

**Swift Irish Offshore Rowing Championships 2022
Regatta Prospectus**



Swift Racing

**Swift Irish Offshore
Rowing Championships
Wicklow**

Date: 10th/11th of September 2022.
Venue: Wicklow Harbour and Bay

Proudly Hosted by
Wicklow Rowing Club & Arklow Rowing Club

Wicklow Rowing Club and Arklow Rowing Club are proud to co-host the Irish offshore rowing championships on the 10th&11th of September 2022.

Our combined knowledge and experience of hosting and participating at the highest level of Coastal / Offshore events will ensure that this is a regatta that will be safe, fair and above all an enjoyable Championships for participants and spectators alike . Welcome to Wicklow The Garden of Ireland which is bordered by our beautiful Coast line.

Entries are invited from Rowing Ireland affiliated clubs with entries closing on 31/08/2022 at 7pm. Entries are accepted via Rowing Ireland's Tracker system from club secretaries or authorised persons only. Using the portal at the foot of the Rowing Ireland Website www.rowingireland.ie

Welcome from the Chairperson of the Offshore Committee

On behalf of the Rowing Ireland Offshore Committee I would like to thank Wicklow Rowing Club & Arklow Rowing Club for undertaking the hosting of the 2022 Swift Irish Offshore Rowing Championships. It's hard to believe that this year will be the sixth Offshore Championship. Starting with a modest entry in Arklow in 2017, the event has grown beyond all expectations with the standard rising each year. It's your attitude, not your aptitude that will determine your altitude.

Now more than ever, the future of our sport relies on the younger members of our clubs engaging with offshore rowing. With Coastal being tipped to be the next Olympic Sport in L.A. 2028 it should give them something to aim for.

Its been an incredible year for Club athletes qualifying for the sought after green jersey in the Beach Sprints Home International, the WRCC, the WRBSF, and now the ERCC with club and National entry.

Next stop - the Olympics - Why not !

The tide is truly rising for Coastal Rowing.

We look forward to an exciting and safe weekend of racing in Wicklow in September.

Margaurite Deasy

Chair, Offshore Rowing Committee

A Message from our Race Sponsor

Swift Racing are pleased to continue their sponsorship deal with Rowing Ireland ,as manufacturer of rowing boats, to support the Rowing Ireland Offshore Championships 2022, which will take place at Wicklow on 10th/11th September. Rowing Ireland is the national governing body for all disciplines of the sport in Ireland and it's Offshore Rowing division was created to respond to the huge growth in interest and participation shown in the sport all over the world in recent years. Swift Racing manufactures and supplies rowing boats and equipment for all disciplines worldwide, from fine racing boats, to para and recreational rowing boats. Swift Racing are leading the way in FISA Coastal rowing, winning World Championships and breaking records around the globe.

Swift Racing are delighted to continue their support of the Irish Offshore Championships and are really excited about their ongoing relationship with Rowing Ireland. It is great to see the continuing growth in popularity of offshore rowing in Ireland and be a part of its success.

Swift Racing's representative in Ireland is Joe Cantillon at ROWfit and he will be more than happy to answer any and all of your questions about Swift Racing. On the day Joe and the Swift Racing team will be delighted to help with preparing your equipment for racing and to get the best from your boats, oars and crews. Joe Cantillon can be contacted by email at swiftracingireland@rowfit.ie and mobile +353 (0)87 768 0636. Visit www.rowfit.ie/swift for more info.

We would like to wish everybody a very enjoyable and successful Championship.

Yours in Sport, The team at Swift Racing 2022.

Swift Boat Hire  The logo for Swift Racing, featuring the words "Swift Racing" in a black, cursive script font. A grey brushstroke underline is positioned beneath the word "Racing".

There will be a number of boats types for hire from Swift contact Joe @ 087 7680636

Events Offered

Men's Events

CM1x
CM2x
CM4X+
CJ18M4X+

Women's Events

CW1x
CW2x
CW4X+
CJ18W4X+

Mixed Events

CMi2X

Heats will take place on Saturday for all races that require them.
finals will be on Sunday

Attendance of captains meeting is mandatory for all crew captains

A separate Crew Captains briefing Note will be published on the Rowing Ireland Events page

Timetable

The timetable listed below is designed to maximise participation, it is each club's own responsibility to have equipment, boats and boat handler available for each event entered. The same race order will be followed for the heats on Saturday and for the finals on Sunday Heats for each race category will take place back to back .The race order will not change unless there are exceptional circumstances such as deterioration in weather conditions. Medals will be presented to crews finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd .

It is the responsibility of each Club secretary to ensure all their club member entrants are informed of the logistics and information provided here.

Event	Start time		Course
Crew captains briefing	08.30		
CM2X	09.00		4K
CW4X			4K
CM1X			4K
CJ18W4X			4K
CW2X			4K
CM4X			4K
CW1X			4K
CJ18M4X			4K
CMIX2X			4K

Progression System

The number of boats allowed on the start line in any race shall be 14 (a small increase may be permitted if it assists in the running of the event in a timely manner. Should this number be exceeded there will be heats on Saturday The number to qualify from each heat shall be published on the live draw.

Regatta Entry Fees & Details Boat Type.

Entry fee Solo €12.0

Double. €24.00

Quad. €60.00

Regatta entry fees are requested to be paid by the close of entry date (28/07/2021) by the club . The club who enters a composite boat is responsible for the full fee for the entry. Clubs can pay by Cheque/Bank Transfer . No Fees accepted on the day. NO Entries accepted on the day

Note Entry Fees are not accepted on the tracker system

Payment Details: Wicklow Rowing Club

Bank of Ireland, Main street, Wicklow.

Bank Acc No. 38436117, **Bank Sort Code:** 906734, **BIC** BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE45 BOFI 9067 3438 436117

Declarations & Scratches.

All entries will be assumed declared, unless the regatta secretary is informed of a crew scratch **prior** to the captain's meeting. During the event all scratches must be submitted to regatta control in writing.

Crews will be required to sign on and off the water. Beach Masters will be present on the beach to facilitate this. There will be no refunds for scratches .

Weigh Ins

As this is a championship regatta weigh-ins are required all Coxwains should be over 55kg The weigh-ins will take place in the tent adjacent to the start / finish line . All coxes must complete weigh-ins prior to the deadline of 10 pm on each racing day. Failure to attend will deem their crew ineligible to race.

SAFETY

All boats must be safety compliant and contain the correct equipment prior to launching, this includes crew life jackets present in the boat, bow rope and the cox wearing a life jacket. Hatch covers are secured firmly . It is the responsibility of each individual club and crew to ensure that all athletes are capable of handling weather conditions on the day of the event. A comprehensive safety statement is available to view on the Rowing Ireland website Events page events

If a crew is visibly struggling in conditions a safety boat, can at their own discretion, help the boat or remove them from the race for their own safety. If conditions worsen throughout the day the regatta may be delayed or paused to allow for conditions to improve. Clubs will be informed of all decisions as they happen.

Races will start on time as normal; it is the crew & clubs' own responsibility to be on time for their event. Experienced Coxswains ONLY over 55kg.

There will be very experienced Beach masters present to check all boats for :

- Correct amount and type of PFDs
- Properly tethered bow rope of at least 10 metres in length
- Correctly fitted and operational heel restraints
- Firmly closed hatches
- Boat damage that may be a safety risk

Checks will also be carried out that the Boat numbers are correct and mounted in accordance with the rules and are clearly visible above the waterline. The beach masters will also ensure that the correct Sign in procedures are followed

If these conditions are not adhered to Boats will not be permitted to enter the water There will be absolutely No exceptions and this will be overseen by the Beach Marshall. You have been pre advised.

Safety is Paramount

Medical Assistance

Trained medical personnel and an Order of Malta Ambulance will be present during the event and will remain onsite for a half hour after racing has ended each day .

The ambulance will be located beside the clubhouse . There is a Defibrillator in a wall mounted cabinet outside the main door at the carpark side of the Clubhouse also .

Important Note If you are towing Boats !!!!!

When Entering Wicklow town use the Port Road as it will bring you directly to the venue. It will help you to avoid the one-way system in the town centre. There is no issue with cars going through but it will certainly cause problems for Vehicles towing Trailers .



To find the regatta venue input "A67PF20" into your Sat Nav.

CAR PARKING AND TRAILER PARKING:

Trailer Parking is available at the Murrough car park which is located adjacent to the course and has an ideal view of the championships; it has pedestrian access directly onto the seafront. Overnight security will be provided in the carpark and Boat park . To access the water boats should be unloaded at the beach area in the harbour In front of the Wicklow RC clubhouse. However once boats are unloaded All trailers MUST be parked up in the Murrough carpark. A dedicated Boat park is provided on the green adjacent to the course Only boats on trollies or stands may be kept here NO Trailers Boats can be wheeled on trollies along the prom marked in yellow to the launching area and returned when not racing.

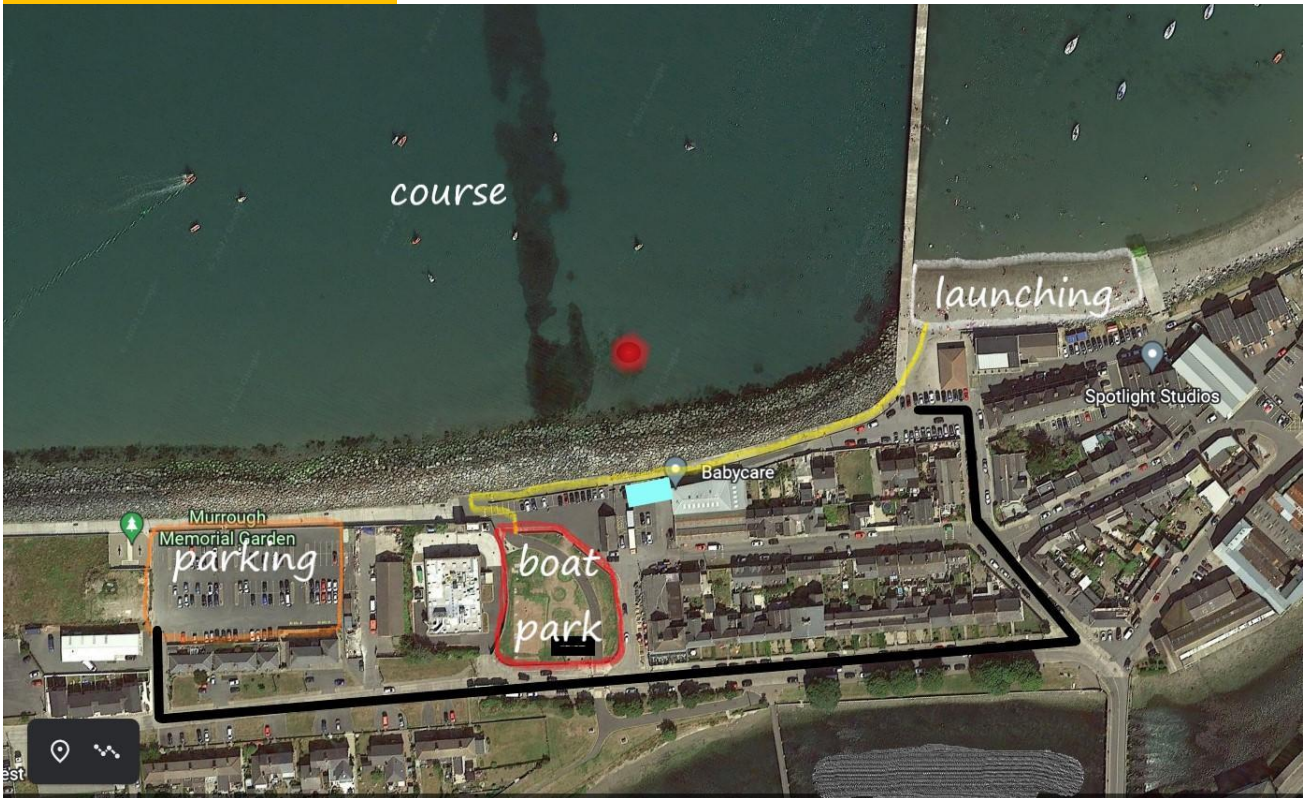
Clubs can launch and recover from the harbour Beach which is also open to the public Please note that this is a stony shingle beach and we strongly recommend that boat stands or tyres are used to cushion the boats.

There will be public toilet facilities at the event. As we are so close to the town there are ample food and beverage establishments locally. There are ATM facilities.

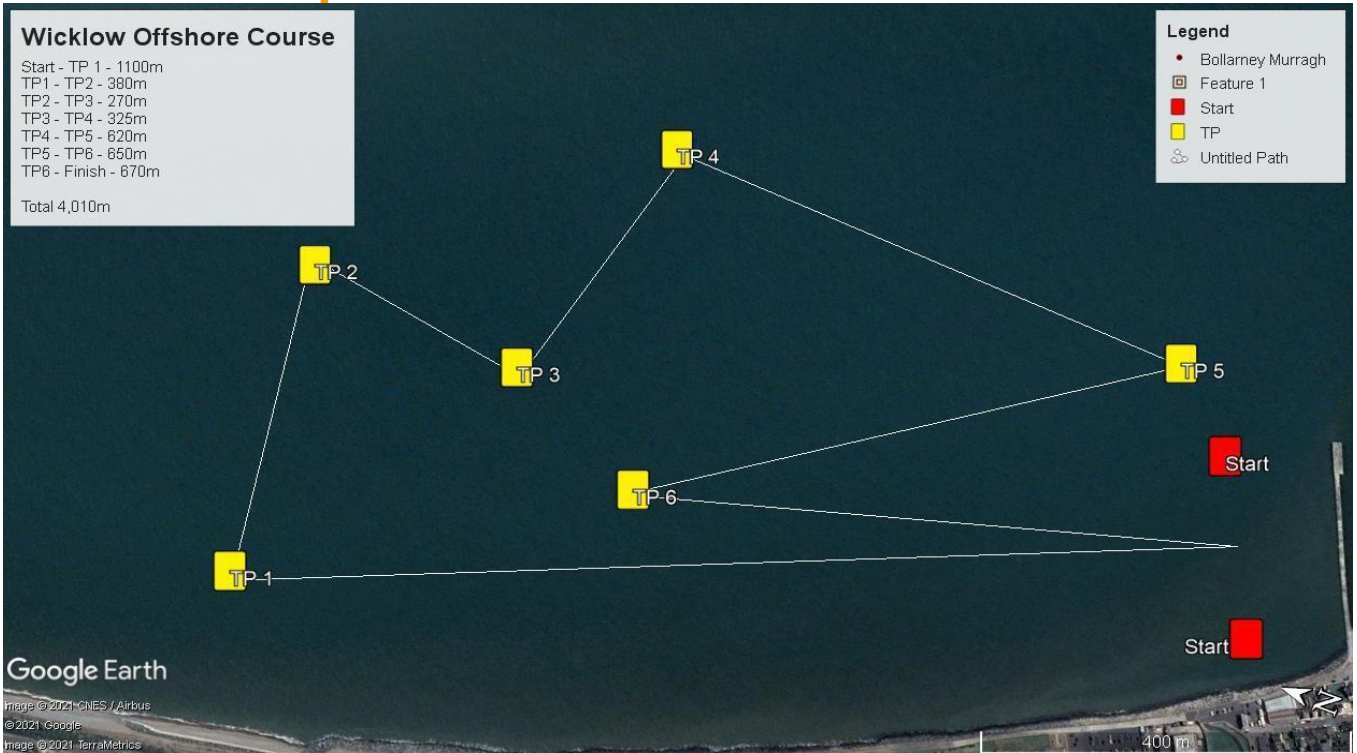
All racing will take place over a 4km buoyed course.

Boat Park

Boat Park and launching



The Course Map



Subject to change based on weather conditions on the day. A designated warm up area will be set out once the final course map is published

Buoy Coordinates	Position	Bearing	Distance (M)
Start Line	N 52 59' 02 W 006 02' 19		
Turning Point 1	N 52 59' 35.5 W 006 02' 42.7	337	1130
Turning Point 2	N 52 59' 37.2 W 006 02' 23.3	82	365
Turning Point 3	N 52 59' 28.8 W 006 02' 24.8	186	262
Turning Point 4	N 52 59' 26.2 W 006 02' 08.4	105	316
Turning Point 5	N 52 59' 05.9 W 006 02' 08.6	180	628
Turning Point 6	N 52 59' 23.4 W 006 02' 27.7	327	648
Finish line	N 52 59' 02 W 006 02' 19	166	682
		Total Distance	<u>4031</u>

CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

- Club secretaries to submit entries via the Rowing Ireland Tracker system.
- Entries to the event will close on Wednesday the 31st of August at 7 pm.
- Please note when entering composite crews the secretary of the other club(s) involved must verify the entry on tracker also .

Environment

This is a Non single use plastics event .Please only use reusable water containers. Wicklow rowing club is an active member of Clean coasts .Please keep the area tidy and use the bins provided by Wicklow County Council. Please refer to the Wicklow county council notice board opposite the clubhouse adjacent to the pier for details of water quality which is tested on a regular basis and consistently meets very high standards.



Prize Giving Ceremony

The prize giving will take place on Sunday after the finals have been completed the podium will be located in the Boat Park at the Seafarers Monument



We wish you a safe and successful championships