

**Minutes of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm**  
**At**  
**Rush Sailing Club**  
**( by kind permission)**

**Chairman:** The President

**Attendance:** Conor Roche, Jim Carthy , Andre Berg, Paddy Dillon, Darragh McCormack ,Paddy Archer, Susan Roundtree, Ross Galbraith, Con Bissett, David Dardis, Martin O'Toole, Kalane O' Leary, Ríosín McCormack, Brendan Martin, Dan Brennan, Brian McNally, Shay O'Toole, Paul Smith, Patrick Boardman, Des Deane,

**Apologies:** Jonathan O'Rourke, Sam Shields, Enda Weldon, Anthony Weldon, Don Cromer

*In memory of the death of Eamonn Farrell and John Miller a minutes silence was held.*

**1. Minutes of the 62nd Annual General Meeting**

The minutes of the 62nd annual general meeting were read and adopted.  
Proposed: Ross Galbraith, Seconded: Paddy Dillon

**2. Matters Arising:**

A letter was reading to the members from Mayo Sailing Club expressing an interest in the Mermaid Sailing Championships for 2016. It has been agreed to award the event to Mayo Sailing Club on the condition that the "hosting requirements" are met in full. They also have a choice of the 1st or 2nd week in August depending on tides. A letter will be sent to Mayo Sailing club detailing this.

**3. Hon Secretary's Report**

The honorary secretary's report was read and adopted.  
Proposed: Paddy Dillon, Seconded: Dan Brennan

**4. The Hon. Treasurer's Report**

The association's funds increased from €3,046 to €3,403 during the year. Subscriptions were received from 25 owners, 6 joint owners and 10 associates.  
The deposit account, which was dormant, was closed and €474 transferred to the current account.  
A refund of €8.50 was obtained from the bank for unused IR£ cheques.  
Thanks are due to Niall McGrotty of Dempsey Mullen Accountants for continuing to act as Honorary Auditor.  
Proposed: Conor Roche, Seconded: David Butterly

**5. The National Boat Measurers Report**

At the nationals there were 6 boats weighed and all were above the minimum weight. There was very little gear damages or breakages to the boats in the events. The active boats in the fleet seem to be in good condition and well maintained.  
Proposed: Des Deane , Seconded: Patrick Boardman

**6. The National Sail Measurers Report**

Sails measured between all clubs amounted to 5 Mains, 4 Jibs & 3 Spinnakers with a mix of McWilliams, North and Watson included.  
Proposed: Ross Galbraith, Seconded: Darragh McCormack

**7. Election of Officers**

President	Conor Roche
Captain	David Butterly
Vice Captain	Róisín McCormack
Hon Secretary	Des Deane
Hon Treasurer	Paul Smith
Boat Measurer	Alan Butterly
Sail Measurer	Con Bisset
Class Captains	Martin Reilly CYBC, Mark Weirz SSC,

## **8. Appointment of Honorary Auditor**

Dempsey Mullen have agreed to continue as honorary auditors and the meeting expressed its appreciation .

## **9. Championship 2015**

The championships will be sailed from Foynes Sailing Club

## **10. AOB**

- Members who took part in the Leinsters at Lough Ree Yacht Club enjoyed the weekend and it is proposed that we make this an annual event.
- Kalane O'Leary told the AGM of a wooden boat event that takes place in Baltimore in May and expressed a wish that mermaids would take part. When the date is finalised it was agreed that the event will be included in the calendar of events for 2015.
- It was agreed that all boats attending the Foynes regatta and the championships will be weighed and have their rudders measured.
- The AGM has agreed to hold the MSA prize giving on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015 or as near that date in Rush Sailing Club and a big effort will be made to try and reignite this event.
- On the issue of trophies the AGM agreed the following . The trophies to be presented at the prize giving will be as follows: The mermaid sailing trophy, the designer, the Daphne, the Daniels and the 6 cups and trophies for the winners of the daily races. The winners of the other prizes will be mentioned but the prizes will not be presented. Instead these prizes will be kept in safe keeping by individual clubs.
- It is proposed that the Skipper Clarke Trophy be presented to the winner of the Volvo Open in Dun Laoghaire.
- It was suggested that the helmsman championship be broadened to include results from the regattas series. This is to try and encourage members to take part in as many events as possible.
- It was agreed that when the spring newsletter is being circulated, a copy of the blue book will also be added as an attachment.
- The idea of giving a mermaid to a young crew was discussed on the condition that they insure and maintain it themselves. This is to encourage younger members into the fleet.
- The Daniels trophy will be sailed for at Lough Ree, Dun Laoghaire, Foynes and Rush regattas.

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**Conor Roche**  
**President**