

**CAPTAIN'S LOG**

Fellow Ruffians,

The evenings are getting shorter and Dun Laoghaire midweek racing is wrapping up with the last of the DBSC Tuesday and Thursday races being held this week.

I'm pleased to say we have had good numbers with an average of 17 boats on Thursdays and an average of 10 on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

We have had a full calendar of events since the last newsletter went to print in early June by which time we had had the training night with Prof. on May 7 and the DMYC regatta on May 31.

Next up was the Lambay race. Unfortunately I was unable to take part this year but rumour has it that the Riff Raff crew, regulars at the event, were led astray by the Shillelagh crew, also regulars at the regatta but novices at the Friday night festivities. The Lambay (or Kish) rules applied so feedback was sketchy but apparently copious volumes of mojitos were consumed well into the night. Shille-

lagh skipper John Caldwell missed the Friday night fun as he flew into Belfast at 5am and drove directly to Howth to meet up with his well rested crew. Shillelagh's team performance was unaffected and they got the gun in the 5-strong Ruffian fleet. Shannagh helmed by Stephen Gill was 2nd and Ripples helmed by Frank Bradley was 3rd.

Frank returned to sail in the Kish 2-handed race the following day which he duly won. Red Cloud was 2nd and Carmen was 3rd.

Next was the NYC regatta on June 14th. Paramour helmed by Roberto Sastre won, with Derek Mitchell on Ruff Nuff 2nd, & Bruce Carswell on Diane II 3rd.

The following day Caroline Clarke was the winner of the 3-race Ladies series and was awarded the Dun Laoghaire Ladies Series cup kindly presented to us by Wicklow Sailing Club.

The RIYC regatta on June 28th was won by Alan Claffey helming Diane II, with Noel McNamara helm-

ing Ruff N' Ready 2nd, and Stephen Gill helming Shannagh 3rd.

The Interclub team racing on June 29th will be covered in a separate section, as will the 35th anniversary celebrations on July 13th, and the Championships on July 25th-27th.

The final Dun Laoghaire regatta of the season was the RStGYC on July 5 and was won by Ruff N' Ready helmed by Ann Kirwan on a count back from Bruce Carswell on Diane II, with Alias helmed by David Meeke 3rd.

Thanks to Paul Murphy who held a very informative rules talk for us on Wednesday July 17th.

A huge thanks to Larry Power who ran the 2 Olympic DBSC races, the Ladies Series and the Interclub team racing. Without Larry these highly enjoyable events would not have been possible.

Safe sailing and fair winds for the rest of the season.

Ann Kirwan, Class Capt.

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**INTERCLUB TEAM RACING—JUNE 29TH**

The annual interclub team racing event was sailed in breezy conditions in Scotsman's bay on Sunday June 29th. 6 races were held on a trapezoid course. The first race of the day was a closely contested match between the RStGYC and the visitors, a combination of Wicklow and Skerries sailing clubs, with the RStGYC winning by just 1 point. In race 2 the NYC

beat the DMYC by the same narrow margin. In race 3 the NYC went on to beat the George in their only defeat of the day. The NYC retained their title when then beat WSC/SSC in the final race of the day. Thanks to Bill Quigley who provided Fiddly Bits as the committee boat, and to Tina who helped Larry, myself and Bill on the committee boat.



Pictured above are NYC helms Dave Russell of Paramour, John Caldwell of Shillelagh, and Colm Murray of Icicle, winners of the Interclub Team Racing 2008

**HONG KONG 2009**

Plans are well underway for the trip to Hong Kong in March 2009. Larry Power is heading up the Hong Kong sub-committee, along with Alan Claffey and myself—it promises to be a fantastic trip.





The Helly Hansen Ruffian 23 National Championships were hosted by the NYC July 25th-27th. Race Officer Liam Dinneen from Skerries ran a very enjoyable 7-race series over the three days.

Weather conditions were mixed with 7-12kts on the Friday followed by very light winds on Saturday morning, and breezier conditions on Sunday afternoon.

Derek Mitchell and the crew of Ruff Nuff - Jim, Robert, Philip, Carol and Shane, retained the title of National Champion for a 4th successive year. Runner-up prize went to Robbie Keys from Skerries helming Siamsa. Robbie also won the prize for best traveller. Roberto Sastre helming Paramour won the Silver fleet.

The event was a great success thanks to the NYC, race officer Liam Dinneen, Sandra Moore in the race office, the committee boat personnel and the rib drivers.

The NYC laid on a great dinner attended by 83 people on the Saturday night. Photos of the event, the dinner & prize-giving & the full set of results are available on our website [www.ruffians.ie](http://www.ruffians.ie).



Derek and the crew of Ruff Nuff being presented with 1st prize (above) while Robbie and the crew of Siamsa receive the runners up prize (below)



2008 Ruffian Calendar	
Training with Prof.	Wed May 7
DMYC Regatta	May 31
Lambay Race	June 7
DL Ladies Series	June 15
RIYC Regatta	June 28
Inter Club Team Racing	June 29
RStGYC Regatta	July 5
35th Anniversary	July 13
Skerries 75th Anniversary Regatta. Feeder race from Howth on Sat	Sat & Sun July 19 & 20
Championships	July 25-27
Ladies Race	Wed Aug 20
Last DBSC Tues/Thurs	Aug 26/28
Captain's Prize	Sun Aug 31
Last DBSC Sat	Sept 27
Prize-giving Dinner	Sat Nov 8
AGM	Tues Nov 11



**RUFFIANS SAIL THE WORLD - 35 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



Ruffians took to the water to celebrate the 35th anniversary since Billy and Dickie Brown designed and built the first Ruffian (see [www.ruffians.ie](http://www.ruffians.ie) for the fascinating story of Ruffian). Dun Laoghaire Ruffians had



Ruffians in Dalkey Sound and 'Ruffians Sail the World' certificate awarded to those taking part in the 35th celebration sail



**DBSC LINE DUTY**

Stephen Gill, coordinated the Ruffian line duty this season. Thanks to Stephen we had the required number of people for each of our 8 line duties throughout the season. Thanks also to all of you who did line duty, and a special thanks to Larry Power who ran both Ruffian Olympic races.

a cruise in company to Dalkey Sound on Sunday July 13th, and were joined in the 35th anniversary sail by fellow Ruffians in Carrickfergus, Strangford Lough, Skerries, Wicklow and Baltimore, and in spirit by Ruffians in Hong Kong, Uruguay, the Isle of Man and Schull.

It was a real family celebration in Dun L with the age of the Ruffian sailors taking to the water over the weekend ranging from 3 to 86. Siamsa competed in the Rockabill race in Skerries and celebrated the 35th with a win by 30 seconds on corrected time.

Alan Kirwan on Nuits St. Georges, pictured above, made a special effort with a flag hoist saying HB35 (Happy Birthday—35). Icicle was also dressed with flags.



**LADIES RACE - AUGUST 20**

6 boats competed for the Ladies race trophy in light airs on Wednesday Aug 20th. Diane II's Caroline Clarke won the race with Carmen's Shirley Pimms 2nd and Paramour's Barbara Conway 3rd. Also competing were the 2 Ruff Ladies pictured below.



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Date	2 people + 1 car / 1 +
Tues May	Riff Raff / Nuits St G
Sat May 17	Ruff Nuff / Blue
Thurs Jun 5	Diane II / Rila
Tues Jun 24	Carmen / Shannagh
Thurs Aug	Alias / The Sting
Sat Aug 16	Shillelagh / Golden
Olympics	
Date	1 person / 1 person
Sat 3 May	Kermit / Badger
Sat 12 Jul	Glens on Duty
Sat 23 Aug	Ruff Rider / Icicle
Sat 13 Sept	Glens on Duty