

## II. Tactics, Strategy and Rules - Given by Tony O’Gorman and Tim Goodbody

This will take place for the Sigma Fleet in the RIYC at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 1st. and 8th. April, followed by Sailing Supper in the Wet Bar, where an interesting video on sail trim will be shown.

Places are by reservation only and numbers are limited to the seating capacity of the room, so if you are interested I suggest you book now with the Secretary of the RIYC - Ph 2801559.

Please note

The same programme is also available for RIYC members on Thursday 3rd. and 10th. April, so if the dates don’t suit, and you want to attend, please ask Louise in the RIYC.

## III. Sigma 33 Class Compliance Checks

The procedure for compliance checks has been reviewed to make this easier for all and forms part of your application for the Class Administered One Design Certificate procedure.

Each owner is responsible to complete their own check-list marking every box, whether compliant or not.

Individual boat inspections will then be carried out by Patrick Cafferky and his team over the following two weekends.

### **Please note.**

**If you do not have your compliance list lodged with the Class before the start of the racing season, the Class must notify DBSC of those who are non-compliant and they will not be awarded points.**

Even if there are items missing please still fill-in the list and return the form.

## IV. Tune-up Weekend - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April

This is a great opportunity to get your Sigma tuned early in the season by Ben Richards and others, based on the settings used by the top boats in the last few years Championships.

All the settings are very similar and public knowledge and I shall post these on the web site in the near future.

At the same time we will do an “equipment and running gear health check” and let you know what we think requires replacing or repairing and suggest upgrades to make crewing easier and more efficient. No responsibility is taken for this and it is up to each owner /skipper to ensure their mast, rigging etc is in tip top condition.

We have a special arrangement in place with Viking Marine for a two week period following the tune-up weekend, where certain items are offered at a discounted price as below:

General Chandlery	-	less 10%
Harken	-	less 15%
Cordage	-	less 20%

Full details will be confirmed and notified during the “tune-up” weekend.

Ben Richards, who is a previous Class Champion and well-known Etchells sailor, is coming over with a few other experienced Sigma sailors and assisted by some of us “locals”. The programme is as follows:

### **Tune-up weekend timetable**

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**09.30** Meet RIYC and issue tune-up notes.

Individual Tuning of Boats

Final compliance checks

**13.00** Ben and colleagues allocated to various boats, on a draw basis for the first DBSC race of the season.

### **Please note**

You may therefore have to leave one of your regular crew ashore in order to comply with the numbers limitation.

**19.30** Start of Season Dinner, RIYC

Tune-up weekend - continued.

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00 hrs** Meet RIYC for sail trim briefing and any lessons learnt from previous day

**11.00 hrs** First of a number of windward leeward races sailed back to back. Ben and his team, will be assisted afloat by some of the longer established local sailors, and we will sail on as many boats as possible during the day.

We aim to give help on all aspects of Sigma sailing, from helming, sail trim to crewing techniques.

If you have special requests, please let us know as soon as possible so we can schedule this into the programme.

**16.30** Hot stew and pints in the RIYC wet bar

## V. Team Racing

I am delighted to inform you this event is being sponsored by Infinity Insurance Brokers, and that there has been a very positive response to our request for owners to provide their yachts for the Team Racing Event. We still require an answer from those who have not yet come back to us.

A total of 8 teams will participate, including 3 teams from the Patriot’s Cup Organising Committee, 1 from Hamble River Sailing Club who hosted this event for over 15 years and this team represents the UK south coast fleet.

There will be a Sigma Association Team, a team from the Scottish fleet, one representing the Irish East Coast Sigma Association and finally a team representing the combined Dun Laoghaire Clubs, entered under the burgee of the RAYC

There will also be a full social programme and we look forward to entertaining our visitors.

Some of our visitors may want to stay with our fleet members, so if you are prepared to have someone to stay, please contact Gillian Fletcher.

Remember, when we go to Newport in September for the Patriot’s Cup we will all be staying in private houses.

## VI. Alfa Romeo Sigma 33 European Championships

Arrangements for this event are progressing well and the Notice of Race and Entry Form appear on our own Sigma Web Site and this is regularly updated.

We are hoping for in excess of 50 entries and already have requests from overseas to charter Sigma’s. So if you know of anyone who is not planning to compete, please let us know and we can put him or her in touch with someone who wants to charter.

## VII. Sigma 33 website

Sigma 33 East Coast Association Web Address is [www.sigma33.net](http://www.sigma33.net), it is regularly updated so pay it a visit to keep up to date and in touch. The web includes information on;

- Events
- Crews Available
- Boats for sale
- Boats which need crews
- Weather forecasts from Met-Eirean
- Event Results
- Committee contact number

## VIII. Circulation list

To keep the e-mail circulation list up to date we would love to have updated crew list from each boat before the season gets into full swing. Please send updates to Gillian Fletcher at [secretary@sigma33.net](mailto:secretary@sigma33.net) . At present there are a number of incorrect mail addresses on the system.