

Mullingar Sailing Club



Spring Newsletter 2011

Dear Member

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you all a successful sailing season in 2011.

Club Dinner

The first event of the year will be the Club Dinner, which takes place on Friday 25th of March in the Annebrook Hotel, Mullingar. The menu will be a variation of their early bird offering, 3 course plus coffee, at €25.00 per person. We will be meeting at 7.30pm for an 8.00 sitting.

Please confirm your intention to attend as soon as possible by text or call Brian Walker @ 086 8577367

On the 17rd of February I sent a text message informing members of the Dinner. If this letter is the first notice you have had, we need to update your contact information. Please text your name to (086) 8577367.

Sailing events

Mullingar Sailing Club will be hosting two regattas this year, the Mirror Easterns on August 6&7th and the GP14 Hot Toddy in October.

I would appeal to all members to support these events by competing or helping out with their organisation. As a small club with limited catering / entertainment resources we can only continue to compete for events if competitors go home happy, after a well organised regatta.

Sailing programme 2011

Stuart McCormick has crafted a Fleet Captain's Bulletin, rescue boat rota and club calendar which outlines our plans for the season (attached).

Sunday racing starts on April 10th and will end on October 9th, first gun 3.00. The Wednesday Series will start on April 20th and the final race will be run on September 2nd.

Note that the first gun on April 20th will be at 7.00 pm, thereafter it will revert to 7.30. The race officers will be encouraged to be less tolerant of late-comers and start racing promptly.

Adult & Junior courses

This year's Adult Sailing Course will take place from May 9th to 20th on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Volunteers will be required to act, as instructors during the course and any time you could make available, whether on a rescue or sailing boat would be appreciated. Application forms for the course are available on our web site. (www.msail.net)

Advertising in the local press is expensive and questionable in terms of effectiveness, so I have included a simple A4 Adult Course poster, why not put it up on your workplace notice board, local shop, golf club or wherever.

The Junior Sailing Course starts Monday July 4th and will run for three weeks. Application forms will be available from the web site shortly.

Sailing photographs

We need quality photographs for public relations / advertising purposes. If you have close-ups of multi-boat racing, club events or adult / junior course photos, please put them to work in the service of your club.

Club Fees

The annual subscription is due on May 1st

Our Honorary Treasurer, Michael Collender will be more than willing to relieve you of your sub at the club dinner. A cheque made payable to "Mullingar Sailing Club" is the most convenient and traceable form of payment.

The fees remain unchanged at:

Individual membership	€230
Family Membership	€280
Junior Membership	€50
Pavilion Membership	€100

Alternatively , you could post it to this address

Michael Collender

The Gables,

Lyanmore, Ardagh,

Co. Longford

Boat insurance

Boat owners are reminded that all boats (GP14s, Mirrors, Cats, Fireballs, Lasers etc.) must be insured with a minimum third party liability €3 million.

If you are a member of the GP14 Class Association, you can avail of the class insurance scheme which is available through LOOK Insurance Services.

www.lookinsuranceservices.co.uk/GP14.htm

Boat value	Premium
up to £2000	£58.30
£4001 to £5000	£93.28
£2001 to £3000	£69.96
£5001 to £6000	£104.94
£3001 to £4000	£81.62
£6001 to £7000	£116.60

The GP14 policy cover includes:

full racing risks to cover masts, spars & sails

loss or damage up to the full insured value

theft of craft, fitting & equipment

cover for life jackets & buoyancy aids

£3M third party & passenger liability

discounts are available for non-racing cover and no claims.

Club phone book

The phone book can be found at

<http://www.msail.net/Files/MSC Phone Book.pdf> (password protected).

It is overdue for an update, please check your mobile phone number, If there is an error or omission, send a text message with your name to (086) 85 77 367

Your committee for 2011

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Committee Members

Susan Hogan

Katie Johnston

Pat McArdle

MULLINGAR SAILING CLUB

Fleet Captain's Bulletin 2011

World Championships Sri Lanka

The GP14 racing season for 2011 has already started. While we were all hibernating in our beds, those lucky enough to travel to Sri Lanka have been competing in the World Championships. Eight boats have travelled from Ireland to take part in the warm sun-drenched waters to compete in the fleet of 38 boats.

The event was won by the reigning world champions Ian Dobson and Andy Tunnicliffe who first collected the trophy in the 2006 world championships, held in Sligo.

Best Irish boat was Curly Morris and Laura McFarland, taking third place.

Association Racing Calendar

The national racing calendar has been published. This league is sponsored once again by Goacher Sails and Steve Goacher will be awarding 1st Silver and 1st Bronze new Genoas.

MSC will be hosting the finale, which will be very well supported by the travelling boats, as it has been in previous years due to the bonus points scheme applied.

O'Tiarnaigh Challenge 2011 07-05-2011

Swords Sailing and Boating Club will host the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge on the 7th and 8th May, 2011

Purcell 2011 28-05-2011

Lough Foyle Yacht Club will host the Purcell on 28th and 29th May, 2011

Leinster Championship 2011 18-06-2011

Sutton Dinghy Club will host the Leinster Championship 2011 on 18th and 19th June, 2011

Ulster Championship and Masters 2011 23-07-2011

Newtownards Sailing Club will host the Ulster and Master Championships on 23rd and 24th July, 2011

Championship of Ireland 27-08-2011

Skerries Sailing Club will host the GP14 Championship of Ireland on 27th, 28th and 29th August, 2011

Autumn Open and Youth Championships 2011 24-09-2011

Sligo Yacht Club will host the Autumn Open and Youth Championship on 24th and 25th September, 2011

Hot Toddy 15-10-2011

Mullingar Sailing Club will host the Hot Toddy on 15th and 16th October, 2011

The Association strongly urges all boat owners to become Association members. One of the main benefits and one that more than covers your subscription cost of £29 is the discounted

insurance deal offered by K Drewe Marine Insurance to members. Remember, insurance is mandatory. Your membership number also gives you access to technical information at www.gp14.org/local/gbr/technical/technical.php

Club Racing

Last year, the largest number of races was completed in the history of the club. This year could surpass last year's, weather permitting.

Races completed.

2008	Races completed 40
2009	Races completed 65
2010	Races completed 70
2011	80 races scheduled, weather permitting.

Once again, competition was exceptional with Sunday Series I, won by just a single boat position in twenty races.

Collender / Walker 1076.1 points
Kelleher / Saunders 1072.9 points

How peeved would you be!!!

The only change to this year's format is the addition of a third Sunday series. Discards will remain the same; One discard after every 3 races sailed. The club calendar with individual series dates outlined is enclosed.

To run this amount of races takes much commitment from all involved. Equipment maintained, courses set, wetsuits squeezed into and coffee drunk. Well done to all involved for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Rescue boat cover rota is enclosed and an effort has been made to limit everyone to just two days OD. Last year ALL race days had the relevant persons in charge turn up (most on time) to set the course and run a very successful season.

Race start times can and should be maintained to enable two races per day. Late boats do and have paid the penalty for not arriving on time.

Some points worth repeating when performing OD duties.

- * Allow yourself at least one hour before the starting gun to launch the rescue boat and set the course.
- * Set a good length course. A race can be shortened, but not made longer.
- * The start line should be set at a right angle to the wind. Shorten or lengthen the anchor line to fine-tune the angle set.
- * Set a long starting line, allow about 5 metres length per boat sailing.

- * First priority is to provide safety cover, if after the course is set, boats start capsizing you should nominate an experienced boat to do a gate start, while you deal with the casualties.
- * If you are not an experienced OD, take your time and accept guidance from one of the old dogs on the water.

Club Regatta

The annual club regatta is planned for the weekend of 20th & 21st of August. Brought forward to take place in hopefully warmer temperatures and better weather for a Saturday night BBQ. This is always, and will continue to be a closely fought contest.

Marketing

This is what I call “bums on seats”.

Many times we fail to get an extra one or two boats out sailing purely because someone has not managed to find crew or helm and is left behind on dry land. The solution, I believe is communication. I will have a list of members’ names and contact numbers posted in the clubhouse and those actively looking for pairing can make themselves known.

Another method you may see more of is Facebook. While not usable by all, this may help to get crews and helms together on the day of sailing at late notice. Search for Mullingar Sailing Club GP14 on Facebook and say hello.

We can not underestimate the marketing power of this media and it can be used to great benefit for the club in generating awareness for new members to friends of friends. A vibrant and successful club always needs to increase numbers.

To Conclude

The recent good weather has brought the new sailing season appear much closer. Two important dates to remember are March 25th; Club Dinner and April 10th racing season starts.

Best of luck to all who sail and I hope to see as many boats as possible out on the water over the next few weeks.

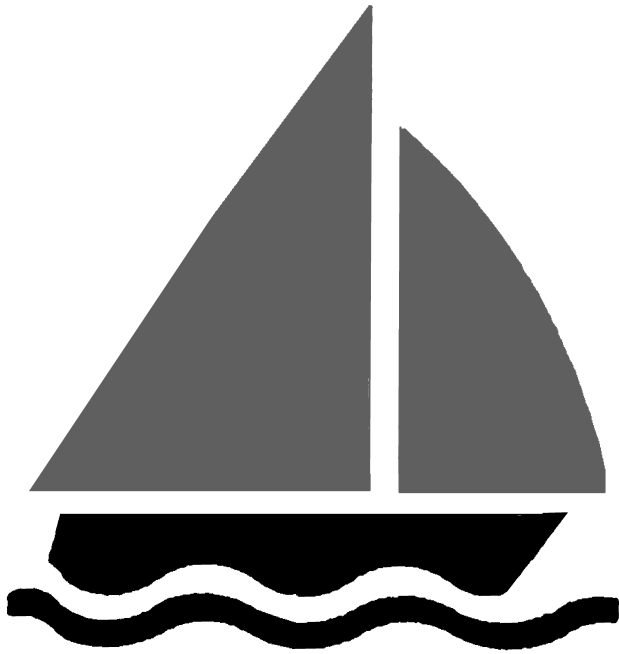
Stuart McCormick
GP14 Fleet Captain
If in doubt go flat out.

MULLINGAR SAILING CLUB CALENDAR 2011

Date	Event	Location	Rescue Boat 1	Rescue Boat 2
Fri 25 Mar	Club dinner	Annebrook House Hotel		
Sun 10 Apr	I Sunday series I starts		Pat McArdle	Veronica Lucy
Sun 17 Apr	I		Stuart McCormick	Josh McCormick
Wed 20 Apr	I WED series I starts 7.00		Fran Kelleher	Brian Saunders
Sun 24 Apr	I		Sean Duffy	Fiona Hunt
Wed 27 Apr	I WED 7.30 gun		Gearoid O'Bradaigh	Roisin Gaynor
Sat 30 Apr	Mirror Southernns	Lough Ree		
Sun 1 May	I Mirror Southernns	Lough Ree	James Hackett	Rosie Hackett
Wed 4 May	I		Michael Collender	Brian Walker
Sat 07 May	GP14 O'Tiarnaigh challenge	Swords		
Sun 08 May	I GP14 O'Tiarnaigh challenge	Swords	Keith Pinder	Brenda Loughman
Mon 09 May	Adult course starts			
Sun 15 May	I		Kieran Milner	Susan Hogan
Fri 20 May	Adult course ends			
Sun 22 May	I Sun series I ends		Garry Rock	Gosia Oleskow
Wed 25 May	I		Paddy Mulholland	Colm Conaughton
Sat 28 May	GP14 Purcell	Lough Foyle		
Sun 29 May	II GP14 Purcell Sun series II	Lough Foyle	Craig Pepper	Rachel Nally
Wed 1 Jun	I		Andy Vambeck	Barry Moore
Sun 5 Jun	II		Alan Pinder	T.B.A.
Wed 8 Jun	I		Gerry Adams	Pearse Murphy
Sun 12 Jun	II		Katie Johnston	Bernie Briodi
Wed 15 Jun	I		Bob Heath	Bernard Shea
Sat 18 Jun	GP14 Leinsters	Sutton SC		
Sun 19 Jun	II GP14 Leinsters	Sutton SC	Gary Walshe	Catherine Muckian
Wed 22 June	I Wednesday Series I End		John Smith	Brendan Connolly
Sun 26 Jun	II		Roger Jones	Sarah
Wed 29 Jun	II Wed Series II Starts		David Stuart	Finbarr Stuart
Sat 2 July	Mirror Northernns	Lough Neagh		
Sun 3 Jul	II Mirror Northernns	Lough Neagh	John Mullone	Eamon Staunton
Mon 04 Jul	Junior Course Starts	MSC		
Wed 6 Jul	II		Fran Kelleher	Brian Saunders
Sun 10 Jul	II		Sean Duffy	Fiona Hunt
Wed 13 Jul	II		Gearoid O'Bradaigh	Roisin Gaynor
Sun 17 Jul	II		James Hackett	Rosie Hackett
Wed 20 Jul	II		An Other	*
Fri 22 Jul	Junior Course Ends			
Sat 23 Jul	GP14 Ulsters Mirror (A)	Newtownards SC		
Sun 24 Jul	II GP14 Ulsters Mirror (A)	Newtownards SC	Keith Pinder	Brenda Loughman
Wed 27 Jul	II		Roger Jones	Sarah
Sun 31 Jul	II Sun Seres II Ends		Michael Collender	Brian Walker
Wed 3 Aug	II		Kieran Milner	Susan Hogan
Sat 6 Aug	Mirror Regatta	MSC		
Sun 7 Aug	Mirror Regatta	MSC		
Wed 10 Aug	II		Gerry Adams	Pearse Murphy
Sun 14 Aug	III Sun Series III Starts		Alan Pinder	T.B.A.
Wed 17 Aug	II		Paddy Mulholland	Colm Conaughton
Sat 20 Aug	Club Regatta Mirror (B)	MSC		
Sun 21 Aug	Club Regatta	MSC		
Wed 24 Aug	II		John Smith	Brendan Connolly
Sat 27 Aug	GP14 Nationals	Skerries YC		
Sun 28 Aug	III GP14 Nationals	Skerries YC	Craig Pepper	Rachel Nally
Mon 29 Aug	GP14 Nationals	Skerries YC		
Wed 31 Aug	II		John Mullone	Eamon Staunton
Sun 4 Sept	III		David Stuart	Finbarr Stuart
Wed 07 Sep	II WED Series II Ends 7pm Gun		Garry Rock	Gosia Oleskow
Sat 10 Sept	Mirror Westernns			
Sun 11 Sept	III Mirror Westernns		Stuart McCormick	T.B.A.
Sun 18 Sept	III		Andy Vambeck	Barry Moore
Sat 24 Sep	GP14 Autumn/Youths	Sligo YC		
Sun 25 Sep	III GP14 Autumn/Youths	Sligo YC	Gary Walshe	Catherine Muckian
Sun 2 Oct			Pat McArdle	Veronica Lucy
Sun 09 Oct	III Sunday series III ends		Katie Johnston	Bernie Briodi
Sat 15 Oct	GP14 Hot toddy	Mullingar SC		
Sun 16 Oct	GP14 Hot toddy	Mullingar SC		
Wed 26 Oct	A.G.M.			
(A) 23-24 July	Mirror Nationals	Lough Derg		
(B) 20-27 Aug	Mirror British Nationals			

I Sunday Series I
I Wednesday Series I

II Sunday Series II
II Wednesday Series II
III Sunday Series III



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INTRODUCTION TO DINGHY SAILING FOR ADULTS 2011

THE ADULT SAILING COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE ON ***LOUGH OWEL*** IN MULLINGAR AND WILL RUN FROM MONDAY MAY 9TH TILL FRIDAY MAY 20TH (LESSONS AT 7 PM EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY).

WE SUPPLY THE BOATS (2 PERSON SAILING DINGHIES), EXPERIENCED TRAINERS AND FUN.

ALL LEVELS WELCOME!!

COST: 280 EURO (INCLUDING YEAR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WORTH 230 €)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP CALL:

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