

Dublin Bay Old Gaffers Association
Cumann Seanghaiféirí Cuan Átha Cliath

Dublin Bay OGA had a very successful year in 2024. Events in the spring included our regular Lectures which were extremely successful and raised through “yellow Wellie” donations more than €2000 for the RNLI.

Our gathering in Kinsale was an excellent event and set a very high bar for future events.

Our regatta held in Dublin Bay together with the Howth Muster were the main sailing events. However, many of our members went on very interesting expeditions during the Summer. Adrian Spence and Mark Sweetnam cruised north (separately) and Mark’s report was in the most recent Gaffer’s Log. Adrians report is with the Editor of GL for publication in due course. Paul Keogh sailed to the Isles of Scilly and the south coast of England. Multiple trips were made to Scotland, Isle of Mann and All-around Ireland.

Our membership is growing and the fleet increasing. We assisted with the requested SWOT analysis for fledgling gaffers.

Sadly, one of our longest serving members Tim Magennis passed away recently.

We held an EGM in November to adjust how and when we collect subscriptions. This is to facilitate faster reports to our membership colleagues in the UK. Below are the details of the motions and results.

Motion Rule 6 of the Constitution of DBOGA provides:

"SUBSCRIPTION

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A member who has not paid the appropriate subscription by the 31st of March in that year in which the subscription was due shall

be deemed to have resigned. A member joining after October 1st in any year shall pay a full annual subscription which will entitle appropriate membership up to December 31st the following year. Whilst every effort is made to remind members whose subscriptions are overdue; the officers cannot guarantee to be able to send out reminders."

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Rule 9(3) of the Constitution provides:

"(3): Accounts for income and expenditure shall be closed at 30th September each year. These accounts shall be presented to a General Meeting of the D.B.O.G.A. for approval in time for them to be forwarded to the U.K. Association Treasurer not later than 15th November of the same year."

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Rule 10(1) provides:

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Our President read out each motion and explained the thinking behind them. All three motions were proposed by Paul Keogh and seconded by Negley Groom.

The motions were carried unanimously.

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Our President, Adrian Spence, having served 3 years in that role was required to retire. Adrian will be a hard act to follow. His dedication and commitment to the DBOGA together with his knowledge, humour, and ability to guide the committee and membership safely for the past three years was exceptional.

The membership elected Negley Groom as our new president. The Hon. Treasurer, David Neilly and Hon. Secretary Peter Tobin, were elected for another year.

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Peter Tobin,

Rúnaí DBOGA