

IRISH RUFFIAN ASSOCIATION

April 2017



2017 Events List

DBSC 1 st Tues	25 th Apr
DBSC 1 st Thurs	27 th Apr
DBSC 1 st Sat	29 th Apr
1 st Coastal Race	27 th May
Lambay Race	2 nd & 3 rd Jun
River Fest	4 th & 5 th Jun
2 nd Coastal Race	17 th Jun
Volvo Regatta	6 th – 9 th Jul
Mid-Season Prize Giving	13 th Jul
3 rd Coastal Race	5 th Aug
Championships	18 th – 20 th Aug
Greystones Feeder Race	26 th Aug
Regatta	27 th Aug
Ladies Race\Last DBSC Tues	29 th Aug
Last Thurs	31 st Aug
Captains Prize	5 th Sept
DBSC End of Season Race Day	30 th Sept
Annual Dinner	18 th Nov
AGM	20 th Nov

Sail Measuring

If you've invested in any new sails this year, please contact Alan Claffey to arrange a time to have them measured.

Tel No: 087-8180077

Captain's Log

Fellow Ruffians, it's hard to believe the sailing season is already upon us! I hope you are all safely re-launched, re-invigorated, and wish you all the best for what promises to be another exciting summer.

We have a full calendar to look forward to with the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta in July, 3 DBSC Coastal Races, and the Ruffian National Championships & Greystones Regattas in August.

Our friends in Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club (PYBC) have recently acquired a number of Ruffians, so we look forward to meeting them on & off the water. A welcome and exciting new addition to the calendar will be visiting them for their "Riverfest" which takes place over the June Bank Holiday weekend.

There have been a number of changes in the Committee, with a nice mix of experience & new blood so I'm very excited to be working with all of them this year. I'd like to thank Lorcan Balfe and Alan Kirwan for all their hard work over the past few years and wish them all the best as they step down from the committee. I would also like to welcome Helen Bradley, Mark Bourne, Stephen Gill, and Roger Smith to the committee for 2017, who along with Ann Kirwan, Alan Claffey, Mike Hinkson, Ian Cutcliffe and 2016 Class Captain Frank Bradley will help to make it another great year.

Happy sailing
Declan

DBSC News - *Watch out for pots and inflatable marks*

The DBSC has warned about an increase in the amount of pots in the bay this year. The increase in whelk pots is of particular concern, as these are strung together with ropes between them which may be just below the surface. These are much more likely to snag a keel than lobster pots. A large number of these pots have appeared near some DBSC racing marks, so keep careful lookout.

DBSC have worked hard to ensure all racing marks have been re-instated and colours are correct. As a result of racing marks going missing over the past couple of years the DBSC now has two inflatable marks (labelled T1 & T2) that can be used in the event of a mark disappearing. If an inflatable mark is being used the race officer will announce it before the start of a race.

DBSC have asked for 2 volunteers from each class to go on a panel for DBSC Protest Meetings. These protest meetings will take place on Monday nights, usually once or twice a month depending on demand. There's no obligation if they contact you and the date doesn't suit, but they'd like to have a panel to choose from and it's a good way learn the rules and see them in action. If anybody is interested then please let us know.



2017 Committee

Class Captain	Declan Tonge	Declan_t1@hotmail.com
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Past Captain	Frank Bradley	

Line Duty Rota

Boat	Date	For
Ruff Rider	20 th May	Hut
Ripples	20 th May	Boat
Scamp	1 st June	Boat
Ruff Nuff	1 st June	Boat
Ruffles	10 th Aug	Boat
Riff Raff	10 th Aug	Boat
Shannagh	15 th Aug	Hut
Bandit	15 th Aug	Hut

More detailed information for the line duty rota can be found on the web site.

Lambay Race – 2nd & 3rd June

The Lambay race is always a great event and the race is started for the DBSC. This year HYC are making a weekend of the event and are holding a short 'round Ireland's Eye' race on Friday night, as well as the tradition Saturday Lambay race. We hope to see plenty of boats entering this year and maybe even arriving on Friday for a bit of racing and socialising.



Volvo Regatta – 6th – 9th July

This year sees the 7th Volvo regatta and they are predicting up to 2,500 sailors will take to the water for the occasion. We hope to see as many Ruffians as possible taking part in the event.

The early bird registration has been extended until Friday 28th April @ 8pm.



Championships- 18th – 20th Aug

The three days and seven races of the national championships are always a high point of the season. We have to wait until August for the event this year but that only gives more time to hone racing skills. We hope to see a great turn out and especially welcome all the visiting boats.

(Let's hope everyone finishes with their masts intact this year).



Cruise in Company / Daytrips / Sunday Lunch

During the summer weekends we'd like to arrange a few family-type daytrips or cruises-in-company to Poolbeg, Greystones, and Howth. It's always nice to arrive somewhere, tie up the boat, and go for a coffee, ice-cream, or lunch. If you are interested in being involved in these type of trips please email irish.ruffian.association@gmail.com. We'll give notice of any arranged trips a couple of days in advance (subject to weather & tides).