



## Baltimore Rally - August 10 - 14; 2022

The upsets over the last few years has left their mark – and now it is time to get back to some of the old ways of enjoying ourselves. Baltimore is waiting to welcome us once more - but note some changes have taken place since we last rallied there. At time of writing we expect 23 boats to participate so we should have a lot of fun.

### Programme

Wednesday 10th

Launch (High Tide is at 16:40)

There will be a small fleet leaving Glandore on the previous Sunday taking a feeder cruise to Baltimore.

Trailers may be stored by kind permission in the field to the rear of Casey's Hotel. There will be bar food available from Caseys.

Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th - Sailing and Social Programme

The daily programme will commence with a briefing delivered from the front of BSC.

The destinations for the day will be decided at the earliest possible time based on the weather, with the schedule below as a typical example.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – HW 17:31

09:30 – Briefing at BSC

11:00 Picnic on east Skeam. Decision on route on Thursday morning. Sand Castle / sand sculpture competition. Only equipment normally expected on the boat is allowed to used. Heir Island regatta is taking place in the afternoon.

19:00 Pub food or restaurant at Casey's Hotel

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - HW 18:19

09:30 – Briefing at BSC

10:00 To Cape Clear Island

13:00 Picnic and weigh in for "Catch of the Day" fishing competition\*.

20:00 Luxury barbecue at Glebe Gardens (€25 pp Book in advance – pay on arrival)

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Saturday 13th - HW 19:05

09:30 – Briefing at BSC

10:00 To Skeam Is. /Horse Is then Ballydehob .

16:30 Salute the fleet for Crinniu na mbad.

18:00 Arrival back at Baltimore

19:30 Event Dinner - at Baltimore SC (€35 pp. Under 18s €25 Book and pay in advance by Thursday)

Sunday 14th - HW 19:48

09:30 – Briefing at BSC

10:00 Exploration of Hacketts Cut, Heir Island and Sherkin Island anchorages

16:30 Close of rally.

\*20% bonus for under 14's for fishing and line throwing competitions.

## **Moorings**

Participants who seek a quiet anchorage are recommended to choose Church Bay. Any participant seeking a mooring please contact the harbourmaster, Diarmuid Minihane, at +353 87 2351485 who can offer moorings and a ferry service. VHF ch9  
High tide will be in the early morning and evening so there will be drying anchorages in the Cove.  
Trailers may be stored at the field to the rear of Casey's Hotel

## **Sailing Instructions**

### *Sailing Area*

Preview Baltimore Bay on Google Earth at 51 deg 29 N and 9 deg 22.5 W.  
The Admiralty chart for the area is No 2129

### *Communication*

Information will be given:

- + At the Briefing at 09:30 at Baltimore Sailing Club on each day except Wednesday
- + By messages to "ALL DRASCOMBES" on **VHF Channel 77**
- + By SMS messages to participants' mobile phones using a group WhatsApp text. Please include your mobile phone number in your registration for participation in the messaging system.

### *Safety*

Each skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat and crew. If conditions are such that you are uncomfortable then decision to sail or not rests solely with you. The rally organizers do not intend to encourage avoidable discomfort by sailing in unsuitable conditions, rather to organize alternative entertainment ashore for participants in the case of inclement weather.

Participants are advised to use the "SafeTRX" phone app and be familiar with its tracking function. On the day of the Cape Clear trip and at the discretion of the organiser, you will be asked to share your track with [jack.okeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:jack.okeeffe@gmail.com).

If you find you cannot use SafeTRX please use google maps to share your location with [jack.okeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:jack.okeeffe@gmail.com) for the duration of the days sailing.

If you are separated from the fleet or observe a vessel in difficulty, please inform Jack O'Keeffe by SMS at +353 87 2663588 or on the VHF working channel, **CH 77**.

## **Ashore**

You have options for breakfast outdoors at Rolf's or at "The Jolie Brieze"

### *On Arrival*

Launch on arrival. The organising team will be available for consultation at BSC from 1800 to 1900 on Wednesday or on VHF ch 77:

Zita O'Reilly            087 794 4804

Mike Stephenson      0044 7388 446361

Jack O'Keeffe           087 2663588

### *Launch places*

There are launching options as follows;

- At the new RoRo slipway near the old Baltimore railway Station subject to ferry activity
- In Baltimore Harbour beside BSC, East of the lifeboat station on the beach (within 2 hours of HW)
- In "The Cove" on the beach (within 2 hours of HW)

### *Daily catering and provisioning*

Each Day's sailing will include at least one break ashore for a picnic/cookout and for activities and socialising. Bring the food and cooking equipment you need in your boat each day.

Have at least 8 lr total of petrol and 3 lr of drinking water per person aboard at the start of each outing.

### **Registration**

Many have submitted intention to participate at [www.drascombe.ie](http://www.drascombe.ie) (upcoming events). If you cannot successfully do this, then email me the details including your mobile phone number.

Each participating skipper is required to complete and sign a Rally Application form. Please understand this minor bureaucratic request. Please download the form from the site, complete it photograph it and email or message the photo to [jack.okeeffe@gmail.com](mailto:jack.okeeffe@gmail.com).

Please make any payments for rally contribution, (€5) Burgees (€15) or the event dinner (€35 pp) to Jack O'Keeffe via PAYPAL or Revolut

### **Merchandise**

There will be a limited number of commemorative burgees (€15) available for purchase. (No increase in price!)

### **Camping & Motorhomes**

There is a motorhome / camping site in Skibereen. Wild camping is tolerated, in particular near the Beacon and near the lifeboat station. Showers at €3 each use are available in the toilet block (behind the Harbour Office) (open 07:30 hrs to 21:30 hrs). Families not wishing to wild camp should contact Zita for advice. There is camping on Sherkin. Motorhomes parking is subject to the pressure on designated parking spaces, parking adjacent to the village centre cannot be guaranteed.

### **Charter**

You can charter Drascombe Luggers locally from Ilen Yachts or from Baltimore Yacht Charters.

### **Thanks**

Thanks to Bush's Bar, Casey's Hotel and Baltimore SC, for sponsorship and support, to Mike Stephenson, and to Zita O'Reilly for juggling and organisation.

OK – let's enjoy!

Jack O'Keeffe



