



COMMODORE'S WELCOME

Dear Members,

A warm welcome to the beginning 2018 season at LRYC and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the year. We have a busy season ahead of us and our first SOD event (Lough Corrib) has already occurred, from the photographic evidence, it looked to be a great success. Likewise, the Cruisers have kicked off their season as have the Juniors, though I feel they never really stopped!

Besides our normal Club scheduled events, the Club is hosting the GP14 Purcell Cup in June, then the "Double Ree" junior double handed dingy event in July, this promises to be one of the largest junior double handed events in the Country.

We are also hosting the All Ireland Sailing Championships (formally, the Helmsman's Championship) in October and an SB20 Inlands, also in October.

Take special note of the resurrected Commodore's Cruise in Company, which is to be held on the weekend of July 28th & 29th - this event is to be all about fun! Please take the opportunity to familiarise yourself with this year's programme <http://www.lryc.ie/events/>

As you all know, the Club is volunteer driven and without the input from our Members, we cannot operate. A big thank you to all those who have carried the load over the last while.

I am aware that there are Members, old & new who are also willing to help out, some have already contacted me to offer their assistance. If you feel that you would like to contribute, even the smallest task, please do, as the old adage; "Many hands make light work" is so true. We have a unique & thriving Club, let's keep it that way!

Warm regards,

Garrett Leech
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GDPR: We want to communicate with you! But you must "Opt In". Please go to <http://www.lryc.ie/gdpr/> and complete the form.

Gate: All the known mobile phone numbers of the members have been put into the sim card in the gate. To access the club ground, you need to ring **087 928 0102** and it will recognise your number and the Gate will open.

Warning: If your phone has its caller identity switched off the Gate will not open – it does not know who is calling it.

Shannon One Design Class

There's a beautiful painting by Paul Henry for auction next week, depicting sailing beneath the stunning skies of the West of Ireland. Estimate €60,000.



Sailing on Lough Corrib

Or, for a tenner, you could have savoured that scene in three dimensions, over a period of three days, and enjoyed Nicki and Mark's wonderful hospitality at Cong. Yes, the LRYC SOD season launched at Lisloughrey Quay on the May bank holiday weekend. Despite forecasts of tropical weather after an unusually long and snowy winter it was not, in fact, that warm. On arrival we found the wind to be that little bit much so adjourned for lunch, but we got in three exciting races in the afternoon. The passage race to Cornamona was run over four legs, in the last of which four boats finished within a boat length of each other. Cathy McAleavey won the weekend by one point followed by DJ and Marguerite and Kate, Ronan and Tristan, not necessarily in that exact order. We had three more races back-to-back on Monday. The fleet was a respectable six boats, of which three were helmed by women.

Next week, we have the first home SOD event, Sam's Inner Lakes Regatta and we're hoping to have 10 or more boats.

We have the usual packed season throughout June and July, plus the Annual Regatta and two events in September. The Long Distance race will not be run this year by Ed Hunter, for the first time in living memory, but we still expect a wonderful event and encourage everyone, sailors or not, to enjoy a great party weekend.

SOD 67 is available at some periods over the season (and already booked for others). If you want the opportunity to sail a really fast boat at little cost, donated to the club by the late P.J. Lenihan and restored through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, then contact Garrett O'Neill or D.J. Algeo.

GON (with the wind)

Subscriptions.

Second bills have been issued for outstanding subs. Once again, we appeal to members to identify themselves on their on-line payments. There are a number who have not done so and we apologise if they have received a second bill in error. It should be noted that the gate may not open for members who are in arrears after **JUNE 5th**.

Waste Disposal.

Waste charges are being substantially increased and we would ask for your assistance to help reduce our costs.

It is noted that not all the waste in the skip has originated from the club i.e. others are using our skip for their rubbish. This is unfair and may result in the club having to monitor the skip with CCTV.

It is intended to form a waste bin compound beside the Sewerage treatment plant and have it located behind a new fence with gates. Bins will be designated for **Glass, Cans and Recyclables** and other waste can be put into the skip.

Members are encouraged to put the correct items into these bins. If general/domestic waste is put into a recycling bin a number of things may happen – the bin may not be collected and a club member will have to separate everything – the bin is collected and we get surcharged at an exorbitant rate. Your help is

Mirrors May 2018

The first fleet “from out under the covers” to shake off the Christmas and New Year excesses was the Mirrors whose 2018 sailing season kicked off on Jan 13/14 with the first of their Winter Training weekends held at LRYC.



Mirror Winter Training - LRYC

This year will see LRYC with a very strong contingent of Mirror helms taking part in the Mirror regional events. We wish Ben Graf, Conor Paul, Dylan Farrell, Eoghan Duffy, Lughaidh Croasdell & Mathew Fallon and their crews much success for the year ahead.

Cruiser Class:

The 2017 cruiser class AGM was held in Gertie Brownes on the 3rd November. Dr Maurice Collins summarised the season by minimising the ongoing trickle of attendance at day-to-day racing and focused instead on accentuating the success of the 2017 Regatta experience, ably orchestrated by Philip Watson.

In his last official duty as Class Captain he threw the bouquet of responsibility into the crowd where it was nimbly caught by Pat McMahon, who used his height to full advantage in the melee! Class secretary Paula Trench was too busy ducking out of range to avoid being nominated for another term as ‘Girl’ Friday! To thundering applause, Pat thanked the Maurice for his sterling work at the helm, before launching into his own (surprisingly pre-prepared) manifesto for the season ahead. He spoke of tweaking the racing programme and the fruits of his consultations has resulted in the newly revamped Course Card for 2018 (<http://www.lryc.ie/cruiser-calendar-2018/>).

With a renewed focus on the social aspect of sailing, there are a couple of Picnic days worked in so dust off those wicker baskets! We also look forward to getting a few new crew members from the cruiser sailing course this June so please get in touch if you (and your boat) are available to tutor the prospective new recruits.

Also, in an effort to encourage attendance and thereby galvanise attempts to wrest the 2017 Cruiser silver collection from Philos, gentle pre-race weekend reminders will be sent out via Whatsapp.

Finally, a sincere thanks to all the mark laying crew and crane operators who gave up their time so we can all get to the starting line. We hope to see you there. ☺ Pat and Paula

Paula Trench



Philos Skipper Damien Delaney with his least able crew member Paula Trench. (The ones who did all the work were photo shopped out! Robbie West, Frank O’Gorman and Gerry McGinley :)

New Caretaker: We welcome Dónal Carney back as our caretaker for the 2018 season.

Policy: The Club has a new Policy page, please take time to visit:

<http://www.lryc.ie/policy/>

Early March saw Ben Graf, Hannah Smyth and Eoghan Duffy make the long one day trek to RCYC for the PY1000 handicap mixed dinghy race. Competing against Lasers, 420s, 29er, RS200 and other fleets it was great to see the red sails doing LRYC proud.

First up on the official racing calendar was the Mirror Northern Championships in Clontarf on the 5/6 May. LRYC sailors and boats were in the majority at the event and came away with the top prizes. After Day 1, Eoghan Duffy led the fleet but a strong display on Day 2 by Ben Graf & Daniel Smyth with two "bullets" clinched the overall title.



Well done to Ben & Daniel, Overall Winners & 1st Gold Fleet. Lughaidh Croasdell & Alex Leech took home 2nd Overall & 1st Bronze Fleet and Eoghan Duffy won 1st Silver Fleet. LRYC was also represented by Conor Paul & Chloe Murphy and Mathew Fallon & Dylan Farrell. Other LRYC sailors crewing on Mirrors from other Sailing Clubs were David & Jonathan Flannery and Sonny Drummond. Based on everyone's performance the future looks good for LRYC on the Mirror circuit this year.

Next up on the racing calendar is the Whit Weekend at LRYC where we are hoping to see our Mirror sailors out on home ground. The next away event is the O'Dowd Cup in Sligo at the end of June.

Emmet Duffy

Whit Regatta takes place on the 2nd - 4th June is already shaping up! With over 15 SOD's already confirmed. Book your dinner tickets now at:

<https://www.lryc.ie/event/whit/>

Optimist Class

With the progression of many of our oppy sailors into other classes, this season welcomes new and familiar faces in the junior and senior fleets. A successful winter of sailing saw up to eight boats out on Sunday mornings and with Wednesday sailing now commencing we hope to see even more out. A special thank you to Erica who provided great training sessions which enabled our sailors to progress their skills.

In February, eight LRYC sailors participated in the IODAI Baltimore training week. Great fun was had both on and off the water. Ellie, Ethan and Tiernan all won prizes in the Regatta at the end of the week.

Many of our sailors are enjoying representing LRYC in other national events. In March, Ellie and Ethan participated in the annual Brassed-Off Cup in Howth and did very well in calm conditions and Dylan took part in the blustery trials in April.

On May 19th the regional events will commence with the Ulsters and we wish all of our oppy sailors the best of luck in all events. We will have more training days over the next few months and will provide updates through the Junior Sailing WhatsApp group.

Enrolment for the Junior Sailing Course has commenced and welcomes new and familiar faces. In the meantime, if you have a sailor interested in joining the oppy fleet or want to discuss the best way to start please feel free to contact me.



Our 8 Oppy Baltimore sailors

Alf Hunt

SOD 67

is still available for some events, including the Annual Regatta contact sailing@lryc.ie for further details.



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Any contributions to Waterlines would be warmly welcomed.

Contact waterlines@lryc.ie