

Hon Secretary - Sail Measurers - Boat Measurer's Report's

This past year has been another disappointing year for Mermaid sailing overall, whilst the championship and some regattas were well attended there is no doubt that club racing has not been supported. I think this merits further discussion as to where we are going as a class.

The following numbers of boats were on the water in 2015

Foynes Sailing Club Regatta	18 Boats
Dun Laoire SC Regatta	9 Boats
SkerriesSC Regatta	17 Boats
Championship	22 Boats
Rush SC Regatta	12 Boats
Lough Ree Regatta	7 Boats

With the exception of the championships in Foynes numbers are about the same v 2014

We need to discuss the following issues:

- The way we race in club, regattas and championship races.
- The type of courses we race and how long should races be?
- The viability and the interest of clubs wanting to host the championships for a week based on the championship attendance numbers.
- How do we attract new sailors into the class?
- Should we be sailing in new waters (other clubs) to highlight our class
- Should we make a bigger effort to attend the Wooden Boat festival in Baltimore to introduce the MSA to a bigger audience?
- Should we revamp the website, get a press release to ISA /Media informing people the mermaids are still in business. Facebook should be opened to include everyone even non facebookers. Should we look at webtext/ tweet?
- The ISA have a fund €400 for a sail taining course (€300 if the instructor is not ISA registered). How do we use this?
- Will we have another Mermaid get together in Rush SC in Jan-Feb 2016?
- Championship venue 2017

I am sure there are other issues to be discussed on the night

I would like to thank Conor Roche and David Butterly for their contribution to the MSA committee.

At our AGM we will acknowledge the passing of Mick Lysaght who for many years was the custodian of the mermaid drawings. He will be pleased to know that "Perhaps" will join the fleet again. We extend our condolences to his family.

Your MSA committee needs new blood and we have vacancies for the following positions of president and captain

Des Deane
Hon Secretary

Sail Measurers Report

The sail measurer reports the following sails were measured this year.

4 No. Jibs - (2 x Watson + 1 x Mc. Williams + 1 x Speed)

2 No. Mains - (1 x Mc. Williams + 1 x Speed)

2 No. Spinnaker - (1 x Watson + 1 x Speed)

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No report submitted