

DBOGA Gaffers Log Report October 2025

Activities Afloat

Most of our fleet departed for their summer cruises and many took part in the Peel Festival in the Isle of Man in July and the Portaferry Regatta and Port Patrick and Rathlin Island. John Wedick, Paul Keogh, Adrian Spence, Sé Flynn, Paul Rowe, and their crews served aboard Beatrice B, Moonshine, El Paradiso, Widgeon, and Barbican.



Beatrice B and Moonshine in Port St. Patrick.

Mark Sweetman continued his travels aboard Don Carlos in Scandinavia, while Adrian Spence, John Ferguson, and their team explored the temperate regions of continental Europe in El Paradiso. Similarly, Paul Keogh and his team spent time there in Moonshine.

The Autumn muster in Howth took place on the last weekend in August. Unfortunately, the weather dictated that all races were cancelled. The skippers and crews participated in a nautical quiz at Howth Yacht Club, organized by David Neilly and John Ferguson. This resulted in a tie and after several recounts the winning teams agreed to “share” the prize.



the event, a dinner was held during which our President, Negley Groom, formally presented Mrs. Rose Michaela, chairperson of the RNLI fund raising team with a cheque for €3268. This money was collected at our lectures during the past year. Photo above, Beatrice B enroute to the Howth Muster

Bantry Longboat

Ed Mags, DBOGA member and owner of Gaff Rigged Ketch, Betty Alan, finally got afloat after a long period of layup during and after Covid. Whilst on her mooring in Glengarriff the renowned Bantry Longboat dropped in for lunch (Photo). Ed will try and send an essay on the extraordinary creation of a class of these remarkable boats for a future issue.



Round Ireland Swim.

Our well known **Naomh Crónan** the Galway Hooker escorting Daragh Morgan, on his “round Ireland” swim as they passed across Dublin Bay this summer. He hopes to complete and is raising funds for two charities, RNLI and the Simon Community.



DBOGA LECTURE SEASON.

Cormac Lowth, a historian and lecturer organiser, has announced the Autumn/Winter lecture schedule for October. These lectures are recorded for release on DBOGA YouTube channel for all to see. Attendees donate to the RNLI in the Yellow Welly at the door.

Fr. Derek Harris

A long-time member of DBOGA, Reverend Derek Harris passed away on September 24th. 2025. Derek was a Columban missionary and served as Apostolate in Korea, Australia, New Zealand and America. He attended every sailing event of the DBOGA, and he will be missed by all. *Ar Dheis Dé go Raibh a Anam Dílis.*

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