



Mermaid Sailing Association

The Association of Dublin Bay Mermaids



AGM 2017 REPORT

The well-attended 66th AGM of the Mermaid Sailing Association was held on 1st December 2017 in Skerries Sailing Club

Committee 2018

The new committee elected at the AGM is:

President	Paul Smith	Royal Irish Yacht Club
Captain	Róisín McCormack	Foynes Yacht Club
Vice-Captain	Paul Browne	Skerries Sailing Club
Secretary	Jennie Shiels	Skerries Sailing Club
Treasurer	Patrick Mangan	Royal Irish Yacht Club
Boat Measurer	Darragh McCormack	Foynes Yacht Club
National Sail Measurer	Con Bisset	Skerries Sailing Club

Local representatives:

Dun Laoghaire	to be advised
Foynes	Bev Lowes
Rush	Des Deane
Skerries	Mark Boylan

Rudders

The proposal to change the maximum depth below the garboard of the wooden rudder from 28 inches to 30 inches was adopted. A deeper rudder will not be permitted.

Scrutiny of Boats

Eight boats were weighed at the 2017 championship. Two were found to require added weight. Boats to be weighed were selected to include the top 3 in earlier open events in 2017, and any boats known to have required added lead in previous years.

All boats were inspected to see that they were carrying the full sailing inventory. Spinnaker poles and rudders were measured. Seven boats had spinnaker poles longer than the maximum permitted length of 7 feet, including fittings. Rudder depths ranged from 21 inches to 33½ inches. Three rudders exceeded the new maximum depth of 30 inches and will have to be modified or replaced.

The measurements will be available on the website dublinbaymermaids.com shortly.

2018 Championship

The National Championships in Foynes will comprise 10 races from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th August, with a practice race on Wednesday 4th.

2019 Championship

Royal Cork Yacht Club at Crosshaven emerged as the preferred venue for the 2019 championships. We will have further discussions with RCYC about details of the event.

Fleets at: Clontarf, Dun Laoghaire, Foynes, Rush, Skerries, Wexford



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Proposal for Classic Wooden Boat Regatta

Liam Dineen and Paul Browne put forward a proposal for an annual classic wooden boat regatta to include classes such as Howth 17s, IDRA 14s, Glens, Water Wags, Shannon One Designs as well as Mermaids. The regatta would rotate over venues such as Skerries, Howth, Dún Laoghaire and Lough Derg. We will pursue contacts with the other clubs and classes to advance the idea.

New Boat Owners

We welcome Daireach Dineen, no 121 Red Seal and Oisin Finucane, no 165 Sea Fox.

Munster and Leinster Championships, 2018

The Munster Championships will be in Foynes on 2nd and 3rd June. The Leinsters will be Clontarf on 16th and 17th June.

Prize Giving Dinner

The prize giving will be in Rush Sailing Club on Saturday 3rd March 2018.

Contact the Committee

You can email the committee at honsec.msa@gmail.com