



14-Apr-24 – Issue #1.

Dungarvan Rally – 10th to 12th May 2024.

Dear Drascombers,

Following the excellent welcome we received from Dungarvan Harbour Sailing Club (DHSC) at the end of the Copper Coast Cruises in 2022 & 2023, we return to Dungarvan for an early season shakedown rally, light on the sailing & good on the social with plenty of shore side options as well for non-sailing partners, children, etc. Subject to weather conditions, the event will be Suitable for Smaller Drascombes (SSD).

The sailing programme (reference attached maps & charts for information only, not to be used for navigation) is outlined below, subject to the conditions each day. (N) references waymarks on the passage plans for each day, see pages 5 & 6.

Friday, 10th May (Dungarvan: LW 14:11, HW 20:04)

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

Raft up on the Pontoon at the Quay overnight, arranged with DHSC.

- Note boats may dry out overnight.
- We will need to get fobs to open the gate to the pontoon.
- There may be an overnight berthing fee, I will advise as soon as known.
- We should have access to the toilet & shower facilities at the DHSC Clubhouse, to be confirmed.

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

Saturday, 11th May (Dungarvan: HW 08:25, LW 14:51, HW 20:48)

09:30 Skipper's briefing on the Quay by the Pontoon.

10:00 Fleet underway out the harbour into the bay on the ebb tide.

11:00 Clear Ballincourty Point (2) & head NE for Ballyvoyle Head (3) & on to Stradbally Cove. In light conditions it may be possible to go ashore, otherwise we can raft up to swim & lunch at anchor.

14:00 Re-trace our route back to Dungarvan on the flood tide & raft up again on the pontoon.

18:00 Muster at DHSC Bar (to be confirmed) for refreshments.

19:00 Table reserved for dinner in The Moorings (<https://themoorings.ie>), Davitt's Quay.

- I will need to confirm numbers on the Wednesday night, so please let me know how many from your boat wish to join.

Sunday 12th May (Dungarvan: HW 09:08, LW 15:31, HW 21:31)

09:30 Skipper's briefing on the Quay by Pontoon.

10:00 Fleet underway out the harbour into the bay on the ebb tide.

11:00 Clear Ballincourty Point (2) & head SE to round Carricapane Rocks (3), Helvick E cardinal (4) and call to either Helvick Pier (5) or Baile Na nGall. It should be possible to go ashore to picnic or visit other shoreside attractions:

- Ce Caife in Baile Na nGall.
- Tig Muirithe near Helvick.

15:00 Re-trace our route back to Dungarvan on the flood tide, haul out & head home.

Parking arrangements:

Cars – several car parks in the town.

Camper vans are seen regularly Town Slip & at the dedicated Camper Van Park (<https://maps.app.goo.gl/jdFPNQS7WTKbtXje6>)

Boat trailers - Working on some secure options, to be finalised closer to the date.

Eating:

Plenty of food options throughout the town, but the following are highly recommended:

- And Chips (<https://www.andchips.ie/>) on the Quay, closes 9pm everyday.
- X35 Café (<https://x35.ie/>) on Grattan Place, closes 5pm Friday, 6pm Saturday.

General:

Good food shopping, fuel, pharmacy, accommodation, etc. available in the town, all within 20 mins walk of the Quay.

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 WhatsApp 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.

Safety

- Each skipper is responsible for the safety of their boat and crew.
- If conditions are such that you are uncomfortable then the 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.

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 (1), road access, small slip suitable for tenders & small boats only.
- Stradbally Cove, river on the E side.
- Helvick Pier (E).
- Baile Na nGall Pier (W).

Rescue Assets

Below is a list of the rescue assets that visiting Skippers should be aware of.

- RNLI ILB – Helvick, Atlantic Class
- Bonmahon Lifeboat (CRBI)
- Coastguard Helicopter R117, Waterford Airport.

Tides for Cobh in May 2024:

Cobh - May 2024			
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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

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.

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