

MONTHLY FEATURE

BOATING BOOKSHELF

Walking on Water

The daredevil acrobatics of a pioneering photographer

Kos Evans

Kos Evans has blazed a trail through the photographic world with her unique style and daredevil antics. Famous for her amazing, innovative angles, she stands out because of the often dangerous lengths she goes to to get the best shot. Some of her most well-known images were taken from the top of masts, or hanging over the sides of boats, or in the water, capturing speeding boats from only inches away. This photographic showcase features her most amazing and beautiful pictures. With descriptive captions detailing the background of each shot (how she came to be taking it, the difficulties she encountered), this collection tells the story of Kos's incredible skill and and intrepid acrobatics.

Walking on Water is a gorgeous celebration of outstanding marine photography, packed with spectacular images that take you close to the action. For her entire career Kos has captured dramatic, eye-catching shots that made her the envy of her peers; this book provides a unique insight into the work and skills of a remarkable indomitable female photographer who has made her distinctive mark in what is very much a tough man's world.

The book also includes a Foreword by Duran Duran singer and keen sailor Simon Le Bon. ISBN 9781408178447 £30.00



Crash Test Boat

How Yachting Monthly took a 40ft boat through 8 disaster scenarios

Paul Gelder

From the people behind the UK's leading sailing magazine for cruisers comes Crash Test Boat, a dramatic

documentation of controlled sailing disasters which has the potential to save the lives of each and every seaman who buys it.

Crash Test Boat is unique in its field, with no other title on the market aimed at explicitly revealing at first hand what happens when a boat encounters a major disaster. On the spot reporting with action photographs show what happens when typical family boats fall victim to eight different types of sailing disaster. How quickly does a cabin fill with water when the hull is holed? How do you control a gas leak or fire on board? What should you do first when dealing with a dismasting or a capsized through 360 degrees?

By providing cruising and racing yachtsmen with vivid accounts of such extreme events, Crash Test Boat equips the reader with vital knowledge on what to do if disaster strikes and, ultimately, gives everyone on board a greater chance of survival if the boat is overcome. It is a fascinating, enlightening and instructive read.

Each chapter opener is accompanied by a scannable QR code that takes the reader directly to the live-action YouTube footage of the relevant crash test, with informative and engaging commentary throughout from the Crash Test Team.

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represents a considerable honour for Ireland and Irish sailing, as the J/24 - the world's largest keelboat class - normally elects its president from its North American fleets.

Robin had been largely instrumental in bringing the BMW J/24 European Championships to Howth in 2011 and the World Championships, also sponsored by BMW, are coming to Howth in August 2013 when it is expected that about 60 J/24s will attend, representing USA, Canada, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Japan, Australia, Germany, Sweden, Italy, France, Greece, Hungary, Holland, UK & Ireland.

● **ISA Paralympic sailor John Twomey** has been appointed president of the International Association for Disabled Sailing (IFDS). John was elected by his peers at the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) annual conference.

This prestigious honour comes only months after John competed at his 10th Paralympics, a record for any Irish person competing at either the Olympics or Paralympics. John will take over from the presiding president Linda Merkle and will go on to serve a four year term at the helm of the international organisation responsible for sailing for people with disabilities worldwide.

Sailing is one of the few sports in which both able bodied and disabled people can participate on equal terms so having an Irishman managing the sport globally is a credit to the sport in Ireland.

● **Young Irish sailor David Kenefick** (21) has announced his shorthanded Figaro sailing programme for 2013. A native of Currabinny, Co Cork, Kenefick has been sailing from a young age from Royal Cork Yacht Club.

The classic path through Optimists and Lasers saw Kenefick win many championships before he moved into keelboats and offshore sailing.

A keen kiteboarder, David spends what little spare time he has now improving fitness, improving his French and making the most of French food and his culinary skills.

'I'm really excited about this incredible opportunity to embark on a Figaro campaign. This 32ft racing class features water ballast, two rudders, some pretty sophisticated autopilot and navigation routing electronics and is strictly One Design,' explains David.

The season will see several training races before the Solitaire du Figaro in June and then several other big competitions later in the summer.



Christina Cunningham. Photo: Laurent Giannibus.

● **Dublin Bay, the Cradle of Yacht Racing**, is a high quality book describing how the worldwide sport was popularised and formatted by the pioneering yachtsmen of Dublin Bay. This richly illustrated work by Irish yachtsman and historian Hal Sisk is available from Dun Laoghaire Yacht Clubs, Viking Marine and www.peggybawnpress.com

● **The Irish Cruiser Racing Association** held its annual conference in Kilkenny in November at which the National University of Ireland in Galway was awarded the ICRA Boat of the Year 2012.

Norbert Reilly will take over from Barry Rose as the ICRA commodore. The new commodore announced details of the new ICRA Crew Race Training Programme, the objective of which will be to deliver top quality crew for racing boats.

Norbert Reilly was also presented with a cheque for €14,250 from the ISA, proceeds of the ECHO and IRC certificates processed by the ISA during 2012.

● **RYANI** has announced that the **2013 Cruising Conference** will be held on 26 January at the Royal Ulster Yacht Club in Bangor. The programme will include talks from Gus Lewis, manager Legal and Government Affairs RYA, Eugene Curry, Curry Marine Services, Bill and Jane McLaren, Ocean Cruising Club, Bob Bradfield, Antares Charts, retired meteorologist Frank Singleton and Adrian Bell.

SAILING SHORTS

Under the direction of ISA performance director James O'Callaghan and ISA youth & development manager Rory Fitzpatrick, the ISA High Performance Department has been working tirelessly over the past number of years to produce world class Irish sailors.

2012 was an incredibly successful year for the ISA squads internationally

who won a total of 22 international medals including three at Worlds/Euros U18 level from the ISA Academy. The ISA offered congratulations to all the sailors who won and to all that competed, for their hard work and determination.

● Despite the recent news that there will be no ISAF Team Racing Worlds in 2013, team racing in Ireland is still thriving. 18 teams travelled to Schull over the weekend of 10/11 November for the **Irish Team Racing Association National Championships**.

Two of Britain's best teams made the trip, repeating their success of last year. Irish teams included the highly experienced George Knights, the young stars of Schull Youth, college teams from UCC and UCD, not forgetting two teams from Presentation Brothers, Cork participating for the first time.

Anxious to make it to the airport in time for their flight home, Wessex Extreme pulled out all the stops to win the final in two straight races, retaining their overall winner title from last year. Next year's championship will be sailed in Dun Laoghaire on 9/10 November.

● **Christina Cunningham** from Bangor learned to sail at Ballyholme Yacht Club in dinghies, but has set her sights on something larger, having been accepted as crew on the next Clipper Round the World Race.

She is signed up for the first leg from the UK to Brazil, which will cover 5,000 miles and take around 33 days to complete.

She says: 'There'll be 21 people living and working together in a confined area and this will be a challenge in itself - there is no getting off the boat in the middle of the ocean if things get tough and no shops to go to if you run out of something'.

Christina is using this opportunity to raise money for Rethink Mental Illness, a charity leading the way to a better quality of life for everyone affected by severe mental illness.