

Members Update 2013 – [Galway City Sailing Club](#) – April 2013

Our **AGM** took place in January in the Galway Harbour Hotel, whereupon a new committee was elected for the coming year.

Commodore: Johnny Murphy, Nancy Roe – Secretary/PRO

Ger Moyles – Treasurer, John Hendley – Sailing Officer

John McCole – Safety Officer, Erin Killeen – Childrens and Youth Officer

Colm McIntyre – Maintenance Officer

The full committee listing is available on our website..www.galwaycitysailingclub.com

Resolutions passed at the AGM

- Renaming the club as Galway City Sailing Club ..www.galwaycitysailingclub.com

Club Development

- A club development group was formed in late 2012 with the aims of coming up with a development plan for the club aligned with the core objectives of the club
- In furtherance of this, the club has applied to the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) to become an ISA Training Centre, which will allow us as a club to provide Certified Dinghy Sailing to our adult and junior membership.
- During the winter **the Club was given the use of 9 x Topaz dinghies by Galway Ocean Sports Club**, which will enable the club to offer training to both adults and juniors. The fleet of Topaz dinghies will also be available outside of training courses for use by club members.
- The Club is in the process of implementing the ISA best guidelines on Garda vetting and working on the club policy in this respect.
- An ISA Senior Instructor has been identified which will enable the club to run it's first course

Club Sailing

Club sailings sessions will begin in April with weekday sailing starting on Thu April 4th @6:30pm and weekend sailing starting on Sat 6th April @3pm.

Our Sailing Officer John Hendley has planned for rescue to be on the water at 6:30pm and 3pm respectively, as such we ask that sailors get their boats rigged and be ready to go on the water as soon as rescue goes afloat.

We envisage that club sailing sessions will initially will be a mix of skills sessions and racing on alternate weeks.

Our fleet of Topaz and 420 dinghies will be available for club sailing sessions subject to some conditions.

Club Training

Our club has applied to the Irish Sailing Association to become an [ISA Training Centre](#), with the objectives of offering training courses to our adult and juniors members.

Junior Sailing

The club plans to run a junior sailing camp in Summer 2013 starting in June. Juniors participating can work towards achieving Sailing Certification.. Places will be limited. Contact training@galwaycitysailingclub.com

Adult Sailing

The club plans to run adult sailing courses in the near future.

Members with or without their own boats are invited to join in the Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon sessions – the club Topaz's and 420's will be available when not needed for courses.

Membership

The AGM voted to keep membership fees unchanged. They are Family €200, Ordinary Adult €100, Junior/Unemployed/Disabled €60 Non-sailers €30. All details on paying on the website – please make sure your name is on the transfer.

Important Dates for your Diary

- 27th-28th April Taste of Sailing/Start Sailing course for 12 – 17yr olds
- 4th-6th May [Sail Spree](#); an initiative launched by the Irish Sailing Association to encourage people of all ages to get together in their local community and discover the thrill of either sailing, windsurfing, powerboating or jet skiing. Our Club will be running a Try Sailing events on Saturday 4th May for all ages from young children and teenagers to adults and families. Barbecue on the beach (WP) for participants.
- 31st May – 3rd June, The inaugural Galway Sea Festival takes place over this weekend, which promises to be a feast of water based activities – ideas for Club events welcome.

Johnny Murphy - Commodore