



Mermaid Sailing Association

The Association of Dublin Bay Mermaids



Spring Newsletter 2017

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The committee can be contacted by email at honsec.msa@gmail.com

Championship / Regattas

3 rd – 4 th June	Munsters, Foynes Yacht Club
6 th – 9 th July	Volvo Dun Laoghare Regatta, and Leinsters, Skerries Sailing Club Regatta
15 th – 16 th July	Clontarf Yacht & Boat Club At Home
5 th - 11 th August	National Championships, Skerries Sailing Club
26 th – 27 th August	Rush Sailing Club regatta

The Daniel trophy will be sailed for at Foynes, Dún Laoghaire, Skerries and Rush regattas.

Eligibility for Daphne and Designer's Trophies

Of boats that took part in the 2016 championships and enter for 2017, the top third in 2016 are ineligible for the Daphne and Designer's, the middle third are eligible for the Daphne but not the Designer's and the bottom third are eligible for the Daphne and Designer's. An individual boat's eligibility cannot be determined until the entries for 2017 have been received.

Munster and Leinster Championships

The Munster Championship will be hosted by Foynes YC at the June bank holiday weekend, as in previous years.

The Leinsters will be held in conjunction with the Dún Laoghaire combined clubs regatta from 6th to 9th July. Entries for this event close on Friday 30th June. No late entries will be accepted. See www.dlregatta.org for more information.

Remember that MSA subscriptions must be paid and declarations submitted before participating in these events.



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MSA Website:

The MSA website is www.dublinbaymermaids.com. The older website www.dublinbaymermaid.org is no longer accessible. The Mermaid Facebook page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/mermaidsailing/> and our official Twitter handle is @MermaidSailing.

Mermaid Merchandise

Our new Mermaid merchandise launched at the championship in Howth last year proved extremely popular. There are still some items available, and we will order some of the more popular items (gilets, shirts) which sold out. Please contact MSA Captain Roisin with enquiries on this.

Declarations and Subscriptions

Mermaid Sailing Association subscriptions for 2017 are due from 1st April.

The subscription rates are: Boat Owner Members €40, Crew Members €10.

Each owner member attending a General Meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any matter. A Crew Member shall be entitled to one vote on any matter except those relating to the Constitution and Rules, Regulations, Plans and Specification.

The membership 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.

Boat Owner's subscriptions must be paid before participating in any MSA event. The first such event is the Munsters in Foynes. If a boat's and helm's MSA subscriptions are not paid, the results will not count. It is up to each boat owner/helm to ensure that the MSA subscriptions are paid.

Subscriptions may be paid by direct transfer to the account detailed below. Please make sure your boat number and name are on the transfer as a reference. If you pay by direct transfer you should email your completed declaration to honsec.msa@gmail.com or post it to Paul Smith, Hon. Secretary MSA, 53 Lynwood, Dublin 16, D16 P9V3.

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Subscriptions may also be paid by cheque to the Mermaid Sailing Association and sent to Paul Smith, Hon. Secretary MSA, 53 Lynwood, Dublin 16, D16 P9V3.