

Erne Head of River Risk Assessment

Event Name	4th Erne Head of River
Event Date	March 2023
Chief Event Organisers	Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Boat Club Secretary: Derek Holland. Treasurer: Gaye Conway
Time	Event Safety Brief: 9:30 hours Women's Head Event Start Time: 11:00hours Women's head Event Safety Brief: 12:15 hours Men's Head Event Start Time: 1:30hours Men's Head Prize giving 3:30pm on stage in Enniskillen Royal Grammar School
Event Location	River Erne, Co. Fermanagh. Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Round O Carpark
Distance	6000 metres
Transport Arrangement	Clubs provide their own transport
Event Parameters	Weather conditions Grade of Water Minimum water level defined naturally by Course Maximum water level defined naturally by Course
Number of participants per discipline/event	Minimum 600 Maximum 1200
Participation types	Junior, Open, Masters MEN + WOMEN
Ability of Participants	Confirmed by club vetting
Brief description of event format	The event is being run over the 6000m Course on the River Erne from Innsikeen to Enniskillen Royal Boat Club. The Participants will race against each other in a time trial fashion.

General Hazards

Slips and Trips	All events are being run in a natural environment where slips and trip hazards may be present. The environment however offers limited risks of serious injury from a slip or trip as there are no significant heights from which people could fall and hit the ground. The construction of pontoons and slipways to the water has been risk assessed by design and construction and has been constructed in accordance with industry best practice. The temporary wooden slip is built to facilitate the launching of boats from the shore onto the water and is not more than 30 centimetres above the water line this will be in place at the Round O from Friday 3rd March until Saturday 4th March(it is to facilitate launching of boats from the round O onto the jetty)
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Traffic	Car parking arrangements have been made at the Round O and Enniskillen Royal Grammar School. As per traffic management plan Marshals from Enniskillen Royal Boat Club. The Round O car park will not need to be closed off to Public as only a few clubs will be launching from the Site.
Prior Medical Condition	Clubs and their members are required to manage their own wellness and suitability to compete as they do in their own club activities on a weekly basis. Any participants with prior medical conditions must carry any medication they may need on their person or with a dedicated person on the bank nearby. St Johns Ambulance (first aid) facilities will be in location at the lakeside at the round O and at Enniskillen Royal Grammar School Boat Club on the day and the nearest local doctor is less than 2 miles from the event.

Lake specific Hazards

Grade of Water	All coxes and launch occupants must wear buoyancy aids when on the water. Swimming is not encouraged but marshals and slip stewards will be on site to rescue participants
Trees / Strainers	There are no strainers or trees on the Course.
Rocks / Holes/ Siphons	There are no rocks, holes or siphons on the Course.

Open Water Hazards if Applicable

Wind	The Committee will make a decision to hold or cancel the event in the case of high wind.
Swell / Waves	Wave height will be governed by wind conditions
Poor Visibility	The Race Committee will make a decision to hold or cancel the event in the case of poor visibility.
Tide	Not applicable

Other Hazards

Boat Accident	<p>A talk on safety will be given at the start of the day. Items discussed will be</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules of the Course - which side of the lake to go up and which side of the lake to come down. • Coaches and all athletes will be made aware of safety signage and locations of life rings. • The safety launches will be fitted with dead man cords, paddle, life belt, throw ropes. • Athletes are only allowed on the water when a safety boat is present.
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Capsizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life jackets to be worn at all times by umpires, water marshalls and coxes. • Map of lake traffic as described above will be circulated to all rowers / coxes / coaches both before and on the morning of the race before use of the facility. <p>There will be up to 22 safety launches on the course during racing including the PSNI and the RNLI .</p>
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Rescue Plan

Rescue Coordinator	Derek Holland
Qualifications	Occupational First Aid Qualified, Level 2 Rowing Coach
Number of Rescue Personnel	<p>There will be up to 22 launches on the course during racing.</p> <p>Boats will be located above the start and between the finish and the launching area and throughout the course.</p>

First aid Plan

First Aid Provider	Order of Malta
	<p>Order of Malta will be present throughout the event. An Ambulance and first Aid Personel will be located in Enniskillen Royal Boat Club and Round O carpark area and will be clearly visable.</p> <p>All first aid incidents should be reported to the Head Secretary</p>
Name of Nearest Hospital Drive Time	South West Acute Hospital , Enniskillen 5 min

Coordinator contact details

Derek Holland	07789288675	Event Coordinator
Gerry Murphy	07759836893	Health and Safety Coordinator
Robert Northridge	07734390289	Stewarding Coordinator

Event Coordinator

Event Coordinator	Derek Holland
Responsibility	Coordinating the 2023 Erne Head of River
Location	
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with Fermanagh and Omagh district Council regarding facility use and water ways ireland • Ensuring all equipment is fit for purpose • Communication and safety briefings with all associated facility users (rowers/Coaches/Launch Drivers/Parents) • Coordination of rowers, coaches, parents etc. • Act as point of contact for stakeholders • Maintain calendar of events and provide updates to relevant stakeholders • Liaise with safety officer and other facility users to ensure agreement and compliance with safety procedures • Build strong relationships with all stakeholders • Manage and oversee all documentation and administration requirements • Appoint deputy Event Coordinator to oversee events if Event Coordinator is to be absent.

Health and Safety Coordinator

H&S Coordinator	Gerry Murphy
Location	
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure overall implementation of all Safety and Regulatory requirements • Manage the risk assessment review process • To ensure that events are conducted with due observance to all of the safety conditions for Rowing • To manage hazards specific to the rowing facility • To provide adequate First Aid and medical services at each event • Report any event safety incident to Fermanagh and Omagh district council and Waterways

	<p>Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To investigate any incidents of a hazardous nature which occur during an event • Ensure adequate number of safety launches are in place to support those rowing • Assess boat safety features and ensure compliance before launching • Undertaking of Safety briefings to all coaches/Launch Drivers & Rowers • Assess weather/rowing conditions and advise/brief event coordinator and stakeholders • Review safety statements and update as required • Provide guidance to all stakeholders and help build a Health & Safety Culture <p>Monitor Health and Safety performance and make recommendations as appropriate.</p>
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Stewarding

<p>Stewarding Coordinator</p> <p>Number of Stewards</p> <p>Location</p> <p>Traffic Management Plan</p>	<p>Robert Northridge</p> <p>Ambulance. Boat Trailers and their towing vehicles will be located in the grounds of Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and the Round O car park</p> <p>Round O carpark will be managed by up to 5 volunteers from Enniskillen Royal Boat Club supervising the parking of the rowing trailers and competitor's cars. The car park is not being closed off to the general public. The Round O toilets and area will be cleaned and be the responsibility of Enniskillen Royal Boat Club.</p>
<p>Minimum Equipment</p>	<p>Bouyancy Aid, (if on water), appropriate boat and paddle,</p>

Requirements	appropriate thermal equipment for the weather
Equipment Check Procedures	Slip Stewards will check all boats prior to launching to ensure that they comply with the Rowing Ireland safety instructions
Security	Not required

Accident Action Plan	Action
Car Park Break in	Report to PSNI
Public disturbance	Attempt to control peacefully, if abusive or aggressive behaviour is witnessed call PSNI
Minor incident on Water	Rescue to deal with incident
Major incident on Water	Rescue to stabilise situation and call for fire-brigade if required 999
Minor Injuries	Rescue to use first aid skills to patch up. If required accompany injured party to hospital by car. Inform Safety Officer
Major Injuries	Rescue to stabilise injury and keep casualty warm. Call for ambulance 999.
Prior medical condition	Rescue to stabilise injury and keep casualty warm. Assist casualty in self administration of their own medication. Call for ambulance 999.

Notes for Pre-event Brief:

The pre event brief will detail the following

1. The schedule of events for the day.
2. The emergency plan
3. Identify the rescue team.
4. Identify the steps to be taken if one of the competitors falls out of the boat.
5. Identify the steps to be taken if a boat capsizes.

Signed by event Secretary	Derek Holland 24/1/23
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