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Sligo sailors achieve good results

LAST weekend was a busy one for Sligo sailors. On the west coast, Brian Raftery and his crew aboard his J24 boat, Gossip, took home first place in the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association event in the Aran Islands.

Raftery, from Sligo Yacht Club, took home top prize in the class three event following some consistent racing of four firsts and two second places over the six races.

Meanwhile, on the east coast, at the Volvo Dun Laoghaire Regatta, four Sligo boats took part in the regatta's J24 section.

Martin Reilly's Crazy Horse was the top-placed Sligo boat finishing second in the class behind Hard on Port. Gerry Gillgan's Jana was the second placed Sligo boat, finishing seventh in the class, while next was Gerry Brady's Luder (ninth) and Owen Carton's Printfix.ie (10th).

The Dun Laoghaire Regatta is a biannual event and this year there were 420 boats entered across several different classes.



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SAILING PRIZE: From left, Luke Henderson, Martin Reilly and Samuel Wray with their prize for finishing second in the J24 class at the recent Dun Laoighaire Regatta. Missing from the picture are two other crewmen from Reilly's craft, Crazy Horse, Tim Corcoran and Paul Reilly.