

2008 Wayfarer European Championships and Rally Travel and Accommodation

Directions to Skerries Sailing Club from Dublin Port

After leaving the ferry follow the signs for the M1, Dublin Port Tunnel heading to Belfast.

Pay the toll (€12.00) and enter tunnel thus avoiding rush hour traffic

After leaving the tunnel it is probably best to stay in the left hand lane remembering the discovery made by Paul Keogh (Inis Caol, W9333) that the speed limit for Wayfarers is eighty kilometres an hour (fifty miles per hour)!

Keep heading north on the M1, past the exit for Dublin Airport.

Keep an eye out for the exit marked R132, Skerries, Rush, Donabate.

Take this exit and at the roundabout at the top of the slip road follow the signs for Skerries, Lusk, and Donabate. It is sometimes easier to stay in the left hand lane and go all the way around the roundabout and that leaves you in the left hand lane as you exit following the signs for Skerries and Lusk.

You are now on the R132.

You are looking for a right hand turn off onto the R127 which is signposted Skerries, Lusk and Rush. This right hand turn off is just after the Esso station and you'll also see tourist signs for Skerries Mills and Ardgillan Castle prompting you to turn right.

Coming into Lusk there is a roundabout called the Dublin Road roundabout. Take the right hand turn off the roundabout onto Rathmore Road. Go straight through the next three roundabouts following the signs for Skerries and keeping on Rathmore Road. When you come to the Skerries Road roundabout, take the right hand turn off the roundabout following the sign for Skerries.

Coming into Skerries there is a bridge under a railway line. Go under the bridge and take a left hand turn at the roundabout immediately after the bridge.

Keep heading straight through the two sets of traffic lights. You will see a grey pillar, the Monument in the centre of a roundabout. Turn left at the Monument roundabout.

Follow this road around to the T junction and turn right on to Harbour Road. You'll see Skerries Bay opening up in front of you. Skerries Sailing Club is up ahead on the right where a warm welcome awaits.

From the North:

Coming from Larne or any other Northern Ireland ferryport, get onto the M1 southbound. A motorway named the M1 exists in both jurisdictions but the Belfast one goes towards Craigavon so make sure you hang left to Dublin on a dual-carriageway when the signs dictate. The dual-carriageway ends some distance short of Newry where you should take care negotiating a series of roundabouts and make sure that you are on the correct road for Dublin or Dundalk. Newry is completely by-passed so there is no need to enter the town. Signposting is generally good north of the border but less than perfect in the South so maintain situational awareness at all times. The road improves to a full motorway again at Newry. Have some Euros ready (less than €2) for the toll near Drogheda. You come off the motorway about 20 miles short of Dublin when you see signs for Balbriggan and you should take the first of these. Drive south through Balbriggan village and keep your eyes peeled for signs for Skerries. Take a left turn at the Bracken Court Hotel, another left at a 'Y' junction about 300 yards on, then a right at a 'T' junction at a railway bridge. There is a sign at this junction. Proceed straight for almost 4 miles and you are in Skerries. The simplest route is to follow the main road until you reach a 'T' junction at traffic lights. Turn left and follow the main route for a few hundred yards until you reach a large obelisk in the middle of another 'T' junction. Turn left, and follow the road as it makes a right angled turn to the right when you should then immediately keep left along the sea wall. The sailing club is at the end of a large stone wall and you can pull into the car park and unload your boat. (Depending on entry numbers we may park trailers off-site but you will get help with this.)

From Rosslare or other points South:

Approaching Dublin from Rosslare on the Wexford Road you should aim to enter the M50 Motorway (which is a ring-road around Dublin City) so watch out for the signs about 10 miles south of the city. There is a toll (about €2) and there are very heavy roadworks all this year but it is still preferable to attempting to negotiate the poorly signposted city streets. Leave the M50 when you see signs for the airport but do not confuse these with signs for airport parking. Having left the M50 you are now on the M1 motorway a little past the northern exit of the Port Tunnel. Immediately you come off the M50 there are up to four lanes so make sure that you are in one of the two right hand lanes. Then follow the directions above as though you have come through the tunnel from Dublin Port or Dun Laoghaire.

Ferries to Ireland

Route	Operator	Website
Holyhead – Dublin Port	Irish Ferries	www.irishferries.com
	Stena Line	www.stenaline.com
Holyhead – Dun Laoghaire	Stena Line	www.stenaline.com
Liverpool – Dublin Port	Norfolk Line	www.norfolkline.com
	P&O Irish Sea	www.poirishsea.com
Fishguard - Rosslare	Stena Line	www.stenaline.com
Pembroke - Rosslare	Irish Ferries	www.irishferries.com
Stranraer – Belfast	Stena Line	www.stenaline.com

Accommodation:

Good candidates for accommodation are:

Name	Website	Telephone
Red Bank House	www.redbank.ie	00 353 1 849 1005
Hamilton House		00 353 1 849 4380
Greenvale		00 353 1 849 0413
The White Cottages	www.thewhitecottages.com	00 353 1 849 2331
Seafield		00 353 1 849 0932
The Moorings		00 353 1 849 2723
The Reefs		00 353 1 849 1574
PierHouse Hotel	www.pierhousehotel.ie	00 353 1 849 1033

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