

MINUTES OF JULY CRUISING GROUP MEETING

3rd July 2023

INTRODUCTION

Any member considering applying for an ICC (International Certificate of Competence – necessary for chartering boats) should contact Susan, as there are a couple of others looking to complete this in the near future.

Following on from the boat-sharing meetings and Brendan Slein's facilitation, Susan advised the meeting that there will be a Fisher 25 coming on the market soon, following the death of a HYC member. The price is likely to be around €15K.

The Row Hard or Go Home team, who twice spoke to the Cruising Group about their row across the Atlantic, recently presented the RNLi with a cheque for €35,000.

ARMADAS

The second armada of the season (to the National YC for brunch) took place last Saturday. Gusts of 30 knots in Dublin Bay encouraged some crews to go by DART but 7 boats sailed across, reporting sporty conditions.

There was the usual warm welcome in the NYC for the 60+ attendees, including Club Manager Aideen Doran, who crewed

on Gerry O'Neill's Gerryatric. Gerry made a presentation to the NYC, thanking them for their hospitality. Aideen spoke about how Gerry had invited her on an armada when she first arrived in HYC and how welcoming the Cruising Group was.

The 3rd armada of the season is to Lambay next Saturday (8th July), departing HYC at 1100. Bring a picnic. If there is anyone looking for a berth or any boat-owner who can offer a berth, please contact cruising@hyc.ie as soon as possible.

SCOTTISH CRUISE

The 2023 cruise was a great success, thanks to the glorious weather. Although not so good for sailing, it added to the sociability and enjoyment of the group. Two boats went to Rathlin on the way home. Photographs of the trip were published in the recent Club newsletter and are also on the HYC website.

It has been suggested that next year's cruise might be in Greece – suggestions and comments on this should be sent to cruising@hyc.ie.

Susan reminded everyone to please take photographs while they are enjoying the summer afloat. These are useful for the newsletters and website, to let people see the Cruising Group activities, and are also possible entrants in the Christmas photo competition. Does anyone keep a log anymore? If so, there is also an end-of-year competition for this and logs can be published on the Cruising section for the interest of all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Carlingford Cruising Festival starts on Saturday 29th July. One highlight is a passage up the Newry Canal to the centre of Newry to overnight. Lots of information on www.carlingfordmarina.com. There are currently 5 or 6 HYC boats going and any others interested should book soon as the marina is filling up.

The Gibney Classic is on Saturday 5th August. This popular event combines friendly racing with a social atmosphere ashore and is good fun for skippers and crews. The entry fee is €10.

NEW CRUISING GROUP SECTION ON WEBSITE

The Cruising section on the website is being updated to a more user-friendly platform which should allow information to be posted quickly. The calendar of events will be up-to-date, there will be a Resource section (including recorded presentations) and reports on recent activities. Please have a look.

NEW ACTIVITIES

There will be a Sail & Steak outing on Thursday afternoon, starting at 3pm. A short sail in company is followed by an (optional) dinner on Steak Night in HYC.

A group anchoring is planned for Friday 14th July (weather permitting). It is suggested that boats leave the marina at or

after 6pm to anchor off Ireland's Eye and have a picnic. The option is then to overnight at anchor or return as suits to the marina. HYC offers a takeaway picnic, which makes it easy – the menu will be circulated when available. The picnic option might also be useful for the Lambay armada.

There are scheduled J80 sessions rostered for the evenings of Thursday 13th and 27th (starting at 7pm) and for 1030 on Sunday 16th. Please contact cruising@hyc.ie if you are interested in going out for a sail with one of the Cruising Group experienced helms.

SPLICING & ROPEWORK

Micheal Doran of Marine Supplies came in to teach us how to splice. Everyone got to practice on prepared ropes as he went round the room advising and correcting. He also showed a steel hawser that he had spliced that morning plus a wire bridle suitable for moorings such as Skerries, that are not sheltered.

AOB

Susan advised of the birth of Batholomew to CG member Catherine Pitcher, daughter of Betty Hilliard.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th September, There will be no meeting in August.