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# Making Waves



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**Hi all.**

Welcome to the second 2008 issue of the club's newsletter.

We have had a busy season so far. Many of our members have been busy training and upskilling on various courses. There have been courses in race management, safety boat, Yachtmaster, powerboat and radio all in the few months.

Congratulations to all those who successfully completed the courses and I hope that they all go on to further their powerboating / sailing qualifications. Thanks to Iain Biddulph Jnr, Niamh Cassidy, Yvette Deacon, Dermot O'Morchoe, Iain Biddulph Snr. and Aoife Rafferty for their dedication and hard work.

Many thanks go to all those who have helped get the season going so far this year, especially to the ladies who made costumes for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the gang who built Noah's Ark, to the large crowd that helped clean the boatyard, those who helped with the moorings, and especially all those who helped on the very long Lift-in Day.

As this newsletter is published, work on the new boat house extension should be underway. It is envisaged that the new building will be used for winter courses, to provide more area and shelter for those on the dinghy course, and will also act as a social area for everyone. A 'clubhouse warming' party will take place as soon as the building is complete.

For all the new members reading this, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries you may have. You are most welcome to join in club activities, for example the cruiser racing on a Saturday, or adult dinghy sailing during the summer - see the notice page for more ideas on how to get involved. It's not all for the children! Come along to the barbeques and meet everyone.

I hope you all have a great season of sailing and have a memorable summer and no the committee can not guarantee the weather - we are good but not that good!

Safe Sailing.

*Áine S.*





## Dates to

### Remember:

#### MAY 18:

Dinghy Traveller  
Event

#### JUNE 5:

Start of  
Thursday night  
sailing.

#### JULY 7:

Kilmichael  
Regatta

#### JULY 13:

Sea Sunday and  
Blessing of the  
Boats

#### JULY 20:

Pink Ladies  
Challenge

#### SEPT 28:

Annual General  
Meeting

#### OCTOBER 11:

Dinner Dance  
and Cruiser  
Prizegiving

### YOU TELL US WE'LL TELL THEM

Please send  
items of  
interest for  
future  
newsletters to  
Aine Stafford at  
Courtown  
Sailing Club

## CSC HEWS \* CSC HEWS \* CSC HEWS

### WANTED

If you would like to support Courtown Lifeboat, why not build and enter a raft in this years Sea Sunday Raft Race. Contact Aine for an entry form.

The lifeboat crew would also appreciate anyone who can volunteer to collect or assist with the day's events.

### CORRECTION FOR CRUISER CALENDAR

**Members please note:** Sea Sunday takes place this year on Sunday, July 13, and not July 6 as incorrectly stated on the Sailing Club Cruiser Calendar

### Club Sponsorship Fund

Last year a small sponsorship fund was set up to help those representing the club at a National or international level. To apply for this fund please write to the committee with full details of where and what you are doing. Every little helps!

### WATCH THE RA- DIOS

Please make sure all handheld radios are rinsed and back in their chargers at the end of each day. The radios are the property of the club, so you should treat them as if they were your own.

### TEXT ALERTS

Are you getting the info texts from the club? If not text 086 8066594 and we will add your number.

if you are getting them and do not want them let us know and we will remove you from the list.

### New members welcome

New members are always welcome to join CSC. Forms are available from Aine.

New members must be recommended by two current members, and forms must be filled out in full before going before the committee for approval.

The committee meets at least once a month, and new memberships are considered at that point.

### MOORINGS HEWS

Moorings in the harbour are now full. Please contact George to put your name on the waiting list.

Thanks to everyone who signed up for moorings duty. This is horrible messy work, and was carried out over three of the coldest weekends of the year so far. Thanks to George and his team for all their hard work

### LOCK UP!

Remember to lock the boatyard when you are finished – we don't want any uninvited guests!

### HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Work on the extension of the main clubhouse building is expected to be completed by mid May. It will provide us with an extra room for courses and meetings, and shelter for the children. It can also be opened up to the existing room to make one large room.

We are also building on a covered verandah outside for shelter and social events.

### Marina Update.

Wexford County Council are now on board in the planning for the proposed marina.

The next meeting of the steering committee will take place in early May. George Mahon and Seamus Nolan represent CSC on this committee.

The council is currently looking into Public Private Partnership ideasm but nothing is set in stone.

As soon as a proposal is made, or a firmer idea of the time scale of the marina is announced, we will inform all CSC members.

Other groups on the steering group include Courtown Lifeboat, Fishermen, Forest Park, Surfers, Courtown Community Development and Seamount Residents Association.

### Dinghy Course

Remember get your application forms back a.s.a.p.



# DINGHY NEWS



## CSC Dinghy Racing Update Spring 2008

Several Courtown Dinghy sailors have been busy competing over the past month. The spring competitive season kicked off Easter weekend with the **Laser Munster Championships** in Baltimore, West Cork. Sailors from Courtown taking part were: Joseph Morrin, Aoife and Ciaran Hurney, Ruth and Michael Harrington, Ian Byrne, Ronan McGovern, Simon and Philip Doran, and Conor Greagsbey. It was a tough event, with all sailors nicely challenged.

Doing well in this event was important; it was one of two qualifying events for the laser 4.7 World Championships in Croatia and for the Laser Radial Youth Europeans in Douarnenez, France later in the summer.

Results: 1st Youth Laser Radials – Simon Doran; 1st Overall Laser Radials – Simon Doran

2nd Philip Doran CSC

After the Munsters in Baltimore it

was off to the **Irish Youth Nationals and Junior Pathway Championships** in Schull, West Cork. CSC was very well represented also at the Youth Nationals with sailors competing in the Laser radial, 4.7 and standard class and also in the Topper class. The following CSC sailors took part: Ciaran and Aoife Hurney, Philip and Simon Doran, Michael and Ruth Harrington, Conor Greagsbey, Ian Byrne, Elaine Murphy and Stephen Duke. Also supporting the sailors but not able to sail due to injury was William O Morchoe. This topper event was important because it was one of two qualifier events for the Irish Topper Squad.

Results: Topper Junior Pathway Championship: 3rd Stephen Duke CSC; 1st Girl Elaine Murphy CSC

Youth Nationals: Laser Standard – 4th Ciaran Hurney; Laser Radial – 2nd Simon Doran; Laser 4.7 – 2nd Philip Doran

Dacht Water Sailing Club was host to a **UK Topper Nationwide** event on the 12th and 13th April. Philip Doran travelled to this event and, competing against 195 Toppers including the best of the British squad, finished with a happy 3rd place overall, just 1 point behind 1st. The **Topper Ulster Championships** was held in Killyleagh, Strangford Lough on the 12th and 20th April and once again CSC was well represented. Aoife Hurney, Ruth Harrington, Philip Doran and Stephen Duke kept the flag flying for CSC.

Despite the fact that racing was cancelled on the Saturday (too strong an Easterly wind) they managed to get four races sailed on the Sunday. This event was the second qualifier event for the Irish Topper Squad. All Courtown sailors did very well, with Philip winning the trophy for the second year in succession after four firsts.

## Dinghies in boat yard

Please make sure you check your dinghy if it's in the boat yard. Most of them have gotten blown around in this winter's storms. A lot have lost the main sails as the masts were left up and the sails unravelled and shredded on the fence. It is the owners' responsibility to look after their boats so please check them regularly, especially after any big winds.



### Do you own these dinghies ??????

Blue topaz 2561; Laser 123702; Laser 16035; Laser marked NO:47; Yellow PICO 6570; Topaz Purple 2970. You need to contact the boatyard officer Kevin Conroy a.s.a.p.

### PARENTS:

How to get more involved with your children's sailing:

- \*Volunteer to be a beach parent.
- \*Do a first aid course.
- \*Do a powerboat course.
- \*Try it yourself at adult fun sailing.
- \*Do a weekend level one sailing course.
- \*Why not try cruiser sailing on a Saturday afternoon, or a Thursday evening?

## DINGHY COURSE SPACES

John Timmons and his team have the unenviable task of organising the dinghy course. Spaces are allocated as they are applied for, and the weeks are filling up!!

We will do our level best to get everyone on the course they want, but sometimes the courses are just full and as much as we would like to, we can't accommodate everyone.

That is why it is very important membership forms are filled out and returned as soon as possible. The courses are for members only.





# KNOW THE ROPES

## Course Updates



### Course Graduates

CSC has hosted many courses in the past few months. We started in February with a Marine Radio Course, and had a successful 22 candidates graduating with a full DSC Radio Certificate.

The next course that took place was an ISA Race Management Course, with seventeen members now qualified to run and organise club racing.

Next, a team of Safety Boat instructors came down from Wicklow in February and hosted the first Safety Boat Course of the season. A lucky thirteen successfully completed the course with flying colours. We hope to organise another Safety Boat Course in the autumn.

We have had three ISA Powerboat Courses over the past two months. A grand total of 31 participants have completed their National Powerboat Certificate and Introduction to Powerboating Certificate.

Another Radio Course and Powerboat Course will take place in the next few weeks (see above). Feel free to text for more info or to sign up for any of these courses. If there is a course you would be interested in us organising, please get in touch.

### THURS MAY 15th (eve) & SUN MAY 18th:

#### Marine Radio/VHF Course

A Marine VHF/DSC Courses will be held in CSC this May. Cost is EUR 204 per person, which includes the Examiner's Fee and the Department of Communication's Certification Fee.

The instructor will be David Jerrard. Limited places are available. Sign up as soon as possible. Text the club phone on (086) 8066594.

For more information on this course, see the ISA website, [www.sailing.ie](http://www.sailing.ie)

### FRI MAY 9th (eve) SAT 10th & SUN 11th

#### National Powerboat Certificate

For those of you wishing to do the basic "driving" licence for powerboating, and get the current minimum requirement for rescue boat cover, National Powerboat Courses will be held in CSC in May.

The instructors will be CSC's own instructors. Cost €150 per CSC member.

This course is well worth doing if you would like to learn more about powerboats, and want to have the confidence to help with rescue boat cover.

To book contact (086) 8066594.

### Safety Boat Course

This course covers all aspects of boat rescue, places are limited. This course covers person rescue, and dinghy rescue, and is recommended for all those wishing to improve their rescue knowledge. This is a very enjoyable course.

The prerequisite is National Powerboat course. This course will be held in CSC in the late summer or autumn. Text 086 8066594 to let us know if you are interested.





# Cruiser News

## News from the Race Officer

### Hi everyone

I would like to wish every one a great 2008 sailing season, whether you are just racing around the cans, or you are racing further afield, best of luck for those going cruising during the year, I hope you get the weather.

From the open race meeting held this year, we have brought in some changes:

\*This year there will be a handicap

review after every five races sailed.

\*There will be a discard after 5 races.

\*Two new start lines have been introduced north and south (SN & SS) to accommodate these extra start lines. We have had to redo the course cards, so make sure you get a new one this year.

Also the sailing instructions have been up dated so make sure you get a new copy and have a quick

read.

Well that's it for me, I'd like to wish you all well again and have a great season.

**CUL8R**

*James*

**Race officer**

P.S: I would like to remind all skippers of Appendix G of our good book!

(The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008)

## What do you think?

We welcome any suggestions and ideas and will try take them on board, but please remember there are approximately 400 adult members and 300 children in the club, all with different interests and ideas.

Positive criticism is always welcome, and if you spot a problem please do let us know so we can try to fix it.

Remember the committee are volunteers and would also like to do a bit of sailing too.

If you feel have a good idea or suggestion do let us know, but remember if we can't do it there is probably a very good reason behind it: for example insurance might be a factor.

### The Committee



Winter Sailing in Arklow

## South East Coast Regatta

The South East Coast Regatta will be held this year in Arklow and all boats will start on their Echo standard handicap with a review after every race. Valid Echo Certs are required to enter.

There are four races scheduled: one on Saturday afternoon and three on Sunday. If all four are complete, there will be a discard. Anyone needing more info just ask and I will find out.

## Calendar highlights

The first trophy race is the Hensey Trophy on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fun racing starts on Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup>, and every Thursday until the end of July. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Kilmichael Regatta is planned, with prizegiving in Arklow.

June 21<sup>st</sup> is the Taravie Trophy. The Pink Challenge will be on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Get your lady skippers ready!

## U18s WANTED

Cruiser skippers invite U18 sailors to go sailing on the cruisers on Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>. If you think you would like to go along, please talk to the Dinghy officer John Timmons or to an OOD on any Sunday beforehand.

If you can't make the 25<sup>th</sup> please go along any Saturday at 12:30 to the steps.

## NIGHT RACE

The night race is pencilled in for the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, weather permitting. Anyone interested in going along for the race, please let the relevant people know beforehand.

## PROSPECT TROPHY

You will see on the calendar that the Prospect Trophy has an early start time. This is because we want to get a long race in.



## FROM THIS...

BOATYARD  
CLEAN UP DAY

Volunteers were called for to give the boatyard a much needed spring clean before the season got going, and we are delighted to report that members came out in droves, armed with spades, leaf blowers and all sorts of tools.

By the afternoon we had filled an entire skip, replaced bulbs, cleaned up the kitchen, sorted the race office and swept out the yard. It was a great effort on the part of all concerned.

Remember, the boat yard is there for the use all members, and it can get untidy very easily, so please, if you contribute to making a mess, please help clean it up before you leave, and don't expect someone else to come in and give up their time to do it. Most importantly, don't forget if you open the gate, you must lock it.....

## All in a day's work

Lift In Day took place on a special word of thanks April 5 last. A total of 21 to James Mahon and club boats were lifted David Switzer for into the harbour guiding the crane all throughout what turned day, and to David for out to be a long day's keeping us warm with work soup and rolls.

Thanks to everyone who The day ended with a stayed around to help well attended fun table with all of the boats, and quiz in the Tara Vie.

COURTOWN sailor makes a splash on all conquering  
DIT team

Courtown SC member Marty O'Leary and his fellow team members on the Dublin Institute of Technology Sailing Team have met with huge success since the team was founded last September.

First up were the Eastern Championships in Wexford in November. Twenty-eight teams from colleges throughout Ireland battled it out. DIT beat UCC in a nailbiting final to take the title of Eastern champions.

In the Western Championships in Bantry Bay, the final came down to Trinity and DIT. DIT came out the victors in a very tightly matched final.

Between December and February, DIT made two trips to England. In Sheffield, they got knocked out in the semi final. In Reading at the British Universities Nationals, DIT, despite much opposition, made it to the final. In the best of five final it came down to the fifth race and DIT fought hard and got back into the race and finally made the finish line in a winning combination only for DIT sailor Conor Byrne to be red flagged on the finish line for Rule 42.

At the Intervarsities, 22 Irish and 2 Scottish teams qualified for the Holy Grail of Irish team racing. After three days of racing, Trinity were first, UCC second, and DIT fifth.

They took on an Edinburgh team which included the current ISAF world youth champion, in the quarter finals. However, DIT persevered, and won. They met and beat CIT in the semi-final 3-0.

They went on to beat UL in the final, taking the Intervarsities final, winning 3-1.

DIT were the first ever IT to win the Intervarsities in its 60 year history, and at the awards that night, they picked up the Irish Universities Sailing Association Club of the Year award, and Marty won IUSA Sailor of the Year for his part on the team.

The sailing team also won DIT Club of the Year beating off the hurling and GAA club who usually take turns winning it, and Marty was awarded a Sports All-star for his contribution to the club and the college.

