

Cumann Seanghaiféirí Cuan Átha Cliath
Dublin Bay Old Gaffers Association.

This year 2023, was a very successful and exciting time for Dublin Bay. The year started off with a series of talks and lectures on a variety of nautical and historical topics.

We continue our work with the National Museum of Ireland on the historical sailing vessel Asgard.

The social calendar was busy with weekend outings to Belfast, Crosshaven and Portaferry. The main event of the year was the significant participation in the RBC 60 Party Port Event.

Upwards of 40 boats took part in the event hosted at Poolbeg Yacht, Boat Club and Marina (free of charge) in the heart of Dublin City on the river Liffey. Many boats arrived midweek and stayed for more than a week. The event culminated with a parade of sail up through the bridges into the city centre.

Membership of the DBOGA has risen to 181 members and we are continuing to grow. The membership is spread throughout the island of Ireland and makes for an excellent variety of ports and towns to visit throughout the year.

We have established a sub-committee to initiate plans for increasing membership, particularly younger members and to encourage people with gaff rigged vessels, who are not members of DBOGA to join.

We lost two longstanding members of DBOGA during the year. Mick Hunt in late summer who was an officer and member for many years, and our former President Johnny Weddick who died tragically in November at the Poolbeg Marina. Go dtuga siad suaimhneas le Dia go deo.

Yours Truly

Peter Tobín

Rúnaí / Secretary

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