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## Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club Newsletter July 2017 Edition No 7.

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 will be sent to all rowers for whom we have an email address. We appeal to all to pass the newsletter on to other former rowers and to forward any contact details or suggestions to us at our e-mail address [rowingiognaid@gmail.com](mailto:rowingiognaid@gmail.com) .

Sad news for all involved in Rowing was the passing of Paul Giblin, former Bish and NUIG rower after a long battle with illness, our sympathies are with his wife and his family.

Former Jes cox and coach, Ciaran Glynn now coaching in Australia has been named Schoolgirl coach of the year in Australia and former Jes Rower, Claire Molloy has been appointed captain of the Irish Women's Rugby Team for the upcoming Women's Rugby World Cup.

### Club News

The Renewal day was a great success with many former rowers travelling to the event. All who wished to row were facilitated and inevitably the competitive edge resurfaced and racing developed between crews. Competition was informal but taken very seriously and bragging rights were won by Mike Ryders Eight. A number of former coxes also participated and retained sufficient skills to ensure all returned safely. Rowers from all eras, from the fifties



onwards attended with three generations of rowing families Connollys and Griffins present .

One of the more senior Mens Crews which featured on the day:

Cox Frankie Fitzgerald (70)  
Mike Ryder Stk (02) John  
Murphy(74) Phillip Roxby(02)  
Luke Smyth (06) Roy Coogan  
(70) Colm Glynn (05) Cormac  
Rabitte(70) Rory Griffin (81).  
The brackets indicate the year  
they finished rowing with club  
*not their ages.*

Following the success of the Rowing Renewal Day there is definitely great support among former rowers to make this an annual event and this matter will be revisited later this year. Current rowers and their parents were enthusiastic supporters and participants in the event. Feedback and suggestions would be welcome and can be sent to [rowingiognaid@gmail.com](mailto:rowingiognaid@gmail.com)



Fr Murt Corry blessed the new coxless four, named after our great friend and supporter the late Liam Gavin. Murt is with Eileen O Donoghue, Liam's wife.

A number of Liam's family including Aine, his daughter who rowed and now coaches in the club, Liam's sister Grace and her son Daragh and Liam's close friends Shay O Connor and Peadar Lafferty attended.

One of the Ladies crews on the day incl parents and former rowers,

Bow Barbara Coen, Fiona Lawless, Anne Grete Gormley, Moira Hall, Deirdre D'arcy, Emer Curtiss, Fiona Power, Maire Connolly cox Ailbhe Thunder.

Our second four (coxed) arrived late for the Renewal Day. It arrived on the 4<sup>th</sup> July and will be named and blessed by Fr Murt on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the beginning of next season.



The surfacing of the club grounds is finally completed and great credit to our Saturday Crew of Tommy Rushe, Frank Phelan, Noel Sheridan, JJ Cahalan, Tadhg Kenny, Eamon O Donnell

and Evan Molloy for an excellent job which included some wonderful, imaginative landscaping by Tadhg Kenny.



The **annual BBQ**, with wonderful weather and great support from the parents and rowers with many rowers from other clubs attending was one of the best ever. Great credit to Barbara Coen, Ita Murphy and their crew and sincere thanks to all of our generous sponsors and parents. The BBQ earned over €2000 for our Boat Fund and was most enjoyable. On left Laoise Ni Griofa, Daragh Coen Capt, Rachel Trench, Phillip Bradley, Molly Curtis, Seamas O Donoghue and Sarah Curtis enjoying the BBQ

As stated in previous editions it is the intention to register an Alumni Club for the 2018 rowing year and we would welcome any suggestions on this matter. The financial situation in the club is constantly precarious in terms of funding for new equipment and capital investment. The use of an Alumni Club as a vehicle to access Sports Capital Funding is essential as the existing club is ineligible to access same. The use of this Newsletter to garner membership for the alumni club and other measures such as rental of carparking space and boat storage space generate funding which is totally dedicated to the funding of equipment which is critical to the development of the club. We need you to pass the Newsletter on to as many former rowers as possible to garner support and to spread the word on the club's behalf.

The Rowing News section will include information on the Regattas but the entries of Jes Club crews at regattas and the numbers rowing are at an all time high. Seven Jes eights competed at Cork Regatta and with six eights competing at both Lough Rynne regatta and the Championship Regattas and these were augmented by many crews in both fours/quads, pairs/doubles and sculls. The numbers rowing, the coaching and the overall organisation of the whole season including attendance, overnights and competing at so many events required major logistical organisation and this was a credit to all involved including rowers, coaches and parents.

***It is not intended to have hard copies of the Newsletter from this edition onwards as the cost of printing and postage are excessive. We hope that this does not create any significant difficulty for our members.***

## **Rowing News**

**Lough Rynne Regatta** was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May at Lough Rynne near Mohill Co Leitrim. This was the first Regatta where all the major Junior Clubs were in attendance including Enniskillen Rowing Club the amalgamation of the schools incl Portora in Enniskillen. Bann were also in attendance. Conditions were reasonable but deteriorated later in the day. Our crews performed well with the under 15 boys eight winning and the under 18 and under 16 girls

eights performing well but losing to the northern clubs. Our under 18 boys eight performed poorly but had many personnel changes due to illness.

Next up was **Athlone Regatta** on the 17<sup>th</sup> June and we travelled with only under 15 and under 14 crews. Our under 15 boys eight performed very well and a number of our quads did well, overall we have four sculling wins at u15 and U14 both boys and girls.

**Galway Regatta** followed on the 18<sup>th</sup> June and whilst the entry was largely local clubs our girls performed very well making a clean sweep of the u16, u18 and Senior Eights with the boys winning the u16 eights but losing the Anderson to Bish. The club also won the Intermediate men's double scull, the men's and women's junior 14 quads, the women's junior 15 double and single scull and the women's junior 16 single scull.

**Cork Regatta** was next on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June and a large entry incl seven eights and numerous smaller boats travelled. The event required an overnight on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June and the arrangements in regards to accommodation and catering were a dry run for the Champs later in July. The club recorded a number of wins incl the Mens J15 Eight, Womens Junior 18 coxless four, and many good performances across the board.

**Champs Regatta** was held over the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July at the National Rowing Centre at Iniscarra Co Cork. Whilst the club had a number of excellent performances we did not win any major events other than under 14 boys sculling Tom Maye and under 15 girls sculling Ellen Forde, Our under fifteen men's eight were beaten by Fermoy in a very tight finish after making up considerable ground.



Our under 18 Womens coxless four put in a great performance to come third overall.

The crew is pictured with coaches from left

Noel Hume, Caoileann Nic Donncha, Laoise Ni Griofa, Roisin Gavin, Ciara Walsh and Luke Smyth.

Whilst many of our crews put in good performances the dominance of Enniskillen aka "Portora and the other schools" in Enniskillen is raising the standard of Junior Rowing in Ireland. The club recognises this clearly and the coaches have already met after the Champs Regatta to plan for the year ahead to ensure our crews become and remain competitive.

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