

SAFETY BOAT COVER
FOURS HEAD OF THE RIVER 16th November 2024

Meet at ERBC Boathouse for safety briefing at 9am with Derek Holland and Gerry Murphy (safety officers). Privately owned boats can be launched at Round O and driven up to ERBC Boat House for the safety meeting. Please have all boats on water before the meeting.

Each crew will receive a breakfast bap and a lunch bag at ERBC boathouse. Come back to boathouse for refreshments and then head back out for race 2.

Race 1 11am Women's FOURS Head (57 Boats)

Race 2 2.00pm Men's FOURS Head (81 Boats)

<u>Crew</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Location</u>
1. Warden (David Wilson)	Warden	OVERVIEW
2. PSNI (lady Grey)	PSNI 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 (ARDHOWEN 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. The start team will be always in communication with each other by radio.

6. Aaron Johnston + Chloe Thompson	ERGS 2 (15Hp Orange hand throttle e Mega phone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	ABOVE Start zone Marshall Race 1 – 1-7 Race 2 - 100-110
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7. Rodney Topping + Paul Ralph	ERGS 3 (25 HP Blue Boat) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	ABOVE Start zone Marshall Race 1 – 8-15 Race 2 - 111- 120
8. Tim Richmond + Basil Bailey	ERGS 4 (20hp Yamaha engine) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	ABOVE Start zone Marshall Race 1 – 16-23 Race 2 - 121 - 130
9. Gerry Murphy + Rory Blake	ERGS 5 (15hp Orange) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	KILLY Start Zone Marshall Race 1 - 24-30 Race 2 - 131 -140
10. Richard Smith + Brian O Rielly	ERGS 6 (15hp white) Megaphone + walkie talkie Collect signs and bring home Pull up course (buoys)	KILLY Start Zone Marshall Race 1 31-38 Race 2 - 141 -150
11. Alan Evans	Private Boat	KILLY Start Zone Marshall Race 1 38-45 Race 2 - 151 -160
12. Alan Crooks + Michele Kennedy	Private Boat	KILLY Start Zone Marshall Race 1 46-52 Race 2 - 161 -170
13 Chris Allen + Simon Crawford	Private Boat	KILLY Start Zone Marshall Race 1 52-57 Race 2 - 171 -181

SAFETY BOATS along course

14 Richard Wylie + Nigel Simpson	Private Boat	STARTER'S BOAT Ambulance Staff on board
15 Barry Palmer + Gary Robertson	Private Boat	Pole, upstream right of Killyhevlin Hotel (Creek)
16 Darragh Collins + Gerry Burns	ERGS 7	Ardhowen Corner, bay after sign
17 Richard Turner	Private Boat	Scillies River bend
18 Clare Wilson	Private Boat	Erneside Entrance

19	Garry Clarke + Gareth Coalter	ERGS 8	Top of Castle Island
20	Blue Green Yonder – Luke Coalter	Private Boat	Top of Castle Island
21	Chris Welsh + Jonathon Balfour	Private Boat	Bottom of castle island / west bridge
22	Gordon Bell	Private Boat	Round O and finish area
23	Keith Johnston	ERGS 1	Finish Area
24	Mo Corrigan	Private Boat	Finish Area

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 will only have enough for our boats.

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

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

PSNI	999 / 028 66322823
WARDEN	028 66322836
RNLI	999 Channel 16 on water for emergency
Derek Holland	07789288675
Gerry Murphy	07759836893
Gaye Conway	07508430445

General safety notes:

Boats can be replaced, lives cannot!

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

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

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

Try to keep your wash to a minimum.

Observe speed restrictions.

When moving to and

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 5... 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 Kee's House:** Beware of boats swamping if water conditions are rough, assist if necessary. WARN CRUISERS that there is a race on and advise 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 the island.**
11. **Downstream of Castle Island:** Ensure all rowers use the arches on the Sligo Road side. **No crews are to go through the arch on the town side of the bridge.** Assist crews if necessary in downstream rescues.
12. **Portora Wharf:** Communication centre with PSNI Rib and director of traffic up through the bridges. First aid available.
13. **Downstream of West Bridges:** Main rescuers in the event of bridge wrappings!
14. **Opposite ERBC Boathouse:** WARN CRUISERS that there is a race on and advise that the cruiser should go slowly and take the bends wide. Make sure that all crews row through the finish before turning.