

SAFETY BOAT COVER

FOURS HEAD OF THE RIVER 19th NOV 2022

Meet at ERGS Boathouse for safety briefing with Derek Holland, Gerry Murphy (safety officers Enniskillen Royal Boat Club) at 9.00am. Please have boats on water prior to meeting. Privately owned boats can be launched at Round O and driven up to ERGS Boat House.

Each crew will receive breakfast and lunch at ERBC boathouse and then head back out for race 2.

Race 1 11am Women's Fours Head

Race 2 2:00pm Men's Fours Head

Crew

Boat

Location

1. Warden (David Wilson)	Warden	OVERVIEW
2. Police	Police Crew	Down Stream of West Bridge
3. RNLI Lifeboat 1	RNLI Crew	Overview Down Stream of west bridge
4. RNLI Lifeboat 2 (Carry Bridge)	RNLI LB2 Crew	Overview Up Stream (ARDOWEN Corner)
5. Derek Holland + Keith Johnston	ERGS 1(pull 25 hp Yamaha)	(Bridge Duty then Follow last crew up from bridge, then turn back all the way to finish informing all safety boats RACE IS ON. + Below finish line

START ZONE MARSHALLS AND SAFETY BOATS

Do not let crews turn until given instructions from starter is ready and in position. All crews stay pointed into the stream (bows pointing up stream) do not let any crew turn otherwise you will have mayhem at the start. All start team will be in full communication with each other over the radios

6. Gerry Murphy + Darragh Murphy	ERGS 2 (15Hp Orange hand trottle) Mega phone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start zone Marshall Race 1 1-10 Race 2 100-110
7. Robin Ferguson + Kerry Blake	ERGS 3 (25 HP Blue Boat) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start zone Marshall Race 1 11-20 Race 2 110- 120
8. Jane Willis + Michelle Kennedy	ERGS 4 (20hp Yamaha engine) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start zone Marshall Race 1 21- 30 Race 2 121 - 130

9. Tim Richmond + Charlie Smith	ERGS 5 (15hp Orange) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start Zone Marshall Race 1 31-40 Race 2 131 -140
10. Alan Crooks + Josh Crooks	PBC 1 Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start Zone Marshall Race 1 41-50 Race 2 141-150
11. Simon Dickie + Siobhan O Hare	PBC 2 Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	Start Zone Marshall Race 1 51-60 Race 2 151-162

SAFETY BOATS along course

12. Jane McChesney	Private boat	Pole upstream right of Killyhevlin Hotel (Creek)
14. Richard Wylie + Barry Palmer	Private RIB	Tied to Jetty at Killyhevlin straight All Ambulance and PARAMEDICS
15. Keith Johnston	ERGS 1	Take boat from Derek and cover the finish area
16. Aaron Johnston	ERGS 6 (15hp white)	Downstream of Ardowen (Tie to Nixon Jetty opposite Old railway)
17. Rohan O Hare	Private Boat	Ardowen Corner bay after sign
18. Ed Mooney	ERGS 7	Scillies River bend (Stay on the river entrance side away from the race)
19. Chris Welsh	Private Boat	Opposite pumping station (dead slow sign)
20. Peter Bradshaw	Erne adventures 1 making sure crews don't go down the forum side.	Top of castle Island just in front of ropes and
21. Blue Green Yonder	Private Boat 1	Erne side entrance
22. Peter Bradshaw	Erne adventures 2	below Finish at ERBC area making sure. crews paddle down past finish and turn safely
23. Alan Evans	Private Boat 2	Sitting in front of west bridge blocking town arch Sitting of round O lining crews up for bridge to start

All Crew in boats are to have life jackets with them. Enniskillen Royal Boat Club will not be able to supply everyone with these as we only have enough for our boats.

The drivers of these boats are to WARN CRUISERS / FISHERMEN ETC that there is an OFFICAL race on and that they should go slowly and take the bends wide or pull in and fish for 1hour until last boat passes by

Phones: each rescue boat should have a mobile phone on board

More numbers to be added.

POLICE	999 / 028 66322823	
WARDEN	028 66322836	
RNLI	999	Channel 16 on water for emergency
Derek Holland	07789288675	

General safety notes:

Boats can be replaced, lives can not!

All drivers and crew are to **wear Buoyancy Aids** at all times.

If your engine is fitted with a kill-cord then wear it.

Act like a professional, be in full control at all times and make use of your crew as a lookout.

Try to keep your wash to a minimum.

Observe speed restrictions.

When moving to or from your station make sure you don't impede rowers, especially during the race.

Keep well clear of any rescues unless your assistance is summoned by rescuers.

Try to stay in maximum view of the course and signal for assistance if you need it by lowering and raising your arms to either upstream or downstream neighbouring boat.

Rescues take priority over the actual race. Do not be intimidated by on-coming rowers.

Remember to switch off your engine if you are rescuing someone from the water.

Use spare life jackets as immediate aid to people in water. (Return all to me after event).

During race keep well to the sides of river unless your location requires otherwise.

When the Marshall boat passes your location after the last rowers, follow it but do not over take until all rowers have finished.

The Lady Grey and the Boat Club are the First Aid Stations.

If a rescue is necessary, count the people saved ... are there 4 or 8 or 9.... where is the cox of the crew?

Key notes for each safety boat location:

1. **Marshalls:** Organise crews at start and send them down to start line in order when race begins.
2. **Starter:** Follow crew No 1 to start and get the race going.
3. **Spade at top of Killyhevlin Straight:** Tie up to Spade on Killyhevlin Straight to direct all rowers to correct side going up the course and during race.
4. **Killyhevlin:** Anchor or beach boat on point opposite hotel and direct all rowers during race away from creek!
5. **Old Railway Bridge spade:** Do not tie up to marker spade and see all traffic safely through!
6. **Ardhowen:** WARN CRUISERS that there is a race and that the cruiser should go slowly and take the bends wide
7. **Bay below Ardhowen Bend:** Beware boats swamping if rough, assist if needed.
8. **Sillies:** Beware boats swamping if rough, assist if needed.
9. **Ivan's quay:** Beware boats swamping if rough, assist if needed. WARN CRUISERS that there is a race and that the cruiser should go slowly and take the bends wide
10. **Upstream of Castle Island:** Anchor/moor and ensure **all rowers pass on Sligo Road side of island.**
11. **Downstream of Castle Island:** Ensure all rowers use Sligo Road side arches. **No crews are to go through the arch on the town side of the bridge.** Assist if needed in down stream rescues.
12. **Portora Wharf:** Communication centre with Police Dory and director of traffic up through bridges. Also first aid.
13. **Downstream of West Bridges:** Main rescuers in the event of bridge wrappings!
14. **Opposite ERGS Boathouse:** WARN CRUISERS that there is a race and that the cruiser should go slowly and take the bends wide. Make sure that crews row through finish before turning.

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