

Boat Report - Nov 2021

We have had a busy few weeks participating in the annual Sea Scout competition season, with great success.

Most recently we supported teams entering the Fry Cup and Master Mariner competitions; both shorebased seamanship challenges.

You may have also seen us featured in local papers + Irish boating magazines..

We had a coalition team of representatives from the x4 Scout Troops who did themselves and their Troop very proud to take home Sea Scoutings most prestigious trophy, the Fry Cup.

At 103-years old, the Fry Cup is one of the oldest Scouting competitions in the World.

Congratulations to Cormac, Kate, Niamh, Timmy, Daragh, Dan who made up the team and brought the Fry Cup home to Malahide for the first time in nearly 10-years.

The next competition and a level up from the Fry Cup was the Master Mariner.

An individual competition considered to be the pinnacle of seamanship challenge in Sea Scouting.

Ventures and Rovers were examined on skills ashore and afloat by professional seafarers, ships captains, pilot boat operators, rescue personnel and master mariners.

Our guys were super impressive and blew the examiners away.

Congratulations to Kate Campion from Néala who was crowned Scouting Irelands Venture Master Mariner!

An incredible achievement.

This makes Kate; Malahide Sea Scouts 4th-ever Master Mariner and 1st-ever female!

And not to forget Niamh and Emma from Néala who took 2nd and 3rd place respectively!

Alongside Evan Banable from Wed Troop who came 2nd in the Rovers category.

Well done all, it is a credit to all who enter to their dedication to improve their nautical skills.

We often note that we are the biggest, now we can say we are the biggest and the best! with the trophies to prove it!

Back closer to home the dinghies are laid up for the Winter but we will continue with PB and keelboat activities.

We have an upcoming PB L3 (Safety Boat Certificate) and are about to sign off on a couple of PB L4 certificates.

We have just started extensive ICC keelboat training in collaboration with the Irish Cruising Association and have nearly 20 members due to sit their ICC theory exam before Christmas.

Last month we supported our neighbours MYC with safety cover afloat as they hosted over 100 young sailors a day from around the Country at the National Oppie Training week over the mid-term which proved to be a huge success.

Tonight we have a regional Zoom meeting with Irish Sailing and at the weekend our Ventures are hosting the annual Laying Up Supper.

December we usually try to take a break.

Our year will finish with our annual review + plans for next year.

We are very grateful to those who support our activities afloat and we are always looking for more help.

If you are interested in putting your time into supporting the Groups boating programme please let us know.

Some of our development projects for 2022 include the much anticipated return of our Summer Sailing School, we will have a proposal for GC in the NY.

A partnership with Irish Sailing & Irish Cruiser Racing Association to develop an U25s keelboat squad.

Increasingly longer coastal passages building up to an annual expedition afloat.

The Group has also chartered a Class A Tall-Ship (the 148ft Pelican of London) for next Summer, coordinated by Elaine & Cameron so we are looking forward to supporting this also.

Over the Winter I am looking for some helpers to make up some mooring splices if anyone can give a dig out.

We use heavy 8-strand rope for our moorings and need x6 eye-splices in the coming weeks. It's not a difficult job but it is tedious and will take some time.

Would greatly appreciate the help.

The other priority this Winter is to get the RIBs and pontoons ashore ASAP.

We are still awaiting delivery of the new pontoon but as previously reported the RIBs have taken a serious beating and we will be pulling the existing pontoon blocks ashore for an inventory audit as soon as the skiff is off the driveway.

Lastly we have a couple of spaces available on a shorebased seamanship and navigation training weekend on 27th/ 28th November.

The purpose of the weekend is to support those heading towards their ICC exams but will be ideal for anyone else interested in getting on the water or developing their skills afloat.

The syllabus is not activity specific so great for any paddlers, sailors, rowers, powerboats or anyone in between and includes charts, buoyage, tides, weather, collision regulations, lights, shapes & sounds.

The weekend cost is €65pp and delivered by Dave Jerrard. David wrote the ICC syllabus alongside every level of the cruising scheme so you will be in exceptionally experienced hands!

Let me know soonest if you are interested.