



## Commodore's Address

*Well the Summer programme is well under way with cruiser racing yielding a good turnout of boats including new acquisitions and transfers. There is great potential for larger turnouts this year so lets all get out racing. As we go to print the cruising group are preparing for the first long weekend away in Carlingford.*

*We have just completed another Adult weekend course with 23 participants. Again we were able to include a cruise on the Sunday thanks to the great co-operation of the various skippers who made their boats available. A very enjoyable BBQ was held afterwards. A number of participants have already applied for full membership.*

*St Patricks weekend was very busy in the club with mixed outcomes. As in past years the club Life Boat Day was again a huge success with Irish Coffees, Hot Whiskeys courtesy of Martin Clancy who kindly donated the necessary ingredients. Once again a substantial sum was collected for the RNLI. On the day the club also catered for the final rugby matches of the Six Nations so all in all a great effort by all involved. As if that was not enough the following two days were scheduled to hold the Leinster Optimists with 115 boats expected. I have to record here that the planning and organisation that went into running this event was second to none and sadly the weather did not shine on us and as a result of high winds on both days the event was called off. However we will be rerunning the event in September and no doubt it will be a great success. Again the membership owe a great thanks to all involved.*

*The broadmeadows operation has got off to a great start with a very successful Early Bird regatta. The purchase of additional Topaz boats bring the total in the club to circa 50. This is a great achievement and is a further signal of greater things to come*

*in the Broadmeadow. Our Junior Training Programme is finalised and almost full.*

*To support this activity and to continue the development strategy agreed a further amount of capital expenditure has been earmarked to cover a number of items including rescue boats, further club Topaz dinghys all with the objective of providing the needed operational support and create further revenue streams from training and boat hire.*

*Once again the weather did not shine on us on Sunday last and prevented us from running the Rockabill event. However our next regatta – the Topaz Regatta – is only around the corner on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. I would encourage all owners to come out and support the event which has the potential to grow and grow.*

*Congratulations to Katie White who has been selected for the Irish Squad in Laser 4.7. This follows a lengthy training and event programme and already she has justified her inclusion with a number of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. Best of luck and very well done Katie. As we go to print I learn that Scott Flanagan has won the Munster Optimists - again very well done.*

*On a final positive note our membership continues to grow at a very satisfactory rate with renewals of membership effected much earlier than in previous years. This is very important as it is a significant element of our income. Can I ask those members who have not yet renewed to please do so soon so as to protect the best interests of the club and its members.*

*I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Summer and look forward to seeing everyone out in the various events.*

*John Duggan.*

# CRUISER RACING

The racing season started on April 21<sup>st</sup> with a good turn out of boats. Weather conditions were lively and tough for a first race, but this helped blow away the Winter cobwebs - whether we liked it or not!

The subsequent races have seen more boats getting out with 14 on the water on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone enjoyed summer like sailing with 12 kt warm winds and sunshine. There are still more boats "warming up" so hopefully we can look forward to large numbers actively participating in the racing fleet throughout the season.

It will be interesting to watch the impact of the new boats in the fleet. As predicted, Bushwakka is well to the fore on the water, the two new J 24's have not raced as yet. I will not mention Shenanigans...it is hoped a hull clean will help!

It is noticeable at this early stage of the season

that the bulk of the fleet has been reasonably condensed at the finish line – does this mean certain boats are going faster or are some boats slower....?

The Fingal Series commences on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The organisers have been in contact with us to promote the series pointing out that there will be a White Sail class this year. It should be noted that the Fingal race of the 19<sup>th</sup> is the only Saturday race during a three week spell as there is no club racing on the 12<sup>th</sup> nor 26<sup>th</sup> due to unfavourable tide times, so take advantage.

The East Coast Cruiser 111 Championships will be held July 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> inc at the DMYC in Dun Laoghaire.

Regards

Lee Douglas

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## Bar Committee Help Required

We are anxious to contact club member(s), preferably with some experience in bar management and/or bar accounts, who are willing to join the bar committee in the preparation of regular accounting information in the St. James's Terrace Clubhouse.

If interested, please contact Colm Fitzpatrick at 086 8197584, or Andy Deegan at 087 2240086.

## Boat Handling Skills

Everyone could benefit from an opportunity to practice boat handling skills and to share techniques.

On Wednesday evenings over the summer we will run a series of short events covering Marina berthing, Man-Overboard and Anchoring techniques.

Each night we will take one or two boats and as many crew on each as is safe. Over the course of 60 to 90 minutes we will attempt as many berthings, man-overboards or anchorings as possible. For each attempt only a few of the crew will be actively involved – the rest will be there to watch.

The idea is to provide a safe environment for people to share techniques, experiment and learn. The exercises should be invaluable for skippers and crew regardless of your level of expertise. Experienced skippers and crew complement each other, especially in unexpected circumstances when there can be little or no time to give detailed directions.

New members and members who are not part of a regular crew are especially welcome. Come along to meet other members as well as develop your skills.

**WATCH THE NOTICE BOARD FOR TIMES AND DATES.**

*(Thanks to Leo Goggin for the idea)*

Robin McKay

# JUNIOR AFFAIRS

Even though the sailing season is just starting for most of us, our junior members have already represented the club with distinction at a number of Regional and National Events. Niall Carbery and Sam Quill finished 6<sup>th</sup> at the Mirror Easterns in their new boat. Katie White has sailed three events in her Laser 4.7 and finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the Munsters, 5<sup>th</sup> at the Youth Nationals and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Ulsters. Scott Flanagan competed in the Oppie Trials in Lough Derg and Crosshaven and completed a very competitive series with a win in the last race. Well done to all of you.

Katie White has been selected to join the Irish Laser 4.7 squad and train with Sailcoach in France in advance of the European Championships, which will be held in Dun Laoghaire from 21<sup>st</sup> to 27 July.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their application forms for junior training courses early as requested in the last edition of Masthead. We have had over 90 applications so far and we have organized four additional groups over the three courses to try and cater for the demand.

The Level 4 Advanced Sailing course has been fully booked since the end of the second week in April and there have been quite a few disappointed sailors who were unable to get a place on it. However, we have just confirmed that we can now offer a second Level 4AS during the first course from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July.

There are still a small number of places left at all levels on some courses and when these are filled we will not be able to accept any more applications, so if you are still looking for a place please send in your application in to DMG Sailsports immediately.

The club has been arranged access to a number of exciting boats for the Level 4 sailors to practice their spinnaker and trapeze skills in. Stephen Taylor is lending two JY15's and Topper/Viking

Marine will be providing two Topaz Vibes for the duration of the junior training courses.

**For all sailors doing Level 3 or Level 4 courses** the ISA recommends that everyone starting the course has "already mastered the practical skills and absorbed the background knowledge covered in their previous course. In practical terms this implies a seasons sailing between courses." If you have not been sailing



since the end of your last course, you need to get out on the water as soon as possible. Your ISA Logbook has a personal sailing log at the back, where you can record your experience, racing, cruising, etc.

Our instructor team this year will be led by Donnchadh McCobb, who graduated from Colaiste Dhulaigh with a Diploma in Outdoor Adventure Management. Donnchadh has worked for number of sailing schools and clubs as a Senior Instructor on junior training courses before joining DMG Sailsports as a full time sailing, windsurfing and powerboat instructor. We have had replies from as far away as Poland to advertisements for instructors and Dave Garvey and Donnchadh have been busy selecting enthusiastic candidates for the instructors and assistant instructors jobs.

Brian McDowell  
Junior Affairs Officer

# Topaz Class News

After a good turnout at the Early Bird Regatta, there has been a drop off in topazs' attending the regular dinghy sailing, on one occasion the Topaz's were even out numbered by the Laser class for the first time in a number of years. Admittedly this is great to see. We all have other commitments, but you need your relaxation & fun too ! So Come on, every Thursday and every Saturday get out there and practise before the Nationals, lets try to keep most of the prizes in Malahide this year !!

We have confirmed the date for the Westerns at Mullaghmore – 11<sup>th</sup> August. We also have an event in Baltimore, early September, but the exact date is yet to be confirmed.

Also don't forget the Topaz Easterns in Courtown 1<sup>st</sup> July.

## Team Racing.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May, a briefing and introduction to the Sailing rules was given by Chris Shackleton. The battlefield tactics sounded great, a promise of plenty of fun on the water, however as usual its harder to put into practise when on the water.

The first session went well, with the teams improving greatly on their race starts over the evenings practise. Two more sessions are planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Topaz Coaching.

On the Monday evenings after the three Team racing sessions are completed, we plan to hold some topaz coaching sessions. These sessions are held in association with the ISA and sponsored by the ISA. This will be a great way to improve your skills, in time for the Nationals.



Keep an eye in the MYC & Topaz class websites for dates and further details.

## Help required. Topaz Nationals

If you are unfortunate enough to not have a Topaz to sail at the Nationals and still want to share in the fun, then all help would be greatly appreciated. We need rescue boat drivers, catering and others ! All help, no matter how small will be greatly appreciated, Contact me at the number below.

## **Want a new Jib for your Topaz ?**

### FREE JIBS for all boats at the Nationals

Topper UK are designating the Nationals as a European event. They are providing sponsorship and are giving each competing boat in the Nationals a brand new Jib. Make sure you attend & get registered early. Application forms will be available on the topaz class Associations website <http://www.topazclass.com> and on the MYC website.

I have put some photos of the Early Bird regatta on the topaz website too, so have a look & find yourself

Peter Cunning,  
Topaz Class Captain.  
086 805 1783

# Oppie News

Our oppie sailors were so looking forward to participating in the Option Electronics/IPP Leinster Championships on the 18-19th March in the Broadmeadow. 125 sailors had travelled to MYC for the event. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side ( Force 8-9). Neil Murphy, PRO made the right decision in calling it a day at 10.00am on day 1. There was great disappointment from both the sailors and all those involved in organising the event. 40 members had volunteered their services.

MYC have now written to all the competitors informing them that the event has been re-scheduled for the 8-9th September. A special thank you to every one involved in the planning, preparations, registration, rescue and catering. I hope we can call on you all in September. We hope to see more MYC sailors participating in this event.

Our Early Bird Regatta took place on the 22nd April. In the oppie class we had 2 fleets, main and regatta. Our visiting sailors from HYC and RNIYC, Mark Condy, Holly and Craig Campbell had a 1st and 2nd and 3rd in the main fleet. MYC sailors Alex Shackelton and Sean Anglim were 1st and 2nd .in the regatta fleet.

The Fingal Regional Coaching programme (HYC,MYC,RSC and SSC) had a training session in Skerries at the end of April. 28 sailors from the 4 clubs trained together in very windy conditions. Each club provided a coach and sailors of similar standards trained together. Cal Mc Grattan in Caligator had great fun weaving around the cruisers in Skerries harbour on his



first maiden voyage outside the Broadmeadow This programme will continue in the autumn.

Training for beginners and level 1-3 sailors commenced on Saturday 19th May. Sailors must be rigged and ready for 1pm. See MYC website at [www.myc.ie](http://www.myc.ie) for further details .Places are limited to 4 beginners and 6 level (1-3) sailors. If you don't want to train ,why not come down and race at 3pm on Saturday and Thursdays at 7pm.



## Dates for your diaries:.

9-10 June	Ulsters	RNIYC, Cultra
22 June	Vice Presidents Cup	Howth Y.C.
23-24 June	Connaughts	R.St. George Y.C.
8 July	Dinghy Regatta	Howth Y.C.
14-15 July	Crosbie Cup	LRYC
29 July	Dinghy Regatta	Sutton S.C
16-19 Aug	Nationals	RCYC

Skerries Junior Regatta will be announced shortly.

Mary White  
Optimist Class Captain



# Cruising Notes

Our cruising season has started in a small way with an overnight visit by Waygoose, Scarth and Orange to Howth on Saturday 5 May. The weather interfered with a longer trip to Dun Laoghaire, but we had a very enjoyable meal and a few pints in Howth Yacht Club.

Thoughts are turning to a trip to Carlingford for the June Bank Holiday weekend – possibly starting with an overnight trip. Let me know if you are interested.

We have had three successful evenings of passage planning in the Club. The feedback from those participating was very positive. As well as a chance to refresh our navigation skills the evenings provided a great opportunity for contact with members that you don't know. It was also an opportunity to make everyone aware of the obligation on skippers to make passage plans prior to every trip.

Following suggestions from some members I am hoping to organise some on-the-water exercises on Wednesday evenings over the summer to improve experience in three areas – Berthing in the Marina, Man-overboard and Anchoring. The idea is to involve as many as possible – both crew and skippers – to develop skills, roles and teamwork. More information soon!

Strong northerly winds, exactly as forecast for several days, put paid to the first Diary event - the Rockabill Event on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The BBQ at the club went ahead anyway, and was very enjoyable.

I am still waiting for volunteers to organise the Prawn Event and Pirates day - you don't have to be a boat owner. Please don't all take a step backwards.

Safe cruising ... Robin

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**Club Communications**

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## Dinghy Pen Improvements

Once again, as happened last year in recognition of the huge growth in activity on the Broadmeadows the main club committee has allocated a sizable budget to the Broadmeadows committee to improve equipment and facilities for dinghy sailors and junior training. One of the first things we did was to purchase 3 new rescue boats with 10HP engines. This was an absolute necessity as the huge demand for juniors training required us to increase the number of students on each of the 3, two-week courses. On the plus side for race night is that they are a little lighter than the existing red rescue boats and are a lot easier to launch and recover. We are selling two of the big old launches with and three of the older engines, so if you know anyone who wants a great stable fishing boat that he can take all his neighbours out in give a me a shout and we can put together a great deal for them. There are a number of other improvements planned and I will keep you informed.

Bob Sugrue



# Memorial unveiling at Broadmeadows.

We took time out on the morning of the Early Bird Regatta to remember Stephen O'Reilly who passed away in November 1994 at 15 years of age. The memorial service was well attended by his family and friends. Father Gerry Tanham also attended to help us to dedicate a memorial stone, which has been placed at the starter's flag mast at Broadmeadows.

Stephen learnt his sailing while spending his summer days at the MYC Junior Training in Broadmeadows. He started like most of our juniors sailing Optimists moving on later to Mirrors. He also represented the Club at Mirror Regional and National Events during 93 94 with Damien Fenix as crew.



Colm Fitzpatrick Vice Commodore.



**BAR FOOD** is available after all cruiser races again this season. We will also be running **BBQs** on most Saturdays over the season. Dates for both are listed below.

Prices, same as last year, Steak, Chicken or Veg option including salads and dessert for only €15 if prebooked. Still good value at €20 if tickets are purchased on the day. Tickets from the bar. Limited Kids menu also. Whether your sailing or not why not come down and join us.

Fri 01 Jun	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 02 Jun	14.30	Bar Food
Fri 08 Jun	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 09 Jun	18.00	BBQ
Mon 11 Jun	20.00	Bar Food
Fri 15 Jun	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 16 Jun	12.30	Bar Food
Sat 16 Jun	18.00	BBQ, <b>topaz Nationals</b>
Tue 19 Jun	20.00	Bar Food
Fri 22 Jun	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 23 Jun	17.30	BBQ
Tue 26 Jun	20.00	Bar Food
Fri 29 Jun	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 30 Jun	13.30	Bar Food
Fri 06 Jul	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining



Sat 7 Jul	17.30	<b>Wild West</b> BBQ
Sun 08 Jul	17.00	BBQ, <b>Prawn Race</b>
Tue 10 Jul	21.30	Bar Food
Fri 20 Jul	19.00	Usual Friday Dning
Sat 21 Jul	16.30	Bar Food
Sun 22 Jul	17.00	BBQ, <b>Wicklow Vase</b>
Tue 24 Jul	21.30	Bar Food
Fri 27 Jul	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 28 Jul	13.30	Bar Food
Mon 06 Aug	16.00	BBQ, <b>Wide Water Day</b>
Thu 09 Aug	21.30	Bar Food
Fri 10 Aug	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 11 Aug	13.30	Bar Food
Fri 17 Aug	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 18 Aug	18.00	BBQ, <b>MYC Regatta</b>
Thu 23 Aug	21.30	Bar Food
Fri 24 Aug	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 25 Aug	12.30	Bar Food
Sun 26 Aug	17.00	BBQ, <b>Pirates</b>
Fri 31 Aug	19.00	Usual Friday A la Carte Dining
Sat 01 Sep	18.00	BBQ



## Communications with Members

Our computer system to simplify sending short emails and text messages to members is up and running. Text messages are especially convenient for reminders and for notifying last minute changes.

To make sure that you do not miss out on anything you are interested in (if you have not already done so) please send me (or Jonathan Law – who looks after the members' database) an email or text message as soon as possible to say which (one or more) of the following categories you wish to be INCLUDED in. You can also use the included form and leave in the Yacht Club. You may select as many as you like. **Please include your name, especially in text messages.**

- No messages (except about Membership matters)
- All messages
- Social (social events and general interest)
- Cruising
- Cruiser Racing
- Dinghies
- Juniors

And, of course, make sure we have your current email address and mobile phone number (one of each per person).

If I don't have any other information from you, you will only receive information about Social events.

Robin McKay

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## Boat Storage in Dinghy Pen

Included in this Masthead are application forms for storage of boats in the Broadmeadows. Please fill them in and enclose a photocopy of the 3rd party insurance on your boats. As always the increased use of the pen means that we are going to have to become increasingly stricter on members leaving unused boats in the pen. Conor Costello who is in charge of the pen this year will be contacting members to remove boats that are not registered, so to be fair to him and to save him a lot of unnecessary work, please register your boats or remove them out of the pen. The 3rd party insurance is required as it has been for the last 7 years.

Bob Sugrue

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## Opera Night

A group of MYC members enjoyed a great night out recently, which was organised by Vincent Lundy and Deirdre Moore Somers, social secretary. The group were driven to the RDS which is a fabulous setting for this type of event. We enjoyed a wonderful production of Mozart's comic opera, *Così fan tutti*, which is a light hearted look at the twists and turns of romantic love, with some wonderful singing by visiting principal performers. This production of the

opera, composed by Mozart in the late 17th century, was set in 21st century costume and illustrated how little human beings have changed in the last 300 years!

Having enjoyed the opera, everyone was driven back to the club, where a gorgeous dinner was served. A thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all and we look forward to the next outing of the group.

Thanks a million for a really enjoyable night.

Mary Cronin