



Mermaid Sailing Association



The Association of Dublin Bay Mermaids

Spring 2009

The 57th AGM of the Mermaid Sailing Association took place on the 14th of November last (by kind permission of CYBC). The meeting was uncontroversial as there were no rule changes proposed. An increase in subscriptions, to €50 for owners and €15 for crew, was agreed. Honorary life membership was awarded to Eamonn Farrell and Sean Rooney.

For the first time in a while we had a number of clubs wishing to host our national championships. In the end Sligo was confirmed as the venue for 2009, Foynes for 2010 and Howth's offer to host 2011 was popularly received.

The issue of the large number of prizes at the championship and their cost was discussed and it was decided to reduce the number of daily prizes. The prizes this year will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, Daphne, Designer and the skipper of the boat winning the crew's race. A daily prize will be awarded to the first championship and Daphne boats, the daily Daphne going down the fleet.

Officers and Committee 2009.

President	P. Archer.	Captain.	M. Hanney.
Vice Captain	Vacant	Hon. Secretary	R. Galbraith
National Boat Measurer	E Weldon	Hon. Treasurer	K. McHugh.
National Sail Measurer	B McNally		

Class Captains.

Dublin Bay	C. Cronin.	Skerries	C. Bissett.
Rush	D. Butterly.	Foynes	V. McCormack.
Clontarf	J. Lennon.		

Event Calender

20 th /21 st	June	Munster Championship	Foynes Yacht Club
28 th	June	Leinster Championship	Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club
9 th to 12 th	July	Regatta	Dun Laoghaire
25 th /26 th	July	Regatta	Skerries Sailing Club
25 th /26 th	July	At Home	Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club
5 th /6 th	Sept.	Regatta	Rush Sailing Club
3 rd to 31 st	Oct.	Frostbite	National Yacht Club.

2nd – 7th August Mermaid Championships Sligo Yacht Club

Preparations are well in hand for this year's six day Mermaid Week. Entry forms will be available soon on www.sligo-yacht-club.org.

On the 28th of March your committee visited Sligo Yacht Club to meet with the event organisers. Michael Broders, Gus Henry and the rest of the team seem to have things well in hand.

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Gus will be the principle race officer and those who were in Sligo in 2000 will remember how well the racing ran. The tides that week indicate that racing will take place in the afternoons.

Michael Broaders led the organising committee the last time and is familiar with our requirements. The club has been rebuilt since our last visit and it is a fine modern facility. A new wide slip means those wishing to dry-sail can be easily accommodated.

On our last visit the bar facilities had been franchised to a local pub for the year. On this occasion the bar is being managed in house by Gavin, whom we met and who assured us he would be very accommodating and was looking forward to the week. Rolls at lunch time and a simple meal after sailing will be available.

Other items discussed were moorings, ferrying, rescue and entertainment.

Mermaid Youth Championships

The Youth Championships will be hosted by Rush Sailing Club this year, provisionally on the 23rd of August.

The Daphne Trophy

The following boats qualify for the year 2007 Daphne Trophy:

76	Helen	Therese McHugh
93	Swallow	Alan Berg
21	Aideen	Brendan Martin
18	Clare	Paddy Archer
113	Una C	Geraldine O'Neill
38	Syrena	Donal McCormack
183	Wannago	Paul Winters
4	Ferga	Martin Reilly
179	Bean Adhmaid	Martin O'Toole
175	Nora	Don Cromer
57	Eimear	Darren Butterly
173	Jubilee	Peter Bissett
119	Three Chevrons	Vincent McCormack
30	Elenora	Anthony Weldon
46	Argo	
126	Dixie	Sean Rooney
26	Tumbilina	Patrick Boardman

Designer Trophy

This excludes the following helms and boats that finished in the first 25 in the 2008 Championships:

180	Night Owl	Niall McGrotty
77	Tiller Girl	Jonathon O'Rourke
187	Zuleka	Derek Joyce
189	Azeezy	Sam Sheils

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131	Wild Wind	Paddy Dillon
186	MiDi	Enda Weldon
36	Elizabeth	Jim Dempsey
123	Vee	Jim Carthy
188	Innocence	Anthony Carthy
182	Dolphin	Shay O'Toole
134	Jill	Paul Smith
185	The Message	Ross Galbraith
135	Cara II	Frankie Browne Snr.
11	Oonagh	Marilyn Griffith
146	Fugitive	Daire McNally
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Daniel Perpetual Memorial Trophy

This trophy will be scored over four events; Clontarf (Leinster Championship), Rush, Dun Laoghaire and Foynes.

Leinster Championship

The Leinster Championship is being hosted this year by Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club. There will be two races on the 28th of June.

Declarations and Subscriptions

The enclosed declaration form should be completed and returned to the Hon. Secretary together with your subscription before competing in any Mermaid Class racing or in the National Championships. The current subscription is €50.00 for boat owners and €15.00 for nominated crew.

Mermaid Pennants

We have a new supply of Mermaid pennants in and these are available to members and clubs at a cost of €20.00 each.

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