



Foynes Yacht Club NEWS 2015

Club News - December 2015

Happy New Year!

31st Dec, 2015

Thanks to everyone who braved the elements to attend the annual table quiz in aid of the RNLI. It was a great turnout & many thanks to those who brought along spot prizes for the raffle. Well done to the table of McCormacks (Donal, Una, Mary, John) who were overall winners after a tie-breaker round. The quiz raised €523 for the RNLI.



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Club News - November 2015

Silver Refrigeration Laser & Topper November Series



28th Nov, 2015

Thanks to our very patient sponsors of the Laser & Topper November Series, [Silver Refrigeration](#)! The prizegiving which was postponed at the end of the series will take place at 8.30pm on Tuesday 29th, just before the RNLI table quiz. It would be great to see everyone who took part in the series there.....

Congratulations to the winners in the Adult Fleet 1st Tadhg O'Loinsigh (TBSC), 2nd Simon McGibney, 3rd Peter Clifford and in the Junior Fleet 1st Dylan Reidy, 2nd Mary McCormack, 3rd Anna Lowes.

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Club News - October 2015

Summer Sunshine for October Series

6th November, 2015

For the first time in its fifty three year history Foynes Yacht Club ran an ISA Go Racing course at the club during the school October mid-term break. The course was fully booked out with ten participants from Foynes Yacht Club, Dingle Sailing Club, Cullaun Sailing Club and Lough Derg Yacht Club who gave up their mid-term break lie-in to complete the course under the guidance of club racing instructor Tadhg O'Loingsigh and two senior Instructors, Simon McGibney from Foynes Yacht Club and Feidhlim O'Briain from Dingle Sailing Club. The weather was ideal for the course with the participants getting afloat every day in conditions varying from 5 knots to +25 knots. The junior sailors also had opportunities to hear from Graham Curran from UK McWilliams Sailmakers and international race officer Jack Roy, both of whom visited the club during the week. Foynes Yacht Clubs Sailing Academy Principal Patrick Finucane said that the sailing academy has been striving towards this for a number of years and was delighted with the success of the course.

The cruiser October series took place during the month with a six race series and fourteen boats taking part. Racing took place over five weekends concluding on the final Saturday in October. The series started in beautiful sunshine with 10-12kts westerly where OOD Vincent McCormack set the fleet off with an interesting spinnaker start and following a course round the cans on the estuary. The next few week's courses returned to beat starts either round the cans or windward leeward. Conditions were mixed, always sunshine, but winds anywhere from 5kts to 15kts, the lighter conditions presenting quite a challenge to anyone eager to get ashore on time for the rugby matches! Congratulations to the winners 1st Maximus from FYC, 2nd Scorpio Junior from Lough Derg, 3rd Powder Monkey from TBSC.

The laser and topper fleet are back on the water again for the winter starting with a very successful October Series with nineteen boats taking part over the five weekends and nine out of the ten scheduled races taking place. Congratulations to the series winners in the senior fleet 1st Simon McGibney, 2nd Mark McCormack, 3rd Michael McGowan and in the junior fleet 1st Dylan Reidy, 2nd Mary McCormack, 3rd Oisín Finucane. The Laser and Topper

November Series will begin next weekend and run on Sunday afternoons for the next four weeks. Details can be found on the Foynes Yacht Club website.

The month concluded with something different; the club hosted a Halloween fancy dress party in aid of TLCFCF. Thanks to Tom & Joanne Flavin for organising the event. It was a great night & some fantastic costumes!

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Estuary Bell

26th Oct, 2015

OOD Vincent McCormack got in two races yesterday to complete the three races for the Estuary Bell.... Congratulations to Darragh McCormack & crew on Maximus who fought off stiff competition to win IRC and Bev & Anna Lowes & crew on Poitín winners in White Sails. The prizegiving will take place with the prizes for the overalls in the Oct Series this Saturday.

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Topper Topaz National Championships 2015 - Cunnane Retains his Title

14th September, 2015

Saturday the 05th of September saw Foynes Yacht Club hosted the Topper Topaz National Championships. Five races were scheduled for the one day event with one discard to be applied after the fifth race. ISA National Race Officer Geoff O'Donoghue & Local Race Officer Donal Mc Cormack where presented with a mixed bag of weather conditions which made it a challenge to complete the full schedule.

The thirty one Topper Topaz's entries were greeted with beautiful sunshine with a twenty minute beat to the sailing area just north of Foynes Island.

Racing got off to a great start on time in 15kts NNE with wind against tide resulting in choppy seas but great racing. However as forecasted, wind began to ease, and by race three wind had dropped down to 6kts which made it slow

and tight racing but which resulted in a few boats not finishing due to pure frustration. Lunch was provided afloat from the mother ships which gave the competitors time to relax and concentrate on the final two scheduled races.

By race four the wind slightly picked again and the fleet in good numbers were back on the race course for two rounds of the triangular course. Going into the final race, it was tied at the top with Brian Fox from Tralee Bay Sailing Club level on points with 2014 champion Paddy Cunnane from Dingle Sailing Club while Mary McCormack from Foynes Yacht Club was just one point behind in third place. At least a thirty degree wind shift during the start sequence meant the start was abandoned and at the restart Brian Fox was deemed OCS. Paddy Cunnane took 1st in the final race and with it the overall championship while a third place for Mary McCormack was enough to secure the runner up spot for her, dropping Brian Fox back to third.

The club were delighted to have the support of **Topper International Ltd** who sponsored the overall prizes, **Ronstan** who sponsored the prizes in the underage categories and **UK McWilliams Sailmakers** who sponsored a number of individual race prizes.

The Club would like to thank all the competitors who travelled to make this a truly National event, the Irish Sailing Association for their support from the regional development officers and for the use of the ISA Topper Topaz Sailfleet, the large number of members from the club that gave up their day to make sure everything went smoothly on and off the water, and the members who provided the committee boat, Mother ships and safety boats for the event.

The Topper Topaz Class Association of Ireland have now nominated Paddy Cunnane for the All Ireland Junior Sailing Championships which will take place in Kinsale Yacht Club on the 26th & 27th September. Foynes Yacht Club would like to wish Paddy every success with the nomination.

Final results:

1st Overall – Paddy Cunnane – Dingle Sailing Club

2nd Overall – Mary McCormack – Foynes Yacht Club

3rd Overall – Brian Fox – Tralee Bay Sailing Club

U16 - Tim Kelleher – Tralee Bay Sailing Club

U14 – Dylan Reidy/Oisín Finucane – Foynes Yacht Club

U12 – Ellie Cunnane – Dingle Sailing Club



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Club News - August 2015

Aptly Named 'Wild Wind' Wins Mermaid National Championships 2015



Mermaids racing for National Honours at Foynes.

The changeable conditions continued for the [Mermaid](#) National Championships which concluded on Friday at [Foynes Yacht Club](#).

The championship began last Sunday in a challenging 20-25kts with strong gusts, rough seas and spring tides. The mixed weather conditions meant the fleet were blown out on the second day and put in a hard 3rd day before the heavy weather started to ease off to a reasonable 15kts on Wednesday. The time of first gun was moving back an hour each day to account for the tide and the fleet were launching about two hours before low water so that the racing would take place during the slackest part of the tide. The best day of the week came on Thursday when the sun came out, the wind eased further to a very steady 10kts westerly and the range of the tide had reduced to a very manageable level.

The change in weather meant that whoever was to become overall champion would have to prove themselves in all extremes. 131 Wild Wind, 188 Innocence and 123 Vee had shown that they could certainly handle the heavy weather but last year's champions 77 Tiler Girl were always going to be the boat to watch in light weather and that was certainly the case for race 4. While the leading four boats were shuffling positions there were also some interesting battles going on amongst the rest of the fleet. 146 Fugitive with Paul Browne, Frankie Browne and Brendan Dunne were having a fantastic regatta in 5th place overall and leading the Daphne and Designer trophies going into the final races. There was only a point or two at most separating each of the positions down along the fleet and with a potential discard to be applied a considerable reshuffle of places could be on the cards.

The decision by the OOD on Thursday to have only one race that day meant that the [championship had become a 5 race series](#). 77 Tiler Girl had their first win of the regatta in race 4 but 131 Wild Wind took 2nd place ahead of 188 Innocence and that was enough to secure Paddy and Johnny Dillon their 2nd Championship while 14 year old Lauren O'Hare became the youngest ever winner of the Mermaid National Championship, with still one race scheduled. Another change in weather brought mirror conditions on Friday morning and unfortunately for Tiler Girl, who needed another race to bring in their discard, racing was cancelled. 2nd place overall went to 188 Innocence with Darragh McCormack, Mark McCormack and Cathal McMahan, much to the delight of the home venue with 123 Vee with Jim, Muriel and Paula Carthy in 3rd place.

The Daphne trophy went to 146 Fugitive and the Designer went to 90 Deirdre with Alan & David Butterly and Michelle Ryan.

The Mermaid fleet had high praise for OOD Geoff O'Donoghue and the race management team and the club would also like to extend their thanks to the OOD , the huge number of volunteers who helped out throughout the week and the many sponsors of the event without whom it could not take place.

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Mermaid National Championships 2015 Reaches Half Way Point At Foynes



For the first time the Mermaid fleet are racing west of Foynes

Racing in the [Mermaid](#) National Championships got underway earlier this week & has been greeted by extremely [mixed conditions](#). 'Mermaid Week' traditionally begins with a practice race on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend with the first championship race taking place on Sunday. For the first time the Mermaid fleet in [Foynes](#) are racing west of Foynes which means the racing can be viewed by the public along the coast road between Foynes and Glin, Co. Limerick.

Race 1 began in winds of just over 20kts but with strong gusts and wind against spring tides providing a challenging sea state. 20 boats came to the start area but after a general recall for the first start four boats retired to shore. The 2nd start was all clear and throughout the race the lead switched several times between Wild Wind helmed by two time national champion Paddy Dillon with crew Johnny Dillon & Lauren O'Hare and another [Mermaid](#) veteran, and four time national champion, Jim Carthy and his daughters Muriel & Paula on 123 Vee with Wild Wind taking the lead on the final beat to the finish. Local boat 188 Innocence helmed by Darragh McCormack with crew Mark McCormack & Cathal McMahon made a great recovery after a capsize on the first run which saw them drop back to 7th to get back to 3rd place.

Things on Day 2 of the championship were deceptively calm at Foynes clubhouse which is well sheltered in southerly winds but the forecast was for gale force winds and OOD Geoff O'Donoghue made the wise call to cancel racing.

All efforts necessary were being made to get in three races to constitute the series while putting safety first so day 3 saw the AP up to delay racing & wait for the forecasted ease in wind to come about. The committee boat went out early to the race area & once the wind steadied below 20kts and had wind with tide which meant flatter seas the fleet were called out for race 2. Racing at the top is very tight but Wild Wind are proving to be heavy weather specialists & difficult to beat with another win. 188 were second and Sam Shiels with Con Bissett and Eoin Boylan on 189 Azezy 3rd.

The lighter conditions on Wednesday were sure to bring other contenders to the front. Race 3 saw the full fleet of 22 boats take to the start in 12-15kts westerly winds. A tough blow for 189 Azezy who led from start to finish only to find out they were OCS which gave another 1st place to 131 Wild Wind. 188 were 2nd and last year's champions 77 Tiler Girl with Johnathan, Carol & Alan O'Rourke getting back to form in 3rd.

With two days of racing left the series is constituted but 5 races will bring in a discard & conditions are lightening so the OOD is hopeful of getting in at least two more races.

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Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta

12th July, 2015

Congratulations to Darragh, Mark & Cathal who came 3rd in the Mermaid division at the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta at the weekend. A brilliant result in a very competitive fleet. Great prep for the national championships which will be held in Foynes this August.

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Club News - June 2015

McWilliams Training Weekend

14th June, 2015

There were three FYC boats taking part in the McWilliams Training Clinic at Tralee Bay Sailing Club this weekend. The format was at 1055 start on Saturday morning with 8 about 30 min races scheduled which OOD Peter Moore ran off like clockwork. Conditions were ideal for training, winds around 15kts in the morning and most boats out with number ones and increasing to close to 20kts in the afternoon so number threes appeared. Des McWilliam and Graham Curran from UK McWilliam Sailmakers followed the fleet around the course on two ribs watching and videoing race starts, mark roundings, spinnaker hoists and drops, tacking etc. They talked to each of the boats during the races & offered suggestions on their observations. Sat evening the crews got together in the TBSC clubhouse and watched some of the video footage and Des & Graham gave further feedback on the day.

On Sunday racing started at 0955. Conditions were lighter with 10-15 kts and the first four races were ran off in similar fashion to Saturday. The fleet then switched to practicing race starts with 3 min countdowns before one final race took place. Again a debrief was held in the clubhouse focusing in particular on tactics for race starts.

Well done to Simon McGibney for spearheading the event, Tralee Bay Sailing Club and Peter Moore for hosting a fantastic weekend and Des & Graham for their brilliant coaching! Results are on the [ICRA website](#) thanks to Denis Kiely. For anyone with even the slightest interest in racing you really should sign up the next time!

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Club News - May 2015

FYC Monthly Catch Up

May, 2015

After a late start getting the boats launched, the members of **Foynes Yacht Club** made the most of the month of May on the water, despite the mixed conditions.

The sailing season kicked off with the annual Cruise to Limerick for the Limerick Riverfest on the May Bank Holiday weekend where 9 cruisers headed off to spend the weekend in the city. The oppie fleet travelled by road to meet them and the young sailors, aged 8 - 14yrs, braved the cold, rain & wind to go for a sail in the city. The cruise in company spent two nights in Limerick docks and had their annual catch up and a few drinks with the Inland Waterways Cruising Club and took in many of the activities going on for the Riverfest.

Commodore's Day was a family affair as Darragh McCormack took 1st place in IRC on his **J24** Maximus, while his sister Mary won the dinghy race in the morning and followed that up with a win in the cruiser race in White Sails on their Dufour 35, Alpara. No nepotism involved, honestly! The Competent Crew Course run by Alan McEniff which started with a dry sailing evening in April with 16 participants continued throughout the month during the May Series on Wednesday evenings. Darragh kept the trophy cabinet full by also taking 1st place in IRC for the May Series while Tom Murray, who was relishing the heavy winds, was 1st in White Sails on his Kerry Sloop, Kerry Dream.

The Estuary Rugby Club had their end of year prize giving ceremony in the clubhouse early in the month. The young rugby players also got a taste of sailing as many of the cruiser fleet turned up to take them out in what started out a pleasant enough 15kts westerly before a squall bringing 35kt winds and lashing rain passed through. Luckily enough all the visiting crews were safely ashore by then. After a BBQ (& the rain), the point outside the clubhouse was turned into a rugby pitch for a game of tag rugby. The rugby club extended an invitation to the members for a follow up game at their club.... but I think I'de rather be out in the 35kt winds!!! The local St Senan's Youth Club also concluded their season by bringing about 70 youngsters down to the club for a sail around Foynes Island. For a change the sun peaked its head out & we had a lovely 12-15kts NW, just right for a nice leisurely sail & it was back to the clubhouse after that for another BBQ. Again, many thanks to all the boat owners who made their boats available and gave up their time to take our visitors out. These were two particularly enjoyable evenings in the club and it's great to see so much integration amongst the different clubs in the community.

The dinghy fleet returned to the club after participating in an April Series in **Tralee Bay Sailing Club** and the TBSC Spring Regatta in early May. FYC held its own Open Dinghy Event on the 3rd weekend in May in 15-18kts WNW breeze with 27 entries. 1st place for Adults in the Open Dinghy Fleet went to Tadhg O'Loinsigh from TBSC while Paddy Cunnane from DSC took 1st in the Junior fleet. 1st in the Oppies went to David McDaid from FYC.

The month concluded with the Munster **Mermaid** Championships. FYC will host the Mermaid National Championships in August so

this was an opportunity for visiting boats to get some practice in local waters before the main event. There were 19 entries with three races scheduled over two days and as anyone who ventured out on the June Bank Holiday weekend knows, conditions were very challenging! Day one brought cold & very blustery 20-25kts winds gusting over 30kts and so the fleet was much depleted by day two which brought saw even stronger winds and even more nasty squalls! 1st place went to Paddy Dillon on Wild Wind (couldn't have been more aptly named!), Darragh McCormack (another trophy!) was 2nd on Innocence and Jim Carthy was 3rd on Vee.

Sailing will continue every Wednesday in June. First gun 1925. Let's hope for better and more consistent weather!

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Open Dinghy Regatta at FYC

24th May, 2015



CENTRA CENTRA CENTRA CENTRA

Our first Open Dinghy Regatta of this season got off to a great start today in a little more than forecast 15-20kts WNW breeze. Given the wind direction and tide it was decided to split the fleet and have the optibat dinghies race in a more sheltered area south of Foynes Island while the main fleet headed north of the island.

Vincent McCormack took over OOD duties for the optibat fleet who raced 2 races, then tied off all the oppies and everyone (sailors and all) came ashore for a tea break, before heading back out for the 3rd race. It was not quite so leisurely for the main fleet . OOD Donal McCormack started on schedule with first gun at 1155 and the following two races were run in quick succession.

Congratulations to the winners in each fleet:

Optimist Dinghy :

1st David McDaid, 2nd Ronan Kiely Maher, 3rd Sharon Wilkie

Open Dinghy Fleet Juniors :

1st Paddy Cunnane, 2nd Christopher McDaid, 3rd Mary McCormack

Open Dinghy Fleet Adults :

1st Tadgh O'Loinsigh, 2nd Ian McGowan, 3rd Simon McGibney

A massive thanks to the many volunteers who helped out with the organisation and both the on the water and shore crews on the day. A big thanks also to all the visitors who travelled to support the event. And lastly, thanks again to our fantastic sponsors, Reidy's Centra in Foynes.

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McCormacks Rule on Commodore's Day

18th May, 2015

There was plenty of activity on the water for Commodore's Day. It started early with the Mermaid and dinghy fleet getting out first on a course just east of the clubhouse in about 15-20kts westerly breeze. First place in the dinghy fleet went to Mary McCormack while Darragh McCormack won the Mermaids.

After a 30 min postponement the cruiser fleet racing started with a course anti-clockwise around Foynes Island. In a very closely fought class 1 fleet Darragh McCormack took first place on Maximus while the Commodore's boat, Alpara, helmed by Mary McCormack, was first in Class 2.

The blessing of the boats took place at 1630 just before the showers began. Thanks to OOD Alan McEniff and everyone who helped out in the clubhouse to make the day a great success.

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Dinghy Regatta at Tralee Bay Sailing Club

16th May, 2015

7 FYC sailors travelled to Fenit for Tralee Bay Sailing Club's Open Dinghy Regatta this weekend. Well done to Peter Clifford who was 3rd overall and Dylan Reidy for best visiting boat who completed all 3 races in very challenging conditions.

All the laser fleet have returned to FYC after their extended stay in Fenit. Thanks to Simon, Kevin and Aidan for bringing them back & to TBSC for the loan of the triple & double stackers. It's good to be home :)

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May Series Kicks Off

7th May, 2015

The May Series kicked off in chilly but pleasant sailing conditions this Wednesday. OOD Alan McEniff set a course out with a beat out to Pile 1 and a reach up river towards 8 Metre taking in a jibe around Sturamus towards Table Rock giving those organised enough an opportunity to shake the cobwebs off the spinnakers. As forecast the wind died off as the evening went on so unfortunately for the the boats at the back of the fleet they got caught with little wind against the tide coming back to the club finish line. Results uploaded to the results section.

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April Series at Tralee Bay Sailing Club

26th Apr, 2015

Well done to the 13 FYC sailors who took part in the April Series at Tralee Bay Sailing Club over the past 4 weeks. In particular congrats to Simon McGibney, overall winner. Thanks to TBSC for hosting a great series. Some photos & results uploaded to the relevant pages.

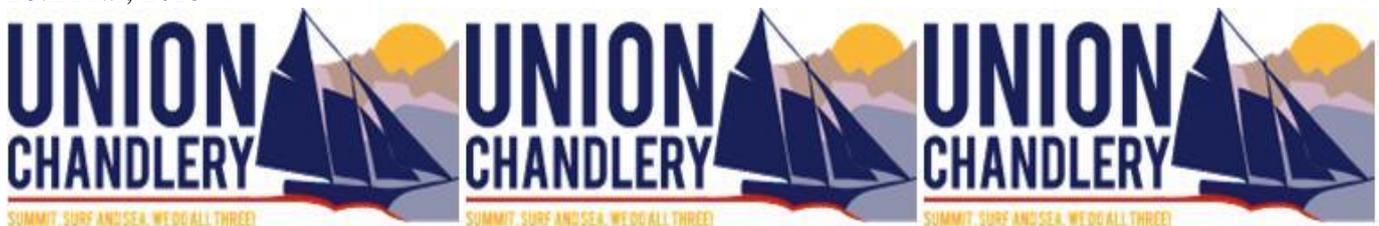
Next laser sailing is the Spring Series at TBSC on Sunday, 10th May, followed by an open dinghy regatta at FYC on Sat 23rd & Sun 25th May.

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Club News - March 2015

Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series

28th Mar, 2015



The weather wasn't co-operating on the final day of the Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series. We like a challenge but a squally 25-30kts is probably stretching it a bit! The OOD agreed & cancelled racing. With no racing on the final day the leaders from last week held onto their positions with Simon McGibney taking 1st in the Adult Fleet and Christopher McDaid 1st in the Junior Fleet. Christopher had such a sizeable lead going into the final day that he could not have been beaten and was in fact 4th overall, a fantastic result!

The SI allocated one discard for every 4 races which was significant as the final discards were the determining factor for 2nd and 3rd in both the adult and junior fleets. Cathal McMahon and Peter Clifford finished the 16 race series level on points in the adult fleet. On count back Cathal took 2nd place with Peter in 3rd. In the junior fleet Anna Lowes leap frogged Dylan Reidy to take 2nd. Congratulations to all our winners! It was a long series and each one thoroughly deserved their place.

Well done to everyone involved in this hugely successful Spring Series. There were 20 competitors in total and the effort that has brought the club from one laser less than 12 months ago to 17 of our own competing boats (3 visiting boats from TBSC) can't be understated.....

In particular we have brilliant Laser Class Captain, Cathal McMahon, who is the last one on the water every day helping everyone else to launch & is there to help again when you return to the slip (it helps that he's usually one of first few home :)). A big thanks also goes to Simon McGibney who is like the 'agony uncle' for all our laser issues has probably effected some repairs on almost every laser in the club as this stage ... & he also made the soup every week! At the prizegiving today Cathal thanked **Kevin Reidy from Reidy's Centra & Peter Clifford from Clifford's Cash and Carry** for sponsoring the rolls & soup throughout the series. He also thanked that group of people without whom there would be no racing - the OOD's; Raymond, Darragh, Donal & Michael, the rescue crews; Bev, Derek, James, Patrick, Michael, Kevin R, Kevin B, Paul, Claire, Conor, Cian, Oisín & Killian, & the shore crew; the two Patricia's & Julie who had the soup warmed when the fleet arrived ashore. (The danger with mentioning names is you're bound to forget someone so apologies if that happens!!!) Finally he sincerely thanked [Union Chandlery in Cork](#) for their generous sponsorship of the series so please remember them when you're doing any sailing shopping in the coming months.

It's onwards to Tralee Bay Sailing Club for the April Series. Thanks to everyone who helped load & deliver the boats today in particular the members of TBSC who brought up trailers for the delivery especially Fiona Frawley & Liam Lynch.

Lift in is provisionally scheduled for Sat 11th April and the Competent Crew Course begins on Wed 15th April. The next racing is the cruiser May Series which starts on Wed 6th May.

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Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series

22nd Mar, 2015



Good racing today in the Laser Spring Series having to contend with very strong spring tides but with a nice 15kts SW breeze. With one week to go Simon McGibney has a considerable lead in the adult fleet but it's down to the wire for 2nd between Cathal McMahon & Peter Clifford (discards to be applied). Christopher McDaid is the clear leader in the junior fleet ahead of Anna Lowes and Dylan Reidy.

Thanks to Darragh McCormack for doing OOD & Bev, Kevin, Killian & Paul who assisted on the water. Also a big thanks to Kevin Reidy from Reidy's Centra for sponsoring the rolls yet again but who also came to the rescue (not only on the water) with the soup aswell when our regular chef was unable (ahem..) to cook ;)

Some photos of week 7 uploaded to the gallery & results to the results page. Hope to see everyone out next weekend for the final race day of the series :)

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Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series

8th Mar, 2015



Another good days sailing in the Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series. After a short delay due to a change in race area because the blustery conditions OOD Raymond McGibney aided by Oisín Finucane got the two race schedule underway with first gun in race 10 of the series at 1045. 14 boats took to the water and again this week there was plenty of capsizing practice for some!!! Conditions were WSW about 15+ kts gusting over 20kts. Thanks to Derek & Conor on Rescue 1 and Darragh, James & Michael on Rescue 2 and anyone who helped out ashore.

With three weeks left to go in the series Simon McGibney still leads overall despite a costly day today which he'll surely be happy to discard while it's all square in second place between Laser Class Captain Cathal McMahon and Peter Clifford. In the junior fleet Christopher McDaid is having a great series and leading the way while Dylan Reidy who is also having a fantastic series in his first outing on a laser holds onto second place ahead of Anna Lowes. However, if we get in a full series further discards will apply which might shake things up a bit!

Thanks also to Peter Clifford from Cliffords Cash & Carry for sponsoring the soup, Reidy's Centra for sponsoring the

rolls & Simon McGibney for being the super cook!

Photos and results uploaded to the relevant sections.

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Club News - February 2015

Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series

28th Feb, 2015



Great sailing today in the Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series in very mixed and often challenging conditions. OOD Darragh McCormack got in four races to bring the February total to 9 with 2 discards now applied to the overall results. Conditions were pretty much as forecast with SE winds varying around the 15kt mark but gusting well over 20kts at times. The first race got off in moderate F4 breeze but the squally winds picked up considerably for the second race giving the fleet plenty of capsizing practice!!! By the time race 4 was underway the gusts had died down and, as scheduled, the fleet were ashore having their hot soup before the front that had been forecast all week arrived! A big thanks to Darragh, Cian, Derek and Bev for laying the course and doing rescue, Cliffords Cash and Carry for sponsoring the soup, Simon for making the soup and Reidy's Centra for sponsoring the rolls :)

Results uploaded to the results page. The Spring Series will continue until end of March. Keep an eye on the website or FB page up first gun date/time for next weekend.

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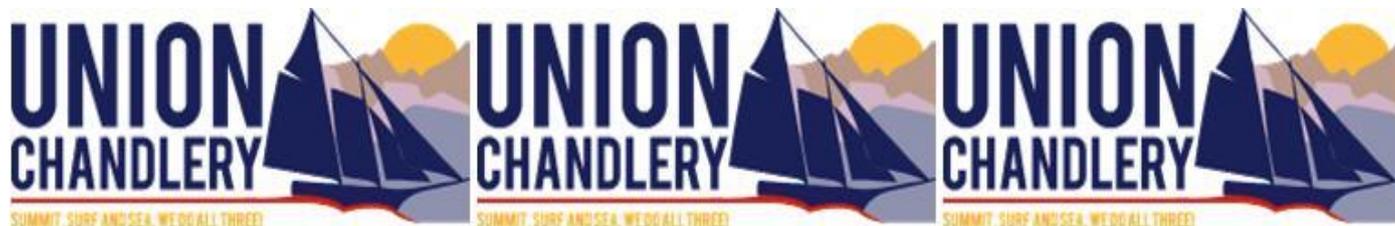
New Yachtmasters!!!!

22nd Feb, 2015

Well done to everyone who completed the Yachtmaster Coastal and Yachtmaster Offshore shorebased course that's been running at the club for the past 11 weeks. The final exam took place on Monday night so hopefully everyone passed :) Thanks to Dr. Pat Hartigan from VHF.ie who gave the course. There was a little celebration in the club afterwards where the bar was open & Pat had ordered in some finger food and encouraged everyone on the course to take the next step with the practical exam.... Well done again all!

Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series

1st Feb, 2015



Well done to everyone who braved the freezing cold (& it was freeeeezinggg) for the first of the Union Chandlery Laser Spring Series today. Given the recent weather we were delighted to get out on the water however the slow pace in light winds didn't help keep the bodies warm! Thanks very much to OOD Raymond McGibney, Patrick Finucane on the safety boat and everyone who came down and helped out either on the water or onshore, & to Simon and Kevin who made the soup :)))))) Results uploaded to the racing results section.