

LOCAL WINNER OF SCHOOLS REGATTA

The Fastnet International Schools Regatta concluded in Schull harbour after three superb days of sailing and provided a local winner in Oisín O'Driscoll in his Laser Radial.

The three-day Regatta began on Tuesday under ideal weather conditions. With entries from Britain, USA, Spain, Northern Ireland and across the Republic, as well as a wide range of dinghy types, the sailing event brightened up the harbour. The event, now in its twenty-third year and hosted by Schull Community College comprised three fleets: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The Bronze and Silver fleet competitors were first on the water in the morning with pleasant force 3 to 4 breezes to accommodate the less experienced sailors. In the Bronze fleet Race One, the Laser Bahia of Ross and Caelan Mulhall of St Colmcilles, Co Down took the honours from Meg O'Connell and Anna O'Regan of Schull Community College, sailing a T.R.4.2, and Marc Legrix, also from Schull, in a Laser 4.7 in third position. Finishing positions in Race Two of this fleet saw a reversal of fortunes with O'Connell/O'Regan ahead of Legrix with the northern duo in third position.

Silver Fleet sailing ran in conjunction with the Bronze fleet and overall position after Race One had Mini McKenna and Beth Walsh, Scoil Mhuire and St Angela's, Cork in their Topaz Duo ahead of Mikaela Neely of St Colmcilles in her Laser Radial with Tomás O'Sullivan and Dylan O'Meara from Schull Community college in their T.R.4.2 in third position. A change in order for Race 2 saw Neely win ahead of O'Sullivan/O'Meara with Jessica Rutherford, St Colmcilles in a Laser 4.7 in third place. Neely was subsequently promoted to compete in the Gold Fleet.

Tuesday afternoon was set aside for the experienced Gold Fleet sailors who were fortunate to have slightly increased wind conditions and were given two long races back to back. The range of boats in this class varied with Omegas, 29er, Laser 4.7, Topaz, Optimist, 420s and a class of Laser Radials. Race 1 saw a local winner in Oisín O'Driscoll sailing in a Laser Radial, followed closely by another Radial sailed by Dan Ahern, Christian Brothers College, Cork with Connor Miller and Katie Moynihan, Schull Community College, in a Topaz Duo in third position.

As the afternoon progressed, Race Two got underway in bright sunshine and again O'Driscoll took the honours to win from the Miller/Moynihan combination, with Fiona and Patrick Daly of Ursuline, Thurles and Clongowes Wood in third position sailing a 420.

The event continued into its second day on Wednesday with very lively conditions which provided excellent, but challenging sailing conditions, particularly in the afternoon. Steady north, north westerly breezes built steadily from 10 knots to eventually reach 15 knots as the Gold Fleet competitors powered their way through the courses to complete Races Three and Four.

Overnight leader Oisín O'Driscoll, Schull Community College, in his Laser Radial, maintained steady progress throughout both races with a second and third place finish which enabled him to strengthen his grip on the overall series lead heading into the final day. In Race Three, the Optimist sailor, Alacoque Daly, Knockaderry National School had the perfect start to the day with her win over O'Driscoll, with Fiona and Patrick Daly, Ursuline Thurles and Clongowes Wood in their 420 finishing in third position. Race Four followed back to back, with the wind picking up further which allowed Connor Miller and Katie Moynihan of Schull Community College sailing a Topaz Duo to win, with the Daley duo and O'Driscoll completing the top three.

Earlier in the morning the Silver and Bronze Fleets were treated to two long races close to Coosheen Point which resulted in very close racing. Races three and four of the Silver Fleet again presented a variety of classes in the top three places with the RS Feva of Matthew Coffey and Oliver Enderlie, Gonzaga College, Dublin and the Sir James Henderson British School of Milan, taking the top spot from the Laser 4.7 of Jessica Rutherford, St Colmcilles, Co Down and the local TR4.2 of Michael Stacey and Sam McKenna of Schull Community College. Another Laser 4.7 was to the fore in Race 4 being sailed by Ella Neely, also from St Colmcilles, winning ahead of series leaders Tomás O'Sullivan and Dylan O'Meara in a TR4.2 and on this occasion Rutherford coming home in third place.

The Bronze fleet being raced in conjunction with the Silver Fleet had a familiar look about results in Races Three and Four. Both races had local TR4.2 of Meg O'Connell and Anna O'Regan, Schull Community College in first position and indeed as leader of the series while the minor positions went to Marc Legrix in a Laser 4.7 and the Laser Bahia of Ross and Caelan Mulhall of St Colmcilles in third position for Race three with a one position improvement in the following race. The Laser Pico of Aoife Teegan and Laura Malone, Regina Mundi and Christ King, Cork, finished third in Race Four.

The third and final day of the event began in glorious sunshine and high winds. Recordings of gusts of up to 25 knots were taken in the morning and after delaying the start of the Silver and Bronze Fleets, it was eventually decided to abandon the final races in the interests of safety. This meant that the overnight positions were declared as results in these two fleets with local winners in both. Tomás O'Sullivan and Dylan O'Meara sailing a TR4.2 were the overall winners in the Silver fleet followed by Jessica Rutherford, Sullivan Upper School, Co Down, sailing her Laser 4.7, and third

position overall in the Fleet went to Matthew Coffey and Oliver Enderlie, Gonzago College Dublin and the Sir James Henderson British School of Milan, sailing an RS Feva.

The Bronze Fleet winners, after the series of four races, were Meg O'Connell and Anna of Regan, Schull Community College, sailing a T.R.42. This pair was followed home by the Northern Ireland pairing of Ross and Caelan Mulhall of St Colmcilles, Co Down sailing a Laser Bahia and in third place was the local Laser 4.7 of Marc Legrix.

The real excitement of the week was reserved for the Gold Fleet races held just outside of Schull Harbour. With steady winds of 15-16 knots, the experienced fleet revelled in the conditions for Races Five and Six to complete the series. Both of these were tight battles, not just for individual race wins but also for the overall honours which was up for grabs into the final race. Race Five had Connor Miller/Katie Moynihan of Schull Community College, sailing a Topaz Duo, ahead of Oisín O'Driscoll in his Laser Radial, followed in a close third position by Dan Ahern, Christian Brothers College Cork, also in a Laser Radial. At this stage the overall award was still in doubt with O'Driscoll having the slightest of advantage over the Miller/Moynihan duo. The matter was decided in Race Six when Ahern had a very hard fought victory over O'Driscoll, giving O'Driscoll the overall Regatta award. He becomes the first Laser Radial victor in the twenty three year history of the event.

The Regatta prize giving was well attended with awards being presented by Members of the Board of The Fastnet Marine and Outdoor Education Centre, President of the Irish Sailing Association and Chief Executive Officer of Co Cork VEC.

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Gold Fleet

Final result

Entries: 15

Races Sailed: 6

Discard: 1

Sail No	Type of Boat	Helm	Helm's school	Crew	Crew's school	Handicap	Series							
							Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
179050	Laser Rad.	Oisín O'Driscoll	Schull CC			1104	7.5	1	0.75	0.75	2	3	2	2
5	Topaz Duo	Connor Miller	Schull CC	Katie Moynihan	Schull CC	1190	10.5	2	3	2	4	0.75	0.75	5
186012	Laser Rad.	Dan Ahern	CBC			1104	#####	3	2	4	6	4	3	0.75
53116	420	Fiona Daly	Ursuline, Thurles	Patrick Daly	Clongowes Wood	1087	16	4	4	3	3	2	4	4
1340	Oppy	Alacoque Daly	Knockaderry NS			1646	#####	5	9	14	0.75	6	6	3
6	Laser Rad.	Mikaela Neely	St Colmcilles			1104	31	6	6	5	11	5	5	10
1026	29er	Isabella Morehead	Ursuline Convent	Tom Morehead	CBC	924	33	7	16	6	5	7	8	7
5684	Topaz Uno	Dearbhail Cotter	Mercy Heights			1212	42	8	8	7	10	9	11	8
49691	420	Matthew Bate	Norwich School	Jonathan Wilde	Norwich School	1089	46	9	7	12	12	8	10	9
74001	Laser Rad.	Rebecca O'Mahoney	Mount St Michael			1104	49	10	11	11	8	16	7	12
2151	Laser 4.7	Denis Kelleher	Blackrock College			1175	50	11	16	13	9	10	12	6
51107	420	Oscar Wrenn	Norwich School	Chloe France	Norwich School	1089	50	12	12	9	7	11	16	11
87	Topaz Omega	Jay Jay Stacey	Schull CC	Adam Collins	Schull CC	1075	61	13	5	8	16	16	16	16
169203	Laser Rad.	Ciara Anderson	Lincoln HS, Portland, Oregon			1104	68	14	10	10	16	16	16	16
4	TR 4.2	Jay Jay Stacey	Schull CC	Adam Collins	Schull CC	1110	70	15	16	16	16	16	9	13

Gold Fleet - Mixed Handicap

Final Result

Entries: 10

Races Sailed: 6

Discard: 1

Sail No	Type of Boat	Helm	Helm's school	Crew	Crew's school	Handicap	Series							
							Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6
5	Topaz Duo	Connor Miller	Schull CC	Katie Moynihan	Schull CC	1190	6	1	0.75	0.75	3	0.75	0.75	3
53116	420	Fiona Daly	Ursuline, Thurles	Patrick Daly	Clongowes Wood	1087	10	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
1340	Oppy	Alacoque Daly	Knockaderry NS			1646	13.5	3	6	9	0.75	3	3	0.75
1026	29er	Isabella Morehead	Ursuline Convent	Tom Morehead	CBC	924	20	4	11	3	4	4	4	5
5684	Topaz Uno	Dearbhail Cotter	Mercy Heights			1212	28	5	5	4	7	6	7	6
49691	420	Matthew Bate	Norwich School	Jonathan Wilde	Norwich School	1089	29	6	4	7	8	5	6	7
2151	Laser 4.7	Denis Kelleher	Blackrock College			1175	33	7	11	8	6	7	8	4
51107	420	Oscar Wrenn	Norwich School	Chloe France	Norwich School	1089	34	8	7	6	5	8	11	8
87	Topaz Omega	Jay Jay Stacey	Schull CC	Adam Collins	Schull CC	1075	41	9	3	5	11	11	11	11
4	TR 4.2	Jay Jay Stacey	Schull CC	Adam Collins	Schull CC	1110	47	10	11	11	11	11	5	9

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Gold Fleet - Laser Radials

Final result

Entries: 5

Races Sailed: 6

Discard: 1

Sail No	Type of Boat	Helm	Helm's school	Handicap	Series								
					Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	
179050	Laser Rad.	Oisin O'Driscoll	Schull CC	1104	3.75	1	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	2
186012	Laser Rad.	Dan Ahern	CBC	1104	8.75	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	0.75
6	Laser Rad.	Mikaela Neely	St Colmcilles	1104	15	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
74001	Laser Rad.	Rebecca O'Mahoney	Mount St Michael	1104	21	4	5	5	3	6	4	4	4
169203	Laser Rad.	Ciara Anderson	Lincoln HS, Portland, Oregon	1104	26	5	4	4	6	6	6	6	6

Silver Fleet

Final Result

Entries: 7

Races Sailed: 4

Discard: 0

Sail No	Type of Boat	Helm	Helm's school	Crew	Crew's school	Handicap	Series					
							Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4
7	TR 4.2	Tomas O'Sullivan	Schull CC	Dylan O'Meara	Schull CC	1110	8.75	1	2	0.75	4	2
711	Laser 4.7	Jessica Rutherford	St Colmcilles			1175	10	2	3	2	2	3
433	RS Feva XL	Matthew Coffey		Oliver Enderlie		1189	13.75	3	5	4	0.75	4
72	Laser 4.7	Ella Neely	St Colmcilles			1175	14.75	4	6	3	5	0.75
5785	Topaz Duo	Mini McKenna	Scoil Mhuire	Beth Walsh	St Angelas	1190	17.75	5	0.75	6	6	5
9	TR 4.2	Michael Stacey	Schull CC	Sam McKenna	Schull CC	1110	18	6	4	5	3	6
8	Topaz Omega	Kevin McGowan	Schull CC	Paul Holland/John Cummins	Ashton, Cork	1075	28	7	7	7	7	7

Bronze Fleet

Final result

Entries: 8

Races Sailed: 4

Discard: 0

Sail No	Type of Boat	Helm	Helm's School	Crew	Crew's school	Handicap	Series					
							Points	Place	R1	R2	R3	R4
11	TR 4.2	Meg O'Connell	Schull CC	Anna O'Regan	Schull CC	1110	4.25	1	2	0.75	0.75	0.75
295	Laser Bahia	Ross Mulhall	St Colmcilles	Caelan Mulhall	St Colmcilles	1095	8.75	2	0.75	3	3	2
123836	Laser 4.7	Marc Legrix	Schull CC			1175	16	3	3	2	2	9
77	Laser Pico	Aoife Teegan	Regina Mundi	Laura Malone	Christ King	1265	20	4	6	6	5	3
K1565	L'Equipe	Katie McGowan	Schull CC	Thomas Shaw-Hamilton	The Friary, Dungarvan	1185	20	5	4	4	6	6
9	Topper	Hannah Hayes	Ashfield High School			1295	21	6	5	5	4	7
10	Topaz Uno	Antonio Lopez	Terreon Del Alcazar			1212	26	7	7	7	7	5
2	Topaz Uno	Jorge Jimenez	Santo Tomas			1212	29	8	8	9	8	4