

## **January 2023**

### **Dublin Bay**

After a very successful year in 2022 the Dublin Bay OGA AGM took place on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Of November at the Poolbeg Yacht & Boat Club. In line with the rules for officers James Murphy stood down as Treasurer as he had serve 3 years in that post. Darryl Hughes stood down as Hon. Secretary due to increasing commitments to the RNLI in his position of Launching Authority. The DBOGA committee expressed their deep appreciation of the hard work that both outgoing officers had done over the past few years.

David Neilly took over the responsibility of Treasurer and Peter Tobin now holds the post of Hon. Secretary. Following the merger of OGA Northern Ireland and Dublin Bay.

Our winter-talks programme commences on 26<sup>th</sup>. January with a presentation by Paddy Barry and Adrian Spence on their trip to Svalbard via Faroe, Norway, Shetland, Orkney and Scotland.

On 23<sup>rd</sup>. of February we have a presentation on “History of the Irish Coastguard” delivered by Joe Ryan

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Doherty delivers a presentation on Waterford Harbour. Stewie Andrews, deep water diver of renown delivers his presentation on “Deep” Diving on Shipwrecks. On April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our annual weekend before sailing starts in earnest which is outside Dublin and is an opportunity for members from all over Ireland to meet up for music and craic. This is planned for Portaferry and takes place on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Ruffians will be in action at Portaferry 15-18 May which some of our members may join in.

The DBOGA sub-committee dealing with the RBC 60 celebrations have arranged an event from Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. May through to Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. May 2023. The event is planned to coincide with the DBOGA Annual Regatta and various activities including

Racing and Parades of Sail

Liffey Ferry trips

Visit to Maritime Museum in Dún Laoghaire, and

Visit to the historic vessel Asgard at the Collins Barracks Museum.

Traditional musicians and folk band “The River Gypsies”.

These activities, together with lots of food and prizes should make for a wonderful celebratory event.

The Peel Traditional Boat Regatta takes place on the weekend of 22 July and many DBOGA boats are planning participation.

Following on from that, a possible “Cruise in company” from Peel to Scotland finishing in Portaferry on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> August to join in with the “Sails and Sounds” event in Portaferry. This is an annual festival of music, dance (Irish and Scottish), sailing, agus Craic.

The Annual Howth Lifeboat regatta including racing for the Leinster Cup takes place on the weekend 26<sup>th</sup>.August or Weekend of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. (Exact dates to be confirmed). At that event the DBOGA present money raised during the winter months to RNLI which is based in the old fish harbour.

*Peter Tobin*

*Rúnaí /Hon. Secretary*

*Cumann Seanghaiféirí Bhá Bhaile Átha Cliath*

*Dublin Bay Old Gaffers Association.*