

COLÁISTE IOGNÁID ROWING CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our Newsletter to all current, former Rowers and friends of Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club. Since our first edition we have recruited 23 no paid up members for Friends of Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club of all eras and from all over the globe. This a good start and hopefully we will reach 50 no by year end.

The January and April editions can be viewed on our Website circ.ie which also includes much information on the club activities including archive photographs going back to the beginning of rowing in Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club. Also on the website in the archive material is an article by Vincent Rogan intended for the Newsletter on the 1974 crew and the first Jes crew rowing for Ireland in the Home Internationals at Monmouth in Wales in 1974. As the article was quite long it has being loaded on the website rather than reduce its content and there losing the impact of the narrative.

Unbeaten in 2016



The girls J16 8+ on the podium at NRC (l to r): Caoileann NicDhonncha, Ruby Murphy, Elise Carney Frazier, Rachel O'Malley-Raecke, Aoibhinn McPhillips (cox), Roisin Gavin, Carley Mannion, Holly McHugh, Ciara Walsh

A number of former rowers have been in contact and are preparing articles for the future editions which is very encouraging. This edition does not include any articles from the past as the club and rowing news will take all of this edition.

Special congratulations to Dominic Burke and Aifric Keogh, former rowers who won senior eights championships with Dublin Commercial and a UCC/Skibereen composite respectively at the National Championships. Aifric was also on the winning W4- and W8+ at the Homes International Regatta in Cardiff.

CLUB NEWS

A renewed effort was made in April to recruit first year rowers to augment the intake from the beginning of the year in late August September and this met with some success. This increased the numbers and with great work from the coaches additional first year under 14 crews were formed with the intention of competing at regattas such as Galway and Fermoy ie short courses.

Fundraising for the annual running cost of the club ie the day to day costs has been very successful this year thanks to a very active and energetic fundraising committee. The average annual cost of running the club is €30,000 per annum and this is raised from two principal sources Annual Subscription from Rowers €320 for non first year rowers and €150 for first years brings in approx. €18,000 and Annual Fund Raising in the form of bagpacks, quiz, ergathon and a comedy night which brings rings in approx. €12,000.

The Fundraising events ie the bagpacks, the quiz, the comedy night and the ergathon were very well organised with full participation and support by the rowers and parents and all exceeded previous years takings. Any unused surplus is retained and put towards the boat fund.

The new “Fillippi” eight arrived on the 14th June and was welcomed by all. The boat was not used until after Cork regatta and was then used by the Under 18 boys and the under 16 girls and was found to be a very good boat and lived up to expectations. The club boat racking was rearranged to allow the three Fillippi eights to be stored one above other to protect all. The condition of the older Janousek fours/quads is a cause for concern in that these boats are all now just approaching or above twenty years old and our main Fillippi fleet is now over 10 years old. The overall Boat Fund target of €60,000 in five years will need to be reviewed and the boat replacement program needs to be accelerated. The recent drop in Sterling values may assist.

The annual BBQ and Boat Blessing was held at the clubhouse on July 18th and many members of Friends of Colaiste Rowing Club attended as guests. Fr Kennedy O Brien SJ, former rower and President of the club and brother of Redmond O Brien performed the blessing ceremony. The new eight was named John Humphreys SJ after the late Fr John Humphreys SJ and the as yet unnamed light weight Fillippi eight was named Macdara after the late Macdara Glynn, our former chairperson. Both names met with universal approval. Macdara’s wife Assumpta and Julie Meagher, niece of the late John were most welcome guests at the occasion. The event was most enjoyable with over 250 present on a beautiful evening by the river. Great credit and thanks is due to the organisers and all the generous sponsors.



The late Macdara Glynn and John at Annual BBQ in 2011 Julie Meagher, Assumpta Glynn, Fr Kennedy O Brien SJ

John and Macdara were both wonderful people and we in the club were fortunate to have had their support and involvement. Both had great charm and were very encouraging and positive in their attitudes to people and in particular to the young people in our club.

Boats Accident The boat trailer had an unfortunate accident enroute to the National Championships Rowing when it overturned in Kilcolgan. Nobody was hurt. The boats were very well tied thanks to extensive work by Liam Molloy and whilst two fours were badly damaged only minor damage occurred to other boats and these were usable in the NRC. The usable boats were transferred to the Colaiste na Coiribe trailer driven and all arrived in time for racing. Our special thanks goes to Mike Goonan of Colaiste na Coiribe for his help in transporting our boats.

The damaged boats have all been sent for repair to D Wall in Clonmel and all can be restored to their original condition and the cost of the repair will be covered by the boat insurance.

ROWING NEWS

Lough Rynne Regatta

The inaugural Regatta was held on May 14th at the newly developed full standard 2000 metre eight lane course at Lough Rynne near Mohil in County Leitrim and was an outstanding success. The regatta was largely the brainchild of Eamon Colclough, our former coach and mentor and it's success was a tribute to many volunteers led by Eamon and the Connacht branch of Irish Rowing. It was greatly helped by perfect conditions on a beautiful day. The club had a number of successes with Mark Ryder winning the Boys Under 16 sculls and Caoilleann Nic Donnacha winning the girls Under 16 scull. The girls under 16 eight won an all comers eights race with Portora finishing second. The boys also won the under 16 double scull. The boys under 18 and girls under 18 crews performed well but both squads are at the lower age of this grade. The under 15 girls eight had no race as only one entry was received. There is no doubt that this event and the course has a great future and is an enormous asset to rowing.



Boys J18 2x Luke Mulliez and Adam Burke



Girls Under 15 Eight

The club had intended to travel to Metro in Blessington but this regatta was cancelled early due to water levels being far too low to allow racing. This cancellation highlighted the future value of the Lough Rynne course.

Athlone and Galway Regattas

The next Regattas were the Athlone and Galway regattas held back to back on the weekend of the 18th, 19th June. A full entry other than first years was brought to Athlone. This resulted in a very long day for crews with racing going on for 12 hours. The girls under sixteen eight was again successful. Caoileann finished a very creditable second in the Girls Junior 18 scull. Mark Ryder won the Junior 16 single scull.

Galway Regatta was held on one of the wettest days of the year with everybody soaked by mid morning. The entry was modest. The Boys under 18 performed well in the Anderson but were beaten by the Bish First Eight in their heat. The boys won the J18 quad, J18 single scull and the J16 single scull. The girls won the J18 quad and the j16 eight, quad and double and single scull and the J14 quad. The results were reasonable but there was a poor entry.

Cork Regatta

Cork regatta was held over two days on the 25th and 26th June at the National rowing Centre in Inniscarra. All rowers in the club competed with the exception of the newly recruited first years. The Girls Under 16 Eight were convincing winners again and all crews performed well with wins in the J14 girls sculls. The J18 boys eight performed well coming third beating Neptune and Methodist but losing to Cork and Portora



T Hume in JM15 scull at Cork



Laoise Ni Griofa, Rachel Trench in JW18 2x at Cork

Fermoy Regatta

The first year under fourteen squad including the new recruits and the boys under fifteens travelled to Fermoy on Sunday 3rd July and all had a great day if an early start. The club won five separate events on a beautiful day for rowing over the sprint course.

Championship Regatta at NRC July 15th to 17th.

The club brought a large entry of over fifty rowers with thirty separate entries. Accommodation was at student apartments at Abbeyville at the Ballincollig end of Cork City. After the boat accident on the trip down it was impossible to fit in rows on Thursday but some crews were able to row on Friday morning and the new eight which had suffered minor damage was fully restored on Thursday night. NUIG Ladies Club had lent the J16 girls eight a new Fillippi Eight identical to our new boat as the JM18 Eight and JW16 Eights events clashed. Both crews performed well with the JM18 Eight finishing fourth in their final won by Portora and the JW16 Eight (front picture) finishing the season unbeaten with a one length victory over Portora. The JW15 eight also won their final by a convincing margin. Mark Ryder and Coaileann Nic Donncha both came second in their J16 sculls finals. One unfortunate consequence of the trailer accident was that a number of crews had to row in borrowed boats but other clubs were generous in supporting us in our hour of need

Home internationals Cardiff

Caoileann Nic Donncha rowed in the Ireland JW18 4x at bow in the Homes finishing second and Amy Phelan was appointed as coach to the junior women's sculling.



Ireland JW18 4x at Homes with Caoileann at bow

Reminder: The club has set up a former members' club known as "Friends of Colaiste Iognaid 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.

Further details of benefits and Rowing Information is available on the club website circ.ie