



COMMODORE'S 2022 SEASON WRAP UP



Following two years of curtailed summer racing due to restrictions imposed by the pandemic, this year we started our season on schedule at the end of April and ran right through to October 1.

Over 1,000 races

It took 22 race officers, 9 committee boat drivers, and a team of over 50 volunteers on committee boats and in the hut to work together during our 23 week season, providing you our members with more than 1,000 races for the 315 boats that entered DBSC this year. Heartfelt thanks to all our fabulous volunteers.

We had a few cancellations due to adverse weather conditions. 2 Saturdays and 3 Wednesdays were cancelled due to too much wind, 1 Saturday was lost due to fog, and insufficient wind caused the cancellation of keelboat races on 3 Tuesdays, and 1 Thursday. We had some great racing in warm sunny weather in what was generally a season of light airs. It was great to see the hut back in use on Saturdays.

As well as our 1,000+ races there was a full schedule of events around the bay in 2022 which included the Dun Laoghaire waterfront club regattas, the SB20 World Championship as well as many regional and national class championships and the Women at the Helm regatta. Well done to the Dun Laoghaire waterfront clubs for successfully hosting all of these challenging events.

DBSC Results

A huge thanks is due to Ian Bowring for successfully implementing a new DBSC results system using HalSail. It has proved very successful in its first year and on a few occasions we were even able to update results while still on the water with results available before the committee boat docked at the marina. Well done Ian, Therese and Jen.

DBSC Committee Boats and Ribs

Our Committee boat MacLir which has served the club over the last twenty-two years is now coming to the end of her useful life for our purposes. In contrast Freebird is approx. 12 years old. During the 2022 summer sailing season significant maintenance costs were incurred to keep MacLir available for our racing programme. The level of expenditure

and maintenance on MacLir is not sustainable into the future. In order to remedy this situation, the Committee has agreed that a new committee vessel is required for the club in the future and a sub committee has been formed to find a suitable replacement with a number of options being explored at present. We anticipate that we will have acquired this new committee boat for the 2024 Summer Sailing Season. The procurement of a new vessel will represent the largest capital investment that the club has ever made and it will secure our racing programmes for the next decade and beyond.

We are due shortly to get delivery of 2 new ribs to replace 2 of our older ribs. We have 22 patrol crews to lay marks and start lines over our 4 race days each week, and thanks to Joanne Sheehan and Declan Traynor for organising the patrol crews each week. The committee boats and ribs have to be meticulously maintained during our sailing season to ensure we keep the show on the road so a big thanks is due to Chris Moore, Ian Meldon, Brendan Dalton, Brian Mathews and Declan Traynor.

Inaugural End of Season Dinner

We held our inaugural end of season dinner in the National Yacht club on Friday October 8. It was a sell-out and thoroughly enjoyed by all 110 who attended.

Prize-giving and AGM

Our annual prize-giving will be held in the wonderful setting of the National Maritime Museum on Friday November 11 at 19.30, when we will present over 100 beautiful trophies to the many worthy winners.

The AGM will be held in the Royal Irish Yacht club on Tuesday December 6 at 19.00.

Sponsors and Supporters

We are extremely grateful to our **title sponsor AIB** for their continued support which is very important and greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our supporters Viking Marine, Killen Marine, MGM boats, and Facet Jewellers and the Shed Distillery.

Our Committee

A very special word of thanks to DBSC Flag Officers Ed and Jacqueline, and to Committee members Jonathan, Ian, Rosemary, Keith, Philip, Declan, Gerry, Louise, Kevin, Sabrina, and Suzi for their efforts in the many aspects of running DBSC during the busy summer season. Thanks to Chris Moore who retired as Honorary

Secretary in June, and to Rosemary Roy who has taken on this mammoth task since then. We are delighted that Chris will continue in his role of looking after our committee boats and the hut. Thanks also to our protest secretary Michael Tyrrell.



Ida Kiernan

We lost our dear friend Ida Kiernan in early September just weeks after she was last aboard her beloved MacLir doing Timer. Ida was the key organiser of our keelboat committee boat teams and was a fun, vibrant, mischievous, fabulous person who will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved her, including her many friends in DBSC and the wider sailing community.



The full tribute to Ida is on our website.

Turkey Shoot and Spring Chicken

The AIB DBSC Turkey Shoot runs for 7 Sundays from November 6 to December 18 and the Spring Chicken is running next February and March. A special thanks to Fintan Cairns and his team for organising these two winter series.

Hope to see you all back on the water in 2023.

Ann Kirwan, Commodore DBSC

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