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## Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club Newsletter April 2017 Edition No 6.

**Welcome to our Newsletter to all current and former Rowers and friends of Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club. All previous editions of the Newsletter can be seen on our website [circ.ie](http://circ.ie). and this site includes much current and archive material going back to the formation of the club.**

The Newsletter is being sent to all former rowers for whom we have a current address and we appeal for any updates in this regard. Any information can be sent to our e-mail address [rowingiognaid@gmail.com](mailto:rowingiognaid@gmail.com) including any suggestions as to items to be included in the Newsletter itself.

Sadly, a former rower in the 60's with the club, Paul O'Byrne passed away recently in Limerick, our sympathy is extended to his family. Paul's brothers, George and Harry both rowed with the club.

### Club News

Work on the club grounds is now finishing with levelling and seeding of the green space just completed. The intention is to have all of the clubhouse and site looking well for our **Jes Rowing Renewal Day on Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July.**



*The photo shows the official launch of the Jes Rowing Renewal Day at the club by our rowers in their best rowing attire.*

*On slip from left, Cian Mc Hale, Thomas Hume, Katie Ryan, Aoibhinn Mc Phillips, Isabella Gannon and Ellen Forde.*

*Girls Four Stk: Caoileann Nic Donncha, Roisin Gavin (Girls Captain), Ciara Walsh, Roisin McGrath.*

*Boys Four Stk: Phillip Buckley, Darragh Coen (Club Captain), Tom Kavanagh, Brian Maye.*

Our second new four, the coxed Filippi, is due for delivery in a fortnight and the club has made the advance payment to Irish Rowing to purchase a "tourboat" which is the same as a wherry for members who can remember such a boat. This will be delivered in August and

will be very useful for training beginners and will be available for parents who wish to take up social rowing.

Friends of the late Liam Gavin took part in a cycle event recently and raised €250 towards the Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club Boat Fund. Fundraising is obviously critical towards purchase of equipment and the ongoing running of the club and the Ergathon on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May raised just over €2500 towards the annual running cost of the club. This was a great return on the efforts of all involved as funding to the end of the season is very restricted. On the good news side the club has 79 registered rowers, the highest number ever and has to date participated in three Heads and five regattas to mid May this year.

The club will be formally registering a new Rowing Club for Alumni members for the year 2018 but membership will not be restricted only to former rowers. It will be based largely on former rowers, parents and families and will be mainly for social rowing based in our existing club. The new tour boat and other boats within our fleet and equipment will be available for usage by members of the Alumni Club. It is intended to combine membership of the Friends of Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club with this Alumni Club and we would welcome suggestions as to the new club's title. The intention of this club will be to support the existing club and ensure continuity in the clubs organisation and support.

The senior squads including the under 16s of the club travelled to Lough Rynne near Mohill, County Leitrim for a training weekend on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and had a very rewarding training weekend on the course on the lake. They stayed overnight in Carrick On Shannon and coach Luke Smythe did trojan work in organising the event. The club welcomed back coaches Amy Phelan, Sara Sheridan, Michael Sampier and Shane Cawley to assist in the final push to the end of the season. We are well served at present by our dedicated coaches but the club is always conscious that our coaches are volunteers and in many cases young people who may move from Galway to take up educational or employment opportunities elsewhere and thus we are constantly seeking additional coaching and volunteers to assist in the club.

Our crews have performed very well in the early regattas of the season with a number of outstanding performances particularly in eights with the under fifteen boys putting in some exceptional rows given that they have rarely trained in eights.

**We ask that all would pass on the message in regards to our big day on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July and encourage as many of your contemporaries in rowing as possible to attend. Further details are on circ.ie**

## **Rowing News**

The first competitive event of the year was the **St Michaels Head** which was rescheduled due to poor weather to the 18<sup>th</sup> March, Galway Head scheduled for that date having been

withdrawn due to lack of resources. The Boys U-16 eight won their event, Caoileann Nic Donncha won the U-18 Single Scull and Aaron de Burca won the boys U-15 sculls.

**Skibbereen Regatta** This was the first regatta proper on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April and the entry consisted of the U-16 and 18 squads. The club won four events incl the Girls U-18 and U-16 eights and the boys U-16 eight and Caoileann Nic Donncha also won the girls U-18 single sculls. The boys U-18 put in a good performance finishing second. The presence of the O' Donovan brothers made for many photo opportunities as availed of by our girls' crews.



*The O'Donovan Brothers in the illustrious company of the Jes U18 and U 16 girls at the NRC during Skibbereen Regatta .*

**St Michaels Regatta.** This was held at O'Brien's Bridge on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April and the club had a large entry, the Boys U-16 eight and the girls U-18 four were the only wins on a disappointing day.

**Schools Regatta** This regatta was held at O'Brien's Bridge on the day after the St Michael's Regatta and the club had a good day with five Jes Eights competing between boys and girls events including the first competition for our U-15 boys eight. All performed well on the day with good wins for our U-18 and U-16 girls eights and our U-16 Boys eights.

**Castleconnell Sprint Regatta** The regatta was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May at Castleconnell. The club entered only U-14 and U-15 events at this short course event and came away with seven wins including a great performance by our U-15 boys eight in dead heating with St Michaels in the final of this event. It was a most enjoyable if cold day and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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JES ROWING RENEWAL DAY

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OF THE JES ROWING CLUB

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ROWING AGAIN

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IN THE JES ROWING CLUB?

SUNDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2017

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**All are welcome to the above please spread the word**

**Reminder:** The club has set up a former members' club known as "Friends of Colaiste Iognáid Rowing Club" which all former Jes rowers and friends of the club are eligible to join for an annual fee of €100, which will be used to fund future boat purchases. See [circ.ie](http://circ.ie).

