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## In brief

### SAILING

**IT was business as usual for John Maybury's Joker II in yesterday's opening races of the 2017 Volvo Dún Laoghaire Regatta.**

The triple class one national champion has moved to the top of the leaderboard in Ireland's biggest sailing event after scoring a first and second to be five points ahead in an extremely competitive class one fleet.

From a forecast for a dubious six knots from the west, Dublin Bay instead produced a solid sea-breeze for the first races in a total schedule of 290 races in 35 classes by Sunday.

A total of 2,500 sailors are racing in the four-day regatta that has attracted sailors from across Ireland and the UK but also from Europe, America and Australia.

A near record-breaking fleet of 475 boats across 35 classes took to the water yesterday for a 3pm start and some classes were still racing after 6.0pm.