chill series could not have happened without the dedication of Jomo and his team, Well Done! Many thanks also to all those who provided soup which is very much appreciated after a few hours in the icy water.

The summer program will kick off on the 19th of April and will continue every Tuesday night thereafter till mid-June. So, start getting your boats ready. I will organise a registration night before the summer program commences. Bring down your gear that you've grown out of and we will have a jumble sale / swap shop.

As the summer week-long training was such a great success last year, we are running this training program again in 2016. The program will run for 6 weeks starting on June 16th, so book early! Booking can be made to the club e-mail rushsc@gmail.com More information will follow.

The skill levels of all sailors massively improved on the week-long program so we will also run a training for adults too. Great fun is had at these programs.

As always, many thanks to all of those involved in organising both junior sailing and training.

This year we hope to see even more of our juniors taking part in club racing.

Fair winds to all *Muriel Carthy* Junior secretary

Membership fees

Membership Fees are now due and should be paid by the 31st March. This year you can pay your fees using any of the following methods:

1. Electronic transfer into the club account no: 932019 29724070 (it is important that you quote your full name in the narrative).
2. Credit/Debit card using the merchant terminal during bar opening hours.
3. Cash/Cheque mailed or dropped into the club for the attention of the Treasurer.

Whatever method you use, it is important to complete and return your signed membership renewal form so we can update our records.

Our club has some of the lowest fees nationally for a sailing club so to keep it affordable we encourage you to pay the appropriate membership fee on time and to invite others to join.

The following categories apply to anyone who participates in Water Activities:

Type of Membership	Membership Fee
Ordinary	€170.00
Family (children 7 to 18yrs)	€276.00
Student	€80.00
Junior (under 18 years)	€50.00
Boat Owners Fee (this is for use of the Slipway and does not apply to Juniors)	€14.00

For those not involved in water activities the community membership fee is €50.00.

The entry fee for new members is €40.00

SOCIAL



Social scene

Since the last newsletter the club has hosted several events. First was the Laying Up Supper which took place in November. Those who attended enjoyed good food, music and craic.

December was a busy month, kicking off with the RNLI escorting Santa into Rogerstown to start the Junior prize giving. A presentation was then made to the RNLI of funds raised from a social night run by Bob and Clare Mullen and Gerry Benson's annual sale of Christmas Cards. Well done to all.

A big thank you to Marguerite, 'Auntie' Anne and Jo Mo who pulled out all the stops to get Santa's grotto comfy for him! Thanks also to Santa and to

the children and parents who left gifts for the needy, these were given to the local branch of the Vincent De Paul for distribution.

This was followed by the annual Bingo and Wheel of Fortune which was run by Mary, Ger, and a team of volunteers raising much needed funds for the Rush Old Folks. A great evening was had by all.

The Christmas Day Swim was a huge success this year, despite the weather conditions, thanks to all who braved the elements to entertain the landlubbers! Thanks also to those who provided rescue and to Jacqui and the numerous volunteers who make this a very festive community experience for

all who attend and raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society.

We will be holding our first 2016 club event on the 12th of February with a Members night. This will be a Valentine's themed night and good craic is guaranteed. Make a decoration, compose a poem or think of something romantic to win a prize. See you all there.

As always, we will be putting a float into the St. Patrick's day parade. There is an emphasis on this year's parade as we are celebrating 1916. There is a prize for the best float so let's knock our heads together and try to win it. Contact me with ideas or to offer your creative talents.

PRO *Paul O'Hare*

Did You Know?

If you have provided your mobile number on your membership application or renewal form your phone number should be set up on one of the following SIM card numbers to access the club grounds. The numbers are: 089 2071261 or 089 2071262.

If you dial the assigned number, when in the vicinity of the club, the gate should open automatically on recognition of your phone number. *Note: if your phone is set up as 'Private' the number will not be identifiable by the system and the gate will not open.* If your phone is not registered please include the details on your 2016

renewal form and allow a period for set up.

You can pay your membership by debit or credit card using the Merchant Terminal which is behind the bar. To do so, call down during bar opening hours, swipe your card and leave your renewal form