

2014 AGM SKERRIES SAILING CLUB – JUNIOR SECTION

Meeting held at Skerries Sailing Club

Sunday 8th March 2015

PRESENT:

20 Members attended

The Junior Convenor, Garrett Walsh, opened the AGM by welcoming members.

MINUTES OF 2013 AGM

The Minutes of the 2013 AGM were read out and accepted with no amendments.

Proposed by Pascal Fischer and seconded by Aidan Staunton

JUNIOR CONVENOR'S ADDRESS

Having thanked the Committee for their work during the year, the Junior Convenor outlined some of the key achievements of the year;

SAILING ACTIVITY DURING 2014

Feb SSC sailors attended winter training clinic in Lanzarote in Optimists and 29er.

Mar Laser training finished in HYC, attended by 4 SSC sailors.
Spring training - 25 sailors took part. Started 16th March, finished 14th May. 7 boat hires, Ran on both Saturdays and Sundays providing flexibility to sailors - can run with 2-3 ribs, but increases wear and tear on ribs, and additional ask on committee members.

Apr First Aid course, approx. 12 trained. Also large First kit donated to SSC.

Easter 4 SSC Optimist sailors travelled to Lake Garda for the Easter Regatta (see below)

May Taste of Sailing – Gavin - great feedback for Gavin's 1st year. 24 sailed over 4 weeks. Challenge re Senior Juniors exam time. Need more Senior dinghies for 2015
SSC facilitated Under 12's squad IODAI training 24th and 25th
Charter Topper purchased (Fingal Co Co small Sports grant assisted). Junior Racing marks all repaired. Help from Cliff Wadilove, well done to Brian Thornton also.

Summer Racing Series - outlined below

Jun Well done to Brian Thornton on his first Junior Regatta which took place 7th June. Suggestion for 2015 is to include food in entry fee.

Club hosted the IODAI Optimist Ulster's on June 14th/15th – Sub-committee work commenced in Feb and put a lot of hours into running a very successful event. Very positive feedback from visiting sailors, parents and IODAI.

125 sailors took part - 35 regatta fleet, 40 Senior fleet, 50 Junior fleet.

Huge thanks to Olive Parker who led the organisation, and everyone who helped

ISA Ran over 9 weeks with 114 sailors taking part, 46 boat hires. Huge effort from Olive and Debbie to organise the administration

Sep Autumn Training - 23 sailors, again both Sat & Sundays. Blowouts pushed out to Oct 27th/28th Sept Inter schools – SSC provided rescue rib, and crew. 3rd place for Oppie team from Loretto, great individual results in Lasers and Toppers.

Oct 4 Child protection courses completed by Junior Committee members.
Two 420's purchased by Junior members, with 4 SSC sailors on board. Initial training with ISA in HYC. 2 existing SSC members sailing 420's also.

Nov 22nd/23rd – Open Topper training ran by Topper Association in SSC.
VHF course ran for Instructors

Dec End of Year Prize giving – great feedback, great photos etc. in Skerries News

Challenges:

Picnic/Junior in Cruisers – week after Ulster's – Junior Committee fatigue! Lesson learnt for 2015!

Newsletter – Junior Committee simply stretched themselves to maintain.

2015 SEASON

2015 so far

Winter – Chill Series Rush SC, 2 SSC Juniors sailors racing, plus SSC adults

Feb mid term training - Schull/Baltimore 2015, 1 Oppie, 1 Topper, 1 Laser, Five 420 SSC sailors

Working well - Oppie sailors progression when they outgrew that class and also the older sailors could continue to sail as part of the Junior Section.

Teenager Forum

Following a recent Forum run by Olive Parker with our Senior Juniors on 30th Jan 2015, the Junior Convenor then outlined some of the activities planned for 2015.

These included;

- During blowouts, do fitness or proper theory (including weather). Don't postpone.
- Want proper debriefs from coaches after training
- Return of the hot chocolates! Everyone should be encouraged to stay, don't rush off – social!
- Instructor courses
- Relaunch Junior Laser fleet (Adult fleet has grown a lot in 2014)

- Cara Na Mara – review for over 9's
- Small race after Spring/Autumn training days, apply skills
- Mixed fleets – need to increase numbers of Toppers/Mirrors to reach critical mass
- Oppie sailors aging out need options and help re single/doubled handed decision
- Oppie sailors would like mix of visiting coaches also
- More fun days out such as the BBQ/picnic to Barnageera Beach and the islands
- Junior Convenor attended Senior Boat owners meeting in early Feb – they would love to get some of the Juniors on board. Need to work out logistics.

Racing in 2015

- Gold/Silver/Bronze fleet – review approach to encourage more sailors on the water.
- Senior Juniors i.e. Lasers and Mirrors still have the opportunity to sail with the Seniors on Wednesday and Sunday but also can sail Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays with the Junior section as well. Lots of sailing opportunities
- Planning is well underway for the Oppie Nationals which will take place in SSC in August

2015 Investment

- It is planned to Concrete yard before the season gets underway
- Purchase a Laser for rental (again FCC small Sports grant received)
- Laser 2 repair - review if economic.
- Replace the container with a new storage facility

Reminder that we have a great Flickr photo site, with lots of photos from 2014 (Thanks to Pascal who took and loaded the majority). If anyone has any other photos please let a committee member know.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Garrett paid tribute to members stepping down from the committee for their commitment to the junior section;

Paul Rogers	Results & blogsite.
George O'Connor	Laser Class Captain

Garrett announced that he would be stepping down as Junior Convenor but will stay on the Committee in Junior Treasurer Role. He thanked everyone for their support.

He thanked the sailors for coming to the club and going out sailing. The older juniors and parents who have coached the younger sailors and performed all the jobs that are needed to run events. Garrett closed by saying that we are looking forward to the start of the season and the challenges that lie ahead. He confirmed a commitment to continue to upgrade facilities, teach sailing in a relaxed and fun environment and encourage fun and fair sailing for all while increasing the number of juniors starting a sport they can stay at for the rest of their lives.

TREASURER'S ADDRESS

Garrett presented set of accounts for 2014 to the meeting. Copies were circulated to all attendees for their review and comment

He gave report on the main items of expenditure and income for the year outlining key changes from the previous year.

Notable items highlighted in the accounts include;

1. Purchase of a 2nd Topper to enhance the range of hire boats available to sailors
2. Rib repair expenses for totalled €1,820, with an additional payment of €688 start of Jan 2015 relating to 2014. (includes €500 on prop guards)*
3. Racing marks, anchors, ropes, shackles etc. purchased during Ulster's (to be used in Nationals 2015) = €1,850
4. ISA related salaries increased significantly, without any corresponding increase in fees charged. The 2015 Committee are reviewing approach for 2015.

*In previous years all rib expenses were absorbed by Senior Section and this was greatly reduced by having Tom Lacey (now retired) undertaking all free of charge. The Junior Section now contribute 50% to all such costs. It should be noted that our commodore, Tom Adams along with Senior Committee members undertake all day to day engine maintenance, with complex cabling and heavy sponson work sent to a Marine repair company.

Treasurer noted the positive impact a Regional sailing event has. In 2014 as a result of the Ulster Oppies sponsorship of €1,500 was received, and the vast majority of this comes from initial personal contacts – so thank you to both those initial 'introductions' and to the sponsors.

Finally, from a Treasurer's perspective the hosting of the LeasePlan Optimist Nationals 2015 in SSC is presenting some great branding opportunities for local companies. While the Junior Committee fully acknowledge the intensity of such events on volunteers, the profit from these allows us to reinvest in the club without needing to borrow. An example of one such project would be the replacement of the container for 2016.

Based on competitor feedback, SSC continues to be one of the most welcoming clubs on the circuit. While as a smaller club we may have limited facilities, but we can offer fantastic sailing conditions, but most importantly the interactions with our volunteers and sailors are what makes SSC so attractive for visiting clubs – well done to all!

With no objections to the accounts they were accepted by the meeting, proposed by Aidan Staunton and seconded by Gavin Callender

The financial accounts for the Junior Section are attached in Appendix I at the end of these minutes.

SAILING SECRETARY'S ADDRESS

Sailing Sec Brian Thornton gave a roundup of the year's activities and achievements.

CLUB SAILING 2014

Spring Training

First of the 5 week Spring Training started 16th March - it was decided to run on both Saturdays and Sundays in order to gain maximum attendance so sailing did not clash with other sporting interests and this worked very well

2. 22nd extremely cold - 23rd cxl due to high winds
 3. Saturday 29th challenging conditions and misty--Sunday 30th excellent conditions
 4. Saturday 6th April – excellent conditions-- Sunday ditto clocks – all lost hour!!
 5. Saturday 12th cxl due to high winds-- Sunday cxl due to projected low turnout
 6. Saturday 26th – went ahead---Sunday 27th CXL high winds
- Easter Saturday and Sunday cxl due to projected low numbers

The weather conditions were pretty poor and the sea often wild therefore, the training was not completed until early May. The unpleasant weather meant that the sailors were put to the test on several occasions which gave them many new skills and their confidence grew.

ISA Summer Courses

The weather was fantastic which resulted in many sailors completing additional weeks and one of the most successful years of ISA courses for getting kids on the water.

It commenced in the last 2 weeks in June with Kites & Wires and Advanced Boat Handling course with 8 sailors.

Following that we had 7 weeks of levels 1-3 ISA course of which we saw 95 sailors partake in 1, 2 and 3 week courses. Darrach Dineen oversaw the courses with mix of SSC instructors, some instructors from outside of SSC and several of our youth sailors with RIB qualifications acting as assistant instructors.

Junior Regatta

Held on Saturday 7th June

A lot of events on in June – Ulster's – Howth Yacht Club local event -Royal St. George event – Sutton event and Malahide event, yet we had a total of 41 boats participate in the Regatta as follows-

Regatta Fleet x 25

Junior Fleet x 10

Mixed Fleet x 6

Total 41 boats of which 29 S.S.C. and 12 Visiting

The Regatta was by all accounts a successful day, due in the main to considerable support from Senior Club sailors, Junior Committee, Parents and many others.

Picnics / Social

Due to weather conditions all planned events March / April /May ran late and sailors got little or no 'racing' practice completed leading up to the Junior Regatta. Then we were into the Ulster's which further resulted in substantial demands on the junior committee.

The focus was to successfully run both events and complete the sailing series , this unfortunately resulted in insufficient time and volunteers to plan and organise a picnic. The seniors did organise an event in June following two hectic week-ends and some attended although not in large numbers due to fatigue on the part of the sailors, committee and parents from a hectic June schedule.

The Junior Committee tried to offer a balance of club racing and fun sailing at the same time. The idea was to offer non-competitive sailing alongside any racing that took place. This has proven not to be possible. The main reason for this is a lack of resources. To facilitate this, more active help from parents and club members is needed both on and off the water. Despite that, we managed to offer a reasonable balance between fun sailing and racing.

Junior Sailing Series – Racing

There were 18 races planned on the Junior Sailing Fixtures – a total of Four Series - covering Saturday's, Sunday's and Thursday evenings from June through to September.

We managed to complete 14 races which was an excellent achievement and the 4 that did not take place were as follows ---

8th June – poor turnout predicated via teamer– windy but sailable – Junior Regatta previous day!

Saturday 21st – poor turnout predicated via teamer

Thursday 14th - July-- Gusts – unsafe

Saturday 28th August – Unsafe – Gusts

The objective was to get our junior sailors on the water in a safe environment and grow their skills and confidence. Sometimes that meant they would not pick up awards due to low number in relevant fleets.

We arranged for the senior juniors to assist the juniors during sailing series. This was very well received by sailors and parents alike and indeed the senior juniors got something out of it too!!

Thanks to; Ben Walsh – Conor Morgan –George O'Connor Jr for their assistance.

We built up a strong consistent team of on water volunteers during the sailing series and special thanks in particular to Andrew Frazer - Anthony Horrigan -Lawrence Breen

It is imperative that the parent's assist with all sailing activities Road - Trailers – Slip etc. – there were many instances where there was only one adult on land. The junior's had to work as a Team during Launching and Recovery as there was no parental support on many occasions.

All junior sailors were excellent – a credit to the club and their respective parent's - No issues with anyone.

Autumn Training

The purpose of autumn training is go through with the sailors what they have learned all season and to encourage new sailors to start club sailing.

Run over 6 weeks in two groups, Saturday and Sunday, a total of 20 sailors partook in the training, of which 6 were total beginners coming from ISA courses. There was a mixture of Toppers, Mirrors and Oppie's on the water. Was great to see our Oppie kids 'maturing' into other boat types, and this is something the Junior Committee want to encourage.

Instructors: Kerri Anne Boylan as head instructors with Eimear Davis, Megan Parker, and Peg Staunton all taking groups.

Instructors

Skerries Sailing Club has a number of very dedicated and experienced instructors – it is important that we all recognise them – due to their commitment and skills our children are better sailors and most importantly are in safe hands whilst on the water. Part of our ethos with sailing courses, ISA & Spring and Autumn Training is to develop our youth sailors into instructors and therefore we use a mixture of qualified and assistant instructors for our training. All sailors have immense experience of sailing nationally and internationally and we as a club are extremely lucky to use their talent and experience to help our beginner and younger sailors. This also encourages our youth sailors to stay sailing.

Committee

A tremendous amount of work was completed by the Junior Committee – all of which are volunteers giving up their time in order to organise substantial training events, Junior Racing, S.S.C. Regatta, Ulster's, Taste of Sailing, ISA , Fun Events, Results, Web site, Manage the yard, Dinghy's, Equipment, Maintenance to name but a few.

SKERRIES JUNIOR SAILORS NATIONWIDE & ABROAD IN 2014

OPPIES:

- Lake Garda Easter Regatta; Entrants 1,000, 62 Alix Buckley, Silver Fleet: Peter Fagan and Emma Parker
- IODAI Oppie Trials: 1st Peter Fagan. An Outstanding achievement for a small club
- 4th Alix Buckley, 23rd Emma Parker
- Teams
 - European: Peter Fagan & Alix Buckley
 - International Development Team: Emma Parker
- IODAI Connachts: 8th Emma Parker, 15th Peter Fagan
- IODAI Leinsters: 12th Alix Buckley, 23rd Peter Fagan, 39th Conor Waddilove,
- Crosbie Cup: 44th James Fagan, Main Fleet: 5th Conor Waddilove,
- IODAI Ulsters (held at SSC): Main Fleet: 5th Peter Fagan, 19 Alix Buckley, 22 Emma parker, 36 Conor Waddilove Regatta Fleet: 3rd Frances Mulholland, 10th Ella May, Heather Mc.Gloughlin, Rachel Callender, Faye Mcloughlin, Ella Walsh, Rebecca Fischer, Ciara Culleton, Cillian Arnold, Jack McInerney, Megan Frazer, Tom Callender, Rory Boylan
- IODAI Nationals: 5th Peter Fagan, 45 Emma parker,
- IODAI Munsters: 6th Peter Fagan,

420's

- Leinsters: WHBTC. 23/24 Aug Sean Waddilove 2nd place, Bill Staunton 9th
- Nationals: Royal St. George Yacht Club, August Sean Waddilove 2nd place, Bill Staunton 7th, Megan Parker/Sorcha Donnelly 12th
- Connaught's Spiddal Sean Waddilove 1st place, Bill Staunton 8th
- Ulster's C.A.Y.C. 10/11 May Sean Waddilove 1st place, Bill Staunton 6th/1st Silver
- Kiel Week Germany Sean Waddilove 90th place (175 boats),
- World Championships 25 July - 03 August - Travemunde, Germany Sean Waddilove 20th place (GOLD fleet), Bill Staunton 25th (Silver fleet)
- European Championships 11 -18 August - Poland - Sean Waddilove 56th place, Bill Staunton 63 (108 boats)

Mirrors

- Mirror Easterns - Sutton 3/4th May; 2 Hickeys 3rd place
- Mirror Northern - R.N.I.Y.C. 21st/22nd June; 4th Faye McGloughlin (Crew), 5th Megan Boylan and Heather McGloughlin (both Skerries)
- Mirror Nationals - Sligo Yacht Club 7-10 August; 6th Megan Boylan and Heather McGloughlin (both Skerries)

Topper

Topper National Traveller Championships Series 2014 consisting of 5 Regional 1 Day Events North & South of the border - Carlingford, Lough Erne, Wicklow, Strangford Lough & Blessington.

- Ros Morgan 1st Place Overall and Series Winner 2014
- Nell Staunton 16th Overall
- Nicole Fisher Competet in the Final Traveller in Blessington Co Wicklow

Topper Regional Events

- Ulsters /Royal North Of Ireland Yacht Club; Ros Morgan 5th Overall, Nell Staunton 14th Overall
- Leinsters/ National Yacht Club Ros Morgan 8th Overall Nell Staunton 20th Overall
- Munsters /Waterford Harbor Sailing Club Ros Morgan 3rd Overall Nell Staunton 4th Overall (& First Lady)
- Nationals / Dunmore East Yacht Club Ros 24th Overall (15th Irish Sailor) Nell Staunton 31st Overall (20th Irish Sailor)

Topper Worlds Pwllheli North Wales - 151 Sailors competing

- Ros Morgan SSC Qualifies for Gold Fleet Finishes in 33rd Place Overall, 7th Best Irish Gold Fleet Sailor.
- Nell Staunton SSC Qualifies for Silver Fleet Finishes in 6th Place Overall, 2nd Best Irish Silver Fleet Sailor

Other:

- ISA All Ireland Junior Sailing Championship (prev. Junior Helmsman) Ros Morgan 13th

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Debbie McInerney was elected to the position of Junior Convenor

- Proposed by Brian Thornton and seconded by Claire Arnold

The following members joined the Junior Committee;

Tom Connell

- Proposed by Debbie McInerney and seconded by Brian Thornton

Andrew Frazier

- Proposed by Brian Thornton and seconded by Brendan Morgan

Brendan Morgan

- Proposed by Pascal Fischer and seconded by Andrew Frazier

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Aidan Staunton noted that the first Topper Traveller of the year would be held in Malahide on 30th March

Brendan Morgan suggested that a social secretary would be a good addition to the committee to promote the social aspect of the section

Brendan also congratulated Olive Parker on her Junior Forum initiative (teenagers) which was held in January (and reported on above). Excellent feedback was received and the participants felt included in club decision making.

Debbie thanked Garrett for all his hard work during the year as Junior Convenor especially as it was combined with his role as Junior Treasurer. His contribution was much appreciated by all.

With no further business the meeting concluded.

Skerries Sailing Club Junior Section Accounts 2014

	Year 2014		Year 2013	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Surplus Forward Jan 1st 2013	5,952.64		6,336.66	
New boats (2nd Charter Topper). Note 1	2,246.00	- 1,215.21	-	1,000.00
Training (2013 Includes €453 from 2012)	3,878.00	- 2,960.09	5,464.00	- 4,236.00
ISA Course (116 expense from 2013 paid in 2014)	15,559.00	- 13,499.05	12,927.00	- 9,122.03
National Events (Ulsters 2014, see note 2 re additional expenses)	7,576.00	- 3,388.00	2,516.00	- 1,110.00
VHF Radios New (X5)		- 500.00	-	800.00
Junior Regatta	709.00	- 664.16	1,241.00	- 1,230.00
Taste of Sailing, includes fuel 35	910.00	- 65.00	1,160.00	- 44.13
Boat Equipment & Repairs Note 2	-	- 2,646.20	10.00	- 404.00
RIB repairs (prev not billed to Juniors/Tom Lacey) Note 3		- 1,820.73		
Bank Charges (incl Gov Stamp duty of 41, Danske Dormant acc refunds)	127.60	- 184.60		- 119.00
Seniors Club Contributions				
Concrete Yard/ Oppy Racking				
New RIB Engines X 2				- 3,800.00
Year end Prize-Giving (includes €293.25 from 2013 re Engraving & Xmas cards 2014).		- 1,281.75		- 1,182.63
SSC Jeep Repair Contribution				- 1,000.00
Team X Contribution			586.00	
Sponsorship (re Taste of Sailing) less 20 new Life jackets			500.00	- 679.75
Misc	60.00	- 224.00	47.55	- 106.78
Small diff		- 28.10		- 1.25
Balance Forward		8,541.35		5,952.64
Transaction Totals	37,018.24	- 28,476.89	30,788.21	- 24,835.57

Notes:

Note 1: 3 years of Fingal Co Co Small Sports Grants for 2013 (660), 2014 (816) & 2015 (770)

Note 2: Charter Topper sail repair 135, Charter Mirror parts 360, trailer board 50, Life Jackets cage 125, Optimist Charters Launch trolley wheels 121, Racing marks, chains, anchors etc. for Ulsters/Nationals 2015 = 1845,

Note 3. In addition EUR688 paid for 2014 rib repairs on 20th Jan 2015

Total spend on Fuel in 2013 spread over Spring, Autumn training, Regatta, Events, ISA = 1,385.75