

RUSH SC

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

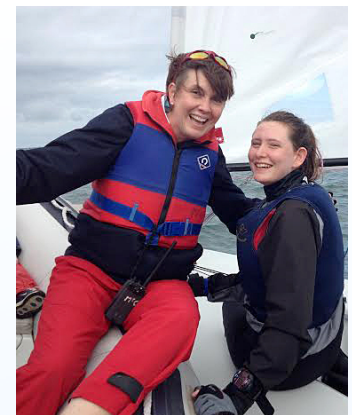
Hopefully we are going for our hat-trick of great summers in Ireland. No matter what your chosen water activity is, from cruising to swimming, I wish you a safe and enjoyable season.

It's now February, and as I mentioned in our last newsletter, there is work to be done on the boat park. When the texts for help go out, please don't think we don't need your help. As they say, 'many hands make light work'. As usual, the winter sailing is in full swing with the young ones leading the way. You would think they can't feel the cold but the way some of them park themselves under the shower, they must do.

I don't want to steal anyone else's storyline as I know Alan will hit on this topic later.

Thanks again for your support in 2014 and I look forward to seeing you this season.

Patrick Boardman-Commodore

**Junior Organiser**

We are very disappointed to note that Jacqui has stepped down as junior organiser after many years of constant toiling and entertaining of our new and junior members. As both Commodore and parent I would like to thank her for her many years of hard work. Jacqui always made it look so easy while still having time to be fairy godmother to all of the children. 'Jacqui, thanks for all the work and the memories you created'

SECRETARY'S REPORT

60th. Anniversary Celebration

The celebration to mark the 60 years of Rush Sailing Club was held in the club house on 5th. Dec. and was very well received by the visitors present on the evening.

This being the actual anniversary of the founding of the club, we were very privileged to have in attendance the only surviving person who was actually present on that night in 1954. Tom Weldon of Channel Road, who served on the first ever committee of the club, enjoyed the presentation together with his wife Chrissie and was very complimentary of the content.

Loosely taking the format of an annual general meeting, various sample reports (i.e. sailing sec. report for 1973, Junior organisers report for period covered by Jacqui McCrum) were presented and supported by appropriate photographs. Some very interesting nuggets of information were retrieved from the minutes and greatly enjoyed by many who would have lived through the various incidents mentioned but had quite forgotten them. Some of our visitors had not been to the club for more than forty years and could hardly believe the changes that had taken place. Some names that had also not been heard for almost half a century were mentioned and jogged a lot of fond memories. Michelle Ryan brought the history bang up to date by her very assured presentation of what the club and her participation in sailing has meant to her and possibly to most of her companions in the junior sailing section of the club.

By virtue of time constraints it was very difficult to more than scratch the surface of the many stories that could have been told and with this in mind it is hoped that members will commit to putting their own memories in print with a view to collating all the information we might receive in this way and incorporate it into a permanent record of the club.

An evening well enjoyed by older members, former members and newer members who were unaware of the rich history of the club and enjoyed hearing the various stories and viewing the pictorial record, it seemed a fitting end to a busy year. *Marguerite Carthy, Secretary*



Multimedia and pictures

A lot of fabulous pictures were on display on the night of the 60th celebrations. Thanks to all those who dug out old photo's and memories that helped make a great night and a poignant trip down memory lane.

If anyone would like a copy of the photographs that were shown on the night, contact the PRO..



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Sailing secretary's report

Hi All. I would like to wish you all a happy new year and safe sailing in the 2015 seasons to come. The 2015 season winter

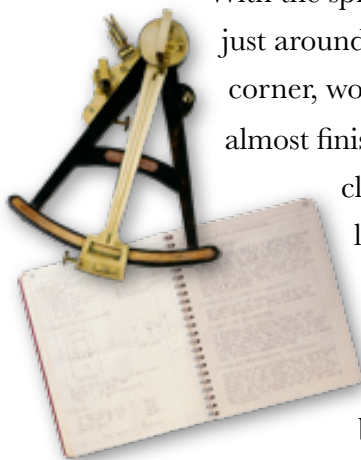


season is in full swing for the Lasers with racing every Sunday. David will have a full report later in the newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jacqui for her tireless work over the past number of years as Junior organiser. She is stepping down from this position and will be greatly missed.

With the spring now just around the corner, work is almost finished on a club fixture list that will be available in the bar soon.

This fixture has starts for



Alan Butterly, Sailing Secretary



Cruiser Sailing report

Happy New Year to all.

It's the time of year to start planning for the coming season. Boat park managers are Noel Fynes (SIMARK) and Karl Flynn. Noel has power-cards and you can get them from him in the boat park.

I will call a meeting of the boat owners in mid February to discuss the lift-in and any other business. Please call myself, Noel or Karl if you have any issues and we will do our best to help.

At this time, please check your boats. Make sure there are no lines frapping . You all know how annoying the noise can be and I don't want the managers on my back. We want to keep our neighbours happy as well!

Brian Rafferty, Cruiser Class Captain

SAILING REPORTS

Junior Update

Well the junior section celebrated the 60th year in style. Alan's army took off to laser events around the country. The inaugural group of four (Lauren, David, Aoife and Michelle) have now swelled to include Max, Tom, George and Aaron. Particular welcome to George and Aaron, new members from Skerries. This group are year-round sailors and even incorporate fitness sessions into a day's sailing! Other achievements during 2014 included Brian Carthy achieving his stripe as Senior Instructor (the first home grown one) and up to 50 certificates awarded for ISA courses completed. We had our first visit and landing on Lambay Island, a very special trip. The cruiser class and mermaid class supported the juniors by taking them out on evenings on the water – thanks to both classes. On the cruiser night we had over 53 adults and children on the four cruisers helmed by Jimmy Kelly, Wally Carpenter, John Mc Knight, Brian Rafferty and Gerry Byrne – a magical night and great fun.

Other events included two weeks of fun and courses on the rented ISA Argos, trapeezing and spinnakering !!....a paddleboarding and kayaking session in the estuary.....an excursion by water for the juniors to 'Storm in a teacup' in Skerries for ice creams (great idea Jomo!) joined by adults who went by car...profits went up that night!

We held a junior regatta for the 'first-time-in-a-long-time' and welcomed sailors from Skerries SC. To make it a special occasion, we had a 'junior 'sleepover' in the club where every blade of grass was covered by a tent or blocked in by a number of camper vans. A bbq, onesies, disco and ice bucket challenges were the order of the day with breakfast supplied for those that slept over and those that came to visit the next morning.

The end-of-season night was held in October and to celebrate the 60th year, each family was given a memory stick with photos of the sailing activities for the year to remind them of the fun days. The winter series commenced in November and despite an initial attendance of adults now primarily comprises of the juniors. The usual group mentioned above have been joined by Fionn, Mallaidh, Roisin, Niall and an improvers group of Padraic, Tara, Ciara, Colm, Ciaran, Daniel x 2, Luke.

The other piece of news is that after a lot of thought I have decided to step away from the helm of the Junior Sailing section. I have loved every minute of it, the bangs, the wallops, the cajoling and coaxing, wiping the tears, the hugs, the burgers and seeing them sail up the river for the first time, the capsizes, the rescues etc....its been wonderful. Thanks to everyone who supported.

Jacqui McCrum, Junior Organiser



Junior Secretary's report

All going well at the laser chill series with twenty one competitors entered. In the November league David Kelly was first on 9 points followed by Stan Shepard and Aine Carroll tied on 12 points. In the December league Lauren O'Hare and George O'Connor were tied on 6 points followed by David Kelly on 10 points.

Hope to see more people on the water in the coming weeks. I want to say good luck to Alan's Army who will be shortly be heading off to the Munster laser championships followed by many other events in the following weeks and months.

David Kelly - Junior Class Captain



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



2015 Membership

Well folks, it's that time of the year again when membership renewals are due to be paid. The good news is that there is **NO** increase in fees this year. Also, some other good news is that senior rates will now incorporate the reduced ISA fee for seniors as appropriate.

As part of the renewal activity, we will take the opportunity to verify that we have everyone's correct details as explained below.

Personal details

Nothing too arduous here but we want to make sure that we have all of your relevant details so that you don't miss out on what's going on in the club. We communicate with you via text message, web-site, e-mail and Facebook. Please make sure that we have your correct phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Also include contact

details for other family members as you feel appropriate.

We will be updating and verifying our database but ask that you contact the PRO if you find that you're missing out.

Family Members

Please make sure that you have listed all family members on the renewal form

Boats

Please ensure that we have details of your boat, or boats. This includes the boat type, length and location. We intend to round-up any boats that are unaccounted for and move them to an appropriate location.

Fees

Please make full payment of fees by March 31st. Please be diligent in the calculation of fees as described on the renewal form.

Guests

Our members are always delighted to welcome guests to our club-house and experience our location and facilities. However, regular users of either the club or water facilities must be members of the club. We ask that you bare this in mind as we monitor club usage over the course of the year.

Notes

- Complete the renewal form
- Check that all details are present
- Send full payment to Lorcan, our treasurer
- Verify that you are on the text and e-mail register

I'm sure that you are aware of the insurance requirements that the club faces. I'm also sure you agree that equitable usage and payment is required for all members and guests of the club.

Paul O'Hare, PRO

Where are the forms?

Your membership renewal form is attached with this newsletter and a copy can be downloaded from the club web-site

What if I have a question?

Contact the PRO or a committeemember. Alternatively, e-mail the club at rushsclub@gmail.com

When?

ASAP please. Fees must be paid in full by March 31st. Cheques, if possible, please. If paying by cash, give us some notice