The agenda for the AGM on Friday 1st December at 8 pm in Skerries Sailing Club is attached. We look forward to a good attendance of members – both owner members and crew associates.

As well as the normal business of the AGM, receiving reports and electing officers for 2018, there are a number of other items on the agenda.

1. The committee proposes an amendment to the Specifications, Rules and Regulations (The Blue Book) with regard to wooden rudders. The effect of this is to increase the permitted depth of a wooden rudder below the garboard from 2ft 4ins to 2 ft 6ins. We are also proposing changes to clarify which provisions apply only to the older steel rudders.

Almost all rudders on boats competing in the 2017 championship in Skerries were measured, and all but one would comply with the new maximum depth. If the change is adopted, all rudders must comply with the specification. There will be no “grandfathering” of older rudders.

Please note that only Owner Members may vote on the proposal to amend the Specification.

1. Foynes Yacht Club has proposed to hold the 2018 championship over 4 days from Thursday 2nd,to Sunday 5th of August 2018

FYC proposes to run 10 races over the 4 days, finishing on the 5th August with the prize presentation and meal on the Sunday evening. The usual amenities will be available on site (breakfast, marina, launch & recovery services, camping, parking of camper vans, etc).

1. A number of clubs have expressed interest in hosting the 2019 championship

* Royal Cork Yacht Club has proposed two options:
  + Have a stand alone event over the August weekend from Thursday the 1st of August to Sunday the 4th or similar dates chosen by your class. We would put on entertainment in the evenings and the dining facilities can be available to ye with tailored menu options for the class, the only issue we would have with this time of year is the club resources are low as a lot of members are away.
  + We could also look at having the event as part of our club’s very successful Cork Dinghy Fest 2019 which is normally around the start of July, actual dates yet to be confirmed, again this would mean that the class could avail of the structures that are already set up for the event from entertainment to food and prizes and it would keep the entry fee down
* Dun Laoghaire, as part of the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta. Con Murphy Race Director and Don O’Dowd, Incoming Chairman would be delighted if the Mermaid Class wished to host their National Championships within VDLR 2019 which will run 11-14 July 2019.
* Galway: The Hon. Secretary of GBSC said they would be very interested. There has been no further communication.
* Sligo: Some members for Sligo YC committee have asked f we would be interested in combining our Championships with another fleet.

1. Clontarf Y&BC has offered to host the Leinster Championship on 16th and 17th June 2018. Moorings would be available. Foynes YC is considering scheduling the Munster Championships in July rather than the June Bank Holiday.