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Copper Coast & Deise Cruise – 27th to 30th May 2022.

Dear Drascombers,

Welcome to the inaugural DA Copper Coast & Deise Cruise in the sunny southeast.

PLEASE NOTE:

1. **SATURDAY IS A DAY LONG COASTAL CRUISE FROM DUNGARVAN (START) TO TRAMORE (FINISH) (~19NM) WITH LIMITED STOPPING OFF or RECOVERY POINTS.**
 - a. **SKIPPER'S SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY, THEIR CREWS & BOATS ARE PREPARED FOR SUCH A VOYAGE.**
2. WE WILL ONLY PROCEED WITH THE CRUISE IF CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED SUITABLE:
 - a. IF THEY ARE NOT, THEN WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL SAIL IN DUNGARVAN BAY & STAY OVER IN HELVICK OR RETURN TO DUNGARVAN ON SATURDAY EVENING. DECISION TO BE TAKEN ON FRIDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY MORNING.
 - b. ON SUNDAY WE CAN SAIL AGAIN WEATHER PERMITTING, CYCLE THE GREENWAY OR EXPLORE SOME LOCAL WALKS.
 - c. IN ALL CASES, THE DECISION TO SAIL IS SOLELY WITH THE SKIPPER.
3. SUNDAY HAS AN INITIAL COASTAL SECTION (TRAMORE (1) TO CREADAN HEAD (4), 10NM), THEREAFTER IS IT SHELTERED ESTUARY SAILING/ MOTORING. THOSE WHO WOULD PREFER THE LATTER COULD JOIN FROM DUNMORE EAST (3) ON SUNDAY.

Programme (reference attached maps & charts, for information only, not to be used for navigation.). (N) references waymarks on the passage plans for each day, see pages 5, 6 & 7.

Friday, 27th May (LW 10:33, HW 16:29, LW 22:53)

Arrive & launch from slips at Dungarvan, 2 options are available, Town Slip on the W, Abbeyside Slip on the E.

Raft up on the Town Pontoon overnight (tbc).

Parking arrangements for cars & boat trailers to be determined.

Those who need to head back on Sunday evening could arrange to shuttle their cars to haul-out points on Waterford Estuary (Cheekpoint or Grannagh Castle) to recover on the Sunday evening tide.

20:00 Muster at The Moorings, Davitt's Quay. Food & drink, Rally registration, discuss sailing plans considering weather forecast & fleet make-up.

Saturday, 28th May (Dungarvan: HW 04:59, LW 11:23, HW 17:18)

09:15 Skipper's briefing on the Quay by Pontoon.

09:30 Fleet underway out the harbour into the bay on the ebb tide

10:30 Clear Ballincourty Point (1) & head E for Tramore on the flood tide. Lunch at Boatstrand (2). Arrive Tramore (Finish), tie up on pier or anchor off in harbour. Note boats will dry out overnight, watch your engines on the mooring chains.

No set plan for the evening, closer to the time we can book a venue for drinks & dinner if people are interested, plenty of options. Good food shopping, fuel, pharmacy, accommodation, amusements, etc. available in the town, all within 20 mins walk of the Pier.

Note "Lafcadio Hearn Japanese Garden" comes highly recommended for a visit.

Sunday 29th May (Tramore: HW 05:36, LW 12:01, HW Waterford City 18:48)

*** Ensure that your boat will not dry out on the falling tide in the morning !

10:30 Skipper's briefing on the Pier.

10:45 Fleet underway into Tramore Bay, then E to Dunmore East (3) & N up the Waterford estuary. Plenty of options for breaks, potentially Duncannon (5) & Cheekpoint (9). Head on to Waterford City (Finish), overnight on the Waterford Marina (tbc).

No set plan for the evening, closer to the time we can book a venue for drinks & dinner if people are interested, plenty of options. Good food shopping, fuel, pharmacy, accommodation, etc. available in the City, all within 20 mins walk of the Marina.

Those who need to head back on Sunday evening could take Bus Eireann (Route 40, hourly service, takes 50 mins) back to Dungarvan to collect their cars and then recover at haul-out points on Waterford Estuary (Cheekpoint or Grannagh Castle) on the Sunday evening tide.

Monday 30th May (Waterford City: HW 07:03, LW 13:27, HW 19:21)

For those who are interested, there is an option to cycle the Waterford Greenway back to Dungarvan, its 42km, allow 3.5 to 4.5h including a halfway fuel break at Kilmacthomas, see link below for details.

<https://www.discoverireland.ie/waterford-greenway/cycling-the-waterford-greenway>

Plenty of places to stop off & see, the gardens at Mount Congreve are highly recommended.

Rental bikes will need to be ordered in advance, **please book your own in advance**, see link below for details, electric bikes are available:

https://www.waterfordgreenwaybikehire.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw0umSBhDrARIsAH7FCocSrWRfbq1N_DQyyUdquWb3QOmnHol7rQDdZ1nBSDml1wmoweXCX9QaAuijEALw_wcB

Drive back to Waterford to haul out boats at Cheekpoint or Grannagh Castle on the evening tide, will require a little car shuffling or a taxi to get crews back to boats, will figure out on the day.

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Area

The Admiralty Leisure Folio for the area is "Ireland - South Coast, Waterford to Kinsale", SC 5622.

The eOceanic on-line almanac gives a useful summary of the Co. Waterford coast at this link:

<https://www.eoceanic.com/sailing/harbours/europe/ireland/waterford/>

Communication

Information will be given:

- + At the Skipper's Briefing in the morning on each day.
- + During the day by messages to "ALL DRASCOMBES" on VHF Channel 72.
- + By SMS messages to participants' mobile phones using a group text.

Coastguard Radio

The area is covered by:

- Minehead Coast Guard Radio on Ch 16, 67, **03**, DSC 70.
- Rosslare Coast Guard Radio on Ch 16, 67, **05**, DSC 70.

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.
- If you are separated from the fleet or observe a vessel in difficulty, please inform Roy Johnston by SMS at +353 87 2385389 or on the VHF working channel, CH 72.

Hazards

Below is a short list of the sailing hazards that visiting Skippers should be aware of. Skippers should review the relevant charts & other resources to familiarise themselves with the area.

- Strong currents in the entrance to Dungarvan, between Cunnigar Spit & Abbey Point.
- Shallow channel from Dungarvan out to the bay, follow the buoyed channel, no shortcuts!
- Extensive shellfish farming on E side of Cunnigar Spit, note the Special Marks.
- The Gainers shallows, keep E of the Helvick E Cardinal Mark
- Traffic (other boats & swimmers) at Helvick Pier
- Lee shore of the Waterford Coast, multiple rocks & shallows.
- Traffic (other boats & swimmers) at Tramore Pier
- Traffic (other boats & swimmers) at Dunmore East Harbour
- Commercial shipping traffic in Waterford estuary.
- Passage East to Ballyhack ferry

Safe Havens

Below is a short list of the potential safe havens that visiting Skippers should be aware of. Skippers should review the relevant charts & other resources to familiarise themselves with the area.

- Ballinacourty Pier, road access, small slip suitable for small boats
- Helvick Piers, New (E) & Old (W)
- Stradbally Cove, river on the E side
- Bunmahon Bay, river on the E side
- Boatstrand, road access & slipway
- Tramore Pier, W of the bay, road access & slipway.

- Tramore backstrand, channel on the E side
- Dunmore East Harbour, road access & slipway
- Duncannon Pier, road access & slipway
- Cheekpoint, road access & slipway

Rescue Assets

Below is a short list of the rescue assets that visiting Skippers should be aware of. Skippers should review the relevant charts & other resources to familiarise themselves with the area.

- RNLi ILB – Helvick, Atlantic Class
- Bonmahon Lifeboat (CRBI)
- RNLi ILB – Tramore, D Class
- RNLi ALB – Dunmore East, Shannon Class
- Waterford Marine SAR – ILBs
- Coastguard Helicopter R117, Waterford Airport.

Tides for Cobh in May 2022 (source Irish Sailing website):

Cobh - May 2022			
01 00:42 0.5m 06:34 4.1m Sun 12:59 0.5m 18:50 4.0m	02 01:15 0.5m 07:07 4.0m Mon 13:32 0.5m 19:23 4.0m	03 01:49 0.6m 07:40 4.0m Tue 14:03 0.6m 19:56 3.9m	04 02:20 0.7m 08:13 3.8m Wed 14:35 0.7m 20:31 3.8m
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Variations from Cobh are below FYI, these have already been applied to the times quoted for each day:

- Dungarvan Harbour + 0:08
- Tramore: + 0:07
- Cheekpoint + 0:21
- Waterford City + 0:57

Daily catering

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

Registration

Each participating skipper is required to complete and sign a Rally Application form. Please understand this minor bureaucratic request. The Rally registration fee will be €5, please have exact change available on Friday evening.

Pontoon & Marina Fees:

Skipper's will be responsible for settling their own fees with the operators, I will advise the fees & any booking requirements once known.

Merchandise

Not planning to provide these for this event.

Local sea charts

Not planning to provide these for this event, please ensure that you have your own resources for coastal & estuary navigation.

Campervans

Camper vans are seen regularly in Dungarvan by the bandstand & Tramore on the Promenade. I do not know the situation at Cheekpoint, Waterford City or Grannagh.

Accommodation:

Plenty of accommodation to suit all price points is available in Dungarvan, Tramore & Waterford City.

Saturday, 28th May (HW 04:51, LW 11:15, HW 17:10). , for information only, not to be used for navigation.

Copper Coast & Deise, Day 1

Start point

End point

18.9 NM 4h43M 4.7L

2.4 NM	36m33s	0.6L	36m33s
9.6 NM	2h24M	2.4L	3h00M
5.1 NM	1h16M	1.3L	4h17M
1.7 NM	25m57s	0.4L	4h43M

Around your destination

Marinas & Moorings 1

A route automatically calculated by this app does NOT replace safe navigation practices and should never be your only reference.

Easy View

Boat Settings

Draft: 1.0m Speed: 4.0kts Cons.: 1.0L/h

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Not to be used for navigation

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Copper Coast & Deise, Day 2

21.8NM 5h26M 5.4L

2.4NM 36m33s	0.6L	2.4NM 36m33s
4.1NM 1h01M	1.0L	6.6NM 1h38M
1.1NM 16m52s	0.3L	7.7NM 1h55M
2.2NM 33m07s	0.6L	9.9NM 2h28M
3.0NM 45m15s	0.8L	12.9NM 3h13M
1.7NM 25m09s	0.4L	14.6NM 3h38M
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Easy View

Boat Settings

Draft: 1.0m Speed: 4.0kts Cons.: 1.0L/h

Slip at Grannagh Castle

Checkpoint.

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Monday 30th May (Waterford City: HW 07:03, LW 13:27, HW 19:21), Waterford Greenway.

