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IX. Keep your boat in 'top notch' condition - "On your Marks Trophy"
A well known Sigma sailor has kindly offered to present a new Perpetual Trophy to the fleet. This Trophy will be awarded early in the season to the most compliant/best maintained boat. The award criteria have still to be confirmed. 'Watch this space'.

X. Support Your Fleet
Volunteers will be required to help out with the manning of committee boats etc. through out this busy season All volunteers welcome mail you contact details to Gillian Fletcher.

XI. Special report
Sigma 33 2002 Christmas Charity Race

The annual Sigma 33 Christmas Charity Challenge hosted on Saturday December 28th 2002 by kind permission of Dublin Bay Sailing Club, in aid of the National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH), was held under blue skies and in light winds.

The event, attracted 17 yachts and over 130 sailors and provided two testing windward leeward courses, set by OOD, Mr Henry Leonard

One of the most familiar stars of our class, Dermod Baker's Shillelagh (NYC) with his Baker's Dozen (12 crew) on board, took home the perpetual trophy. Mick Leahy's Meltemi was in second place and Ian Stuart et al's, Easy Rider in third. The race was run without any limitation on crew numbers.

The race was kindly sponsored by a number of corporate entities and individuals both from within and outside the fleet including OSG/ Miller Farrell Group, DougProp Services Limited, PERK, Leamore Ltd., Albion Properties Limited, The O'Brien Press Ltd., CPM Architecture, ICO, Budget Telecom, Goodbody Ltd., Fireseal Contracts Ltd., BW Bank, Tiger Trust, John Marks et al, Greag Purcell, Sean Melly and a number of other sponsors who have asked to remain nameless

The race which raised €7,367, is fast becoming an annual event and may be extended to other fleets judging by the interest and enthusiasm. Monies raised will go specifically towards the purchase of specially adapted wheelchairs for basketball for victims of spinal injuries at the NRH.

NRH was chosen as the designated charity because of its proximity to Dublin Bay and because of its association with sports related injuries. A different charity is chosen every year.

XII. The 2003 Committee

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Sigma East Coast Association Fleet Newsletter

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CLASS CAPTAINS REPORT

Welcome to the 2003 sailing season and as your new Class Captain, I am delighted to be able to present this, our first hard copy Sigma 33 Newsletter for 2003, containing news and views from your fleet that we hope to issue to you on a quarterly basis.

I am delighted to welcome two new skippers to our fleet. Ken Robertson and partners who comes from the Ruffian Fleet and owns 'Miss Behavin' and John O'Connor, Billy Riordan and Frank Keane come from the Dragon Fleet and own 'Showtime'.

The fleet is going from strength to strength and this is going to be a very busy season as you will see from the full calendar of events that is included in the Newsletter, so in advance of taking to the water, there are a number of developments that I wanted to update you on.

I look forward to your comments on the newsletter and to seeing you in the clubs and on the water.

Good sailing
Timothy Goodbody
Class Captain

I. One Design Certification

The Sigma 33 OOD Class Association has now agreed that it will administer and issue a One Design Certificate for those of us who only race one design and do not require an IRC certificate.

The cost of the new Class administered One Design Certificate is Stg.£30.00 and this will be valid for the duration of the current ownership. When applying you must send in your existing IRC Certificate or CHS Cert in the name of the current owner(s) as this is proof your boat has been measured and does comply.

The enclosed form provides full details as to the procedure you should follow in applying for your new Class Administered One Design Certificate. Please also refer to the requirements for the East Coast Fleet Compliance checks.

For those who race both one design and occasionally IRC, they can continue to apply to the R.O.R.C. for the Class One Design Certificate and they will also get the new IRC Sigma 33 Class rating, which should be .928 or thereabouts. This is down from .934 and makes our Sigma 33's more competitive in handicap fleets.

For our members who primarily race in handicap fleets, they may now apply for their own individual IRC rating as a "David Thomas 33". This handicap will take into account each boats individual weight, age etc. When those with a "David Thomas 33" rating wish to race One Design, they apply to the Class Association for the OOD Certificate and undertake to fully comply with all the requirements of the Sigma 33 OOD Rules and Regulations.