



# Mermaid Sailing Association

The Association of Dublin Bay Mermaids



**66th Annual General Meeting  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm  
At Skerries Sailing Club (by kind permission)**

## **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the 65<sup>th</sup> AGM
2. Matters arising
3. To receive and adopt the Hon. Secretary's Report
4. To receive and adopt the Hon. Treasurer's Report
5. To receive and adopt the National Boat Measurer's Report
6. To receive and adopt the National Sail Measurer's Report
7. To elect Officers & Committee for 2018
8. To appoint an Honorary Auditor
9. To amend the Specifications, Rules and Regulations to increase the maximum permitted depth of the wooden rudder from 2ft 4ins to 2 ft 6 ins and to clarify which provisions apply only to steel rudders by replacing Article 10 with the text in the Annex.
10. National Championships 2018
11. Venues for future national Championships
12. AOB

Any Owner Member or Crew Member who wishes to have a specific item not covered above placed on the agenda for the AGM should request this by email to the Hon. Secretary at [honsec.msa@gmail.com](mailto:honsec.msa@gmail.com) before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Any amendment to the Constitution or the Rules, Regulations, Plans and Specification must be proposed by the committee. If a resolution requesting such a change is passed by an Annual or other general meeting, it will be considered by the committee who will report to the next general meeting. However the committee may make a by-law implementing a change pending approval by a later general meeting.

### **Extract from Article 5 of MSA Constitution**

*Each owner/life 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. Associates, University Associates and Hon. Members shall not be entitled to vote.*



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## ANNEX

Proposed text of Article 10 of the Specifications, Rules and Regulations (Item 9 of Agenda)

### 10. Rudder

- i. The rudder blade shall be made of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " galvanised mild steel or stainless steel plate or wood.
- ii. The profile of the steel rudder blade below the wooden rudder stock shall be within the boundary of the profile indicated in the rudder profile sheet.
- iii. The maximum depth of the steel rudder blade when placed in position of use on the transom pintle and gudgeon shall be 2' 0" below the bottom edge of the garboard plank at the transom.
- iv. The minimum depth of the wooden rudder blade when placed in position of use on the transom pintle and gudgeon shall be 2' 0" below the bottom edge of the garboard plank at the transom.  
  
The maximum depth of the wooden rudder blade when placed in position of use on the transom pintle and gudgeon shall be 2' 4" 6" below the bottom edge of the garboard plank at the transom.  
  
The maximum width of the wooden rudder blade measured from the leading to the trailing edge shall be 15"
- v. The minimum width of the wooden rudder blade measured from the leading to the trailing edge shall be 9" over 70% of it's depth below the garboard.
- vi. A lifting rudder blade may be fitted but the rudder blade may not be raised whilst racing.
- vii. The leading edge for a distance of 9" from the top of the rudder blade below the rudderstock may not be positioned at a point further forward than 2" aft from the aft face of the transom.
- viii. The maximum thickness of the steel rudder blade at any point below the aft edge of the transom shall be  $\frac{5}{16}$ "
- ix. The wooden rudder blade shall have a minimum thickness of 1" at its thickest point over the first 90% of its depth, when measured from the garboard.
- x. Apart from being placed on pintles and gudgeons, the rudder should be securely attached to the boat by a rope to avoid its loss in the event of a capsized.