

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Firstly, a vote of thanks on behalf of the Class to Bruce Carswell for a year as Class Captain carried out not only with his characteristic panache, but also with great thought and hard work. This year we are sad to lose Stephen Gill from the Committee—his work as Treasurer has been much appreciated. Ann Kirwan has very kindly agreed to remain on the Committee and to step into Stephen's shoes as Treasurer. We are delighted to have Henrik Heckmann return to the Committee as Regional Liaison and for an update on Wicklow activities, you can see his column elsewhere in

this bulletin. Ian Cutcliffe has very kindly agreed to join the Committee and is a welcome addition to the splendid talents we already have. As usual this year, we hope to arrange a training session with 'Prof' early in the season to sharpen up what is already recognised as a very competitive Class of keen sailors. A list of provisional dates is published in the newsletter and we will confirm the training date as soon as possible. One hope that I would have for this year is that as many boats as can do will take part in Saturday racing.

Recent years have seen a decline in the numbers competing on Saturdays, while Thursdays remain extremely popular. Saturday offers an opportunity for a good race and more social time around racing and I would exhort everybody to give Saturday a go and discover how much they like it! Looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces and hopefully some new ones on the water soon.

Michael Hinkson
Class Captain



EVENTS FOR 2010 SEASON

Racing for this season starts with the first Saturday DBSC race on 24th April. There will be a Class get together for a drink and chat in the DMYC after the race on the following Saturday, 1st May, and all Class members and their families are encouraged to come along whether or not they are racing on the day. As with previous years, the Lambay Race on 12th June is our starred race with DBSC. This event is always enjoyable from both a racing and a social point of view and the plan is for as many boats as possible to travel on the Friday evening

before the race and to congregate for dinner in Howth before returning to their boats to slumber soundly. While going to press with this newsletter, we are hoping that John Caldwell and the other luminaries from Shillelagh will agree to co-ordinate the sail over and social activities surrounding the event. Contacts have been made with our colleagues in Carrickfergus to organise the North/South Race, which will take place on 20th June. This year we revert to Club Regattas after a very successful DL Regatta last year.

These promise to be great sailing and social events and we have our fingers crossed for some sun-lit Saturdays with a good blow. The Championships this year take place from Friday 23rd July— Sunday 25th July and we hope to see as many boats as possible from the Bay and further afield in attendance. We have plans to invade Dalkey Island for a barbeque on 10th July and will let you know more in the next newsletter. A number of Ruffian people have expressed an interest in chartering boats to take part in

Cork Week which takes place from the 12th to the 16th of July. Anybody interested in joining Ruffians On Tour (ROT) to do this week should contact Alan Claffey at alan.claffey@vodafone.com as early as possible. Provisional dates for class events for the year are displayed on the following page and all boats are urged to take park as much as possible to continue our success as a vibrant and competitive class.

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2009 WICKLOW REPORT

The Wicklow 2009 Sailing Season will best be remembered for a bright red boat winning most of the available crystal and silverware on offer: Tony and Rose Gillespie's "Bilbo" managed not only to win the much coveted "Best Ruffian Trophy" - they were also the only boat to seriously challenge the high perform-

ance craft "Hydrogin" in trying to win the trophy for best WSC boat overall: Ironically this "lean and mean" 29-footer is being helmed by former Ruffian sailors Jason and Pascal Moran (Ex Bally-Blue)! With young Jason now setting his sights on a Wicklow-based Round-Ireland-Race entry for this coming

June it surely goes to show that there's no better boat to whet the appetite for serious racing than the modern classic that is the Ruffian. Again, the only news to eclipse even this achievement would be the announcement of Bilbo's Tony and Rose getting married this spring - well done and Fair Winds from all of us, guys!

SAIL MEASURING

For those of you who have ordered a new sail or two over the winter Alan Kirwan will be available to measure sails on a date in April, around the time of the various clubs' lift in. He will circulate a precise date and suggested time to all members via email in early April. However in the meantime if anyone anticipates having sails to be measured please let Alan know so that he can budget for numbers etc. Contact details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

2010 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder that your 2010 membership subscriptions are now due. The 2010 full subscription is €150 per boat (up to 8 crew including owners/helms), with €10 payable per additional crew member, and €20 per boat for country/regional membership. Note that in order to race in DBSC boats must be fully paid up members of the Ruffian Association. Please complete and return the enclosed membership renewal/application form.

SAFETY

Caoive Collins, our Safety Officer, will be conducting her first safety check for George and NYC boats on 24th April. For details of the Ruffian safety requirements please email Caoive, Alan Claffey or Mike Hinkson and we will gladly forward you the checklist.

DBSC Gold Fleet	
<u>THURS GOLD</u>	<u>SAT GOLD</u>
Ruff Nuff	Ruff N Ready
Ruff N Ready	Alias
Shillelagh	Ruff Nuff
Diane II	Diane II
Icicle	Icicle
Carmen	Shillelagh
Paramour	Ripples
Shannagh	Paramour
Nuits St George	Ruffles
Alias	Shannagh
Ripples	Carmen
Ruffles	Nuits St George
Champagne	Riff Raff
DBSC Silver Fleet	
<u>THURS SILVER</u>	<u>SAT SILVER</u>
Golden Girl	Ruff Diamond
The Sting	Golden Girl
Papillon	Blue Moon
Ruff Rider	Ruff Rider
Blue Moon	Badger
Ruff Diamond	Rila
Badger	Papillon
Rila	Champagne
Ruff Justice	The Sting
Crescendo	Crescendo

2009 CLASS DINNER

The 2009 Season was rounded off with a very successful and well attended dinner in the RStGYC. Carmel Winkelmann attended the dinner at the invitation of the committee to accept the annual award for contribution to the class on behalf of the DBSC Hut. You can see her (below) giving her legendary starting countdown ably assisted by Donal O'Sullivan and Larry Power.

TRAINING

Please note we have arranged training with Prof to coincide with the first Olympic Race on the 15th of May. We will be sending out further info in the coming weeks.

DBSC LINE DUTY

Richard Godley, our vice-captain, will be coordinating the Ruffian line duty roster this season. See the table in the next column for line duty requirements and meeting times. DBSC will impose a sanction of the loss of one race for the class if the required personnel fail to show up on time.



2010 Ruffian Calendar	
DBSC 1st Sat	April 24
DBSC 1st Tuesday	April 27
DBSC 1st Thursday	April 29
DBSC Olympics	May 15
Training with Prof	May 15
Ladies Series	May 23
NYC Regatta	May 29
DMYC Regatta	June 5
Lambay Race (Starred)	June 12
North/South Team Racing	June 20
RIYC Regatta	June 26
RStGYC Regatta	July 3
Dalkey Island BBQ	July 10
Ruffian Championships	July 23/24/25
DBSC Olympics	July 31
Inter Club team Racing	Aug 15
Ladies Race	Aug 18
DBSC Olympics	Aug 21
DBSC Last Thursday	Aug 26
DBSC Last Tuesday	Aug 31
Captain's Prize	Sept 9
DBSC Olympics	Sept 11
DBSC Last Saturday	Sept 25
Class Dinner	Nov 27
AGM	Nov 30

Line Duty Requirements and Times (meet at RIYC)

Tues 17:30	2 cars plus 2 competent people
Thurs 17:00	2 cars plus 3 competent people (1 for Mac Lir)
Sat 12:45	PRO plus 2 helpers for Tarifda

Hut & MacLir

Date	2 people + 1 car / 1 + car
Tues May 11	Diane 2 / Icicle
Sat May 15	Shannagh / Ruff Nuff
Thurs Jun 3	Riff Raff / Nuits St George
Thurs Jun 22	Carmen / The Sting
Thurs Aug 12	Blue Moon / Paramour
Sat Aug 14	Ripples / Champagne

Olympics

Date	1 person / 1 person
May 15	Ruffles / Badger
July 31	R. Diamond/ Golden Girl
August 21	Glens on Duty
September 11	Glens on Duty