

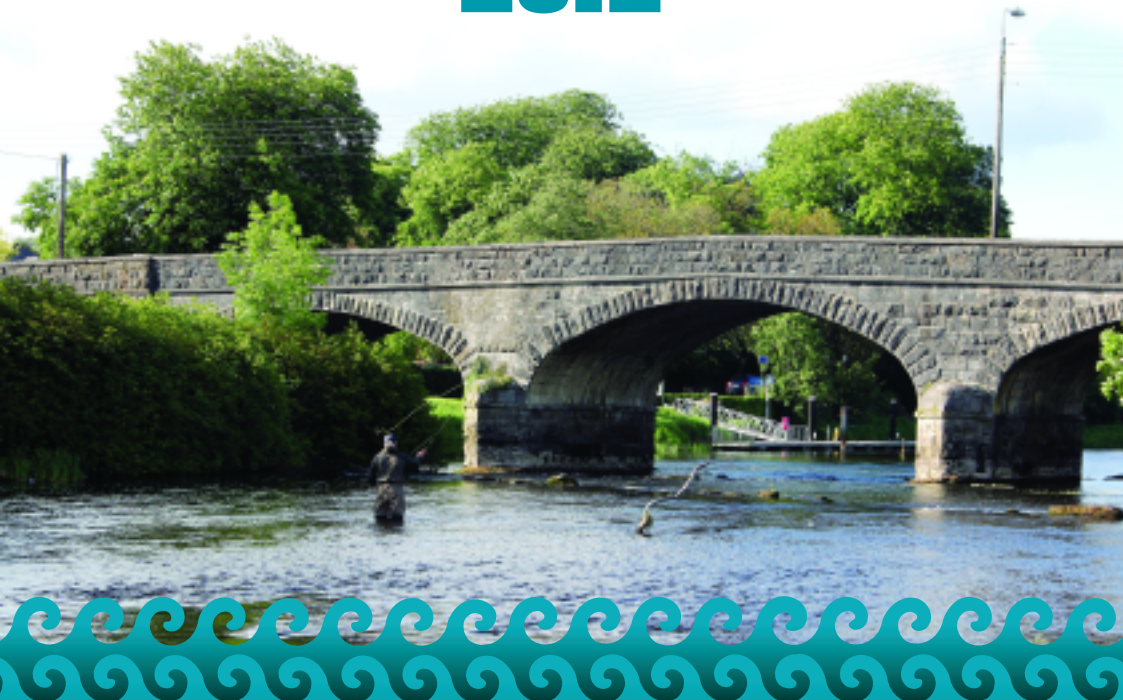
THE 47th ANNUAL ERNE BOAT RALLY

ON UPPER & LOWER LOUGH ERNE

Friday 25th - Monday 28th May 2012

Organised by a committee from both the Lough Erne and Belturbet
branches of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland

ERNE BOAT RALLY 2012



Introduction

Welcome to the 2012 Erne Boat Rally.

This years 47th Annual Boat Rally will begin in Belturbet and sail through our beautiful Erne with our various stops en-route to cover the full length of the Erne to Belleek our furthest point of navigation.



Grace McGettigan

Your Rally Commodore 2012 is from Belturbet. Grace has a long affiliation with the waterways both on the Erne and Shannon and also her native Lough Swilly. She is looking forward to her role this year and to meeting up with old and new ralliers.



Don MacFarlane

Your Vice-Commodore is Don MacFarlane who lives in Lisnaskea with his wife Claire and three girls , Stacie, Abigail and Nicole. He is the current chairman of Lisnaskea Boat Club. Don is a hands-on sort of person who loves the outdoors, biking and life.



Cathal Kinney

Cathal has been a member of the Belturbet Branch for 15 years and for the past four years has been the Chairperson of the Branch. Cathal is passionate about the Erne where he has met with some great lifelong friends. Cathal has two boys Gary and Paul, and is seldom seen without his honey, Brenda.



Rally Instructions

1. All boats taking part in the Rally MUST fly the official 2012 Erne Rally Burgee.
2. No flags are to be flown during the Rally, with the exception of the Erne Flag and Burgees.
3. No boats will be allowed to sail with the Rally unless having secured an entry number. This rule will have to be fully enforced at insistence of Insurer's.
4. The official number given to each boat must be prominently displayed. Your number is on the outside of your Rally Instructions and there is a spare copy in the envelope. Please put a number on each side of your boat.
5. The committee warns all entrants that anyone repeatedly causing excessive wash in the vicinity of moored boats, particularly at meal times, will be disqualified from the Rally.
6. The Inland Waterways Association, it's Officials, The Rally Committee and all concerned with the conduct of the Rally, accept no responsibility in respect of accidents to, or caused by any Rally Entrants, his/her representative, passengers, crew or boat. Neither do they accept any responsibility for the correctness or otherwise of visual markers or buoy on the Waterways

Officers for 2012

Commodore: **Grace McGettigan**

Vice-Commodore: **Don MacFarlane**

Chairperson: **Charles McGettigan**

Treasurer: **Colin Beattie**

Secretary: **Damien Broomhead**

Safety Officer: **Archie Burrell**

Rear Commodore: **Cathal Kinney**

Vice Chairperson: **Archie Burrell**

Assistant Treasurer: **Alard Beattie**

Assistant Secretary: **Mary Buckley**

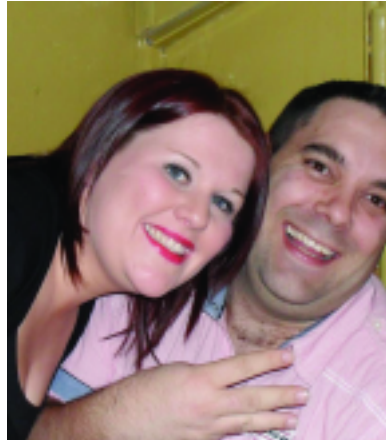
Child Protection Officer: **Maisie McElwaine**

Committee of 2012

Charlie McGettigan, Derek Woodhouse, Johnny Maguire, Timothy Buckley, Mary Buckley, Grace McGettigan, Sean McCaffrey, Alard Beattie, Colin Beattie, Sean Thornton, Archie Burrell, Damien Broomhead, Shirley Johnston, John McElwaine, Marie Murphy, Brian Cassells, Trevor Kingston, Jim Henning, Blane Bailey, Don MacFarlane.



"I think that's my seat this year, Charlie!"





Main Rally

Friday 25th May 2012

- 7.30pm Commodore's Reception - Seven Horseshoes, Belturbet
- 8.15pm Commodore piped to her table
- 8.30pm Commodore's Dinner Dance commences

Saturday 26th May 2012

- 11.45am Commodore departs Belturbet en route for Lunch Stop at Carrybridge Hotel
- 4.00pm Depart Carrybridge for overnight stop at the Yacht Club for evening entertainment

Sunday 27th May 2012

- 11.00am Ecumenical Service on forecourt at the Yacht Club
- 12.00noon Fleet sets sail for Rossigh Commodore's Wine & Cheese Reception which will take place on the shore
- 4.30pm Depart Rossigh for Belleek for overnight stop and entertainment

Monday 28th May 2012

- 11.00am Depart Belleek for lunch stop in Enniskillen at the "Round O"
- 4.30pm Depart Enniskillen for overnight stop in the Carrybridge Hotel.
Also presentation of cups and trophies and evening entertainment.

**REAR-COMMODORE WILL DEPART EACH VENUE NO LATER THAN
ONE HOUR AFTER COMMODORE**

Mini Rally

Friday 7th September 2012

- 8.00pm Starting at Derryad Boat Club for BBQ and fancy dress with evenings entertainment

Saturday 8th September 2012

- 12.00noon Depart Derryad Boat Club for lunch stop at The Ardhowen
- 5.00pm Depart The Ardhowen for Carrybridge Hotel for overnight stop and evening entertainment

Sunday 9th September 2012

- 12.00noon Depart Carrybridge via Knockninny for lunch stop
- 5.00pm Depart Knockninny for Belturbet where there will be evenings entertainment in Flynn's Bar

Cups & Trophies

- **CLIFF PERPETUAL CUP**
Best Kept Cabin Cruiser, Equipment & Crew (Inboard Engine)
- **BARHAM PERPETUAL CUP**
Best Kept Cabin Cruiser, Equipment & Crew (Outboard Engine)
- **THORNTON PERPETUAL TROPHY**
Best Kept Open Boat, Equipment & Crew
- **BROOMHEAD PERPETUAL CUP**
“Miss Erne Rally”
- **JENNCOPHILL PERPETUAL CUP**
Boatmanship, open to all entrants
- **EADIE PERPETUAL CUP**
Boatmanship, open to junior entrants
- **SEAMASTER PERPETUAL CUP**
Best Kept Charter Boat & Crew entered in the Rally
- **COOPER PERPETUAL TROPHY**
Best sailing Performance
- **LEAHY PERPETUAL TROPHY**
Overall Entertainer
- **FITZSIMONS TROPHY**
Ladies Boat Handling
- **DENNIS McCARTNEY MEMORIAL TROPHY**
Commodore’s Trophy
- **THE MOORINGS PERPETUAL CUP**
Presented at the Commodore’s discretion
- **THE LUSTY BEG PERPETUAL CUP**
Presented at the Commodore’s discretion

Waterways Ireland

The Waterways Ireland is one of six North-South Implementation Bodies established under the Good Friday Agreement in April 1998. Waterways Ireland has responsibility for the Shannon-Erne Waterway, the Shannon, the Erne, the Barrow Navigation, the Grand Canal, the Lower Bann and the Royal Canal.

The headquarters of the Waterways Ireland is in Enniskillen, County Fermanagh and the regional offices are located in Scarriff, County Clare; Carrick-on-Shannon, County Leitrim and Dublin.

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Notes on Lake Signs

Navigation markers (1 and 2) (Port and Starboard) have top markers painted red and white. Craft must pass the marker on the side painted white (some markers are three dimensional). Middle ground markers (3) should be given a wide berth and can be passed on either side. Where two middle ground markers are together, do not go between them. Many markers bear a reference number which can be used to identify the position of the craft.



Good Manners Make Good Mariners

- Slow right down when passing moored crafts, anglers and small boats
- When meeting crafts head-on - Go on the right hand side
- Moor tidily and leave room for other boats
- Don't hog jetties. Help other boats to moor particularly when jetty space is restricted
- Tie boats abreast if necessary
- Don't throw litter in the lakes - **THIS IS AN OFFENCE, AS WELL AS BEING OFFENSIVE!**



Safety Notes

- **Watch your wash** and reduce speed if necessary in confined waters and channels.
- **Slow down where boats are moored**, when approaching quays or lochs or where water activities are taking place. Always keep a sharp lookout for swimmers.
- **Learn basic Rules of Navigation** but remember that you have an overriding responsibility to avoid collision.
- **Give as wide a berth as possible to Anglers** and slow down, especially on canals when a competition is in progress. One boat rushing through can spoil the fishing for a large number of people for a long time.
- **Respect areas** where organised events are in progress.
- **Respect property**, public and private.
- **Never travel in exposed waters** in bad weather without notifying someone responsible to your intentions. Try to travel in company.
- **Practice Man-Overboard Drill** and lifesaving procedures. It is useful to have another person aboard who knows how to control the boat.
- **Life jackets should be available** and accessible to all crew members and should be worn when working on the deck and by children at all times.
- **Keep a fender ready** for fending off a quay or converging craft. Never allow anyone to fend off with a hand or a foot.
- **Never** allow anyone to joyride in a dinghy when it is being towed.
- **Never** allow fuel or oily bilge water to escape into the water. Take particular care when refuelling, especially outboard engines.
- **Be courteous:** leave maximum space for other boats when mooring, and in locks; control your dinghy; if you have to tie up alongside another boat, ask permission, use adequate fenders and run your lines ashore where possible; do not rely on the other boat for security.
- **Do not tie up to navigational marks or anchor in a navigational channel.**
- **Remember** that it is contrary to the Lough Erne Bye-laws to moor a boat at a public quay or harbour for more than 48 hours.
- **All boats should be covered by a suitable insurance policy (third party essential).**
- **Make sure your boat is seaworthy.**
- **Use this checklist** of equipment appropriate for your boat:
Fire extinguishers (correct type), First Aid Kit, Adequate mooring lines & fenders, Anchors and adequate cable, Flares or other signalling equipment, Lifebelt near the helm, Life jackets, Compass, Binoculars, Boarding ladder or foothold.
- **Make sure your boat has a Carbon Monoxide Detector.**



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