

CANOE MARATHON IRELAND

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A NEW MARATHON COMMITTEE

At this year's EGM on the 25th of March, a new committee was elected.

CHARIRMAN: Deaglan O'Drisceoil

Race results Officer: Aisa Cooper

Committee Member: Colin Caffrey

Committee Member: Brendon Goodrich

Committee Member: Kevin Murphv

A few words from our Chairman Deaglan O'Drisceoil.

I volunteered to help this year, as I feel Canoe Marathon has huge potential in this country. The sport offers huge benefits in the development of Clubs and paddlers alike at a national and international level.

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There are challenges ahead. The new committee aims to meet them head on. The priority is to ensure that a Ranking Series takes place. Secondly that we have international participation this year. Another priority for this committee is to increase participation in our sport. Two areas which can be immediately addressed are making the organizing of events simpler for Clubs to run, and races more attractive for newcomers to participate in.

The committee are working to this end with the help of clubs and individuals around the country. We will also look at other initiatives; for example World Cup format racing (laps with portages), there is also a growing trend for longer races which we will be encouraging. In order for Canoe Marathon to grow in Ireland there is a lot to be done. This new committee is up to the challenge ahead.



Next event: Celbridge Paddlers Ranking Race on the 7th of May.

Deaglan O'Drisceoil is a long-time Canoe Marathon paddler and presently races in Division 1. Highlights in his racing career include winning the Liffey Descent in both K1 and K2. While marathon is his no. 1 discipline, Deaglan also has competed in Canoe Polo, Wild Water Racing and Ocean Racing. He has previously served on both the marathon and canoe polo committees and has also coached and refereed polo up to World Championship level. A member of Salmon Leap Canoe Club, Co. Kildare, you may also find Deaglan pucking a sliothar for Celbridge GAA, where he also coaches Camogie.

Calendar 2017

- May 7: Celbridge Paddler's Ranking Race
- May 20: Junior Liffey Descent
- May 26-28: World Cup 1, Belgium
- May 28: Malahide Estuary Ranking Race
- June 4: Suir Descent
- June 18: Enniskillen Ranking Race
- June 24: Carrick on Shannon Ranking Race
- June 29 – July 2: European Championship, Portugal
- July 9: Belturbet Ranking Race
- July 22-23: National Championship, SLCC
- July 29-30: British National Championship
- August 5: Sella Descent, Spain
- August 13: Thomastown Ranking Race
- August 20: SLCC Ranking Race
- August 27: City of the Tribes, Galway Ranking Race
- August 7-10th: Worlds Championship, South Africa
- September 16-17: Erne Challenge – 2 Day Time Trial
- September 23: Liffey Descent
- Oct 1 Roberstown Ranking Race
- Oct 21-26 World Cup 2 China



Kevin Murphy brings a lot of experience to this year's committee having previously held positions on both the Sprint and Marathon Committees. A talent in distance running in his youth, was given up after canoeing took hold. A member of Salmon Leap Canoe Club since 1972, he now very much enjoys the social and fitness side of paddling with his wife Cora. Two years ago Kevin got to mark another race of his 'To Do List' when he competed in the Sella Descent in Spain.



Brendon Goodrich another committee member with a lot of experience and international flavour. Brendon took up paddling in 1975, after joining his school's canoe club in Hong Kong. A stalwart of marathon racing in Lakelands Canoe Club since 1997, organising the Belturbet Ranking Race. Brendon has twice successfully completed the Devizes to Westminster canoe race and has also competed in Wild Water Racing, Canoe Polo and Canoe Sprint.



A member of Salmon Leap Canoe club **Colin Caffrey** currently races in Div 2. He started paddling in 1989 and over his junior years competed in Marathon and Slalom along with playing Polo to International level. He has previously held positions for 2 years each on the Polo & Slalom committees. After 15 years he's back racing and looking forward to taking part in the Sella Descent this year. His goals are now to complete in a number of International Marathon races over the coming years. He lives in Celbridge with his wife and 3 children.



Aisa Cooper is a member of Celbridge Paddlers Canoe Club and competed in his first marathon race in 1983. He particularly enjoyed racing K2 with his brothers, Fergus and Morgan, in several competitive seasons. He has missed the most recent seasons as he had started cycling and competing in Open Water Swims to stay fit. He works for Patagonia in the Dublin store.

Results from Kilcullen Ranking Race (full results on Facebook)

Division 1

Name	Club	Position
Tom Brennan	SLCC	1
Ronan Foley	KCC	2
Dermot Hudson	SLCC	3

Division 2

Name	Club	Position
David McDonnell	KCC	1
Declan Halton	SLCC	2
Kieran Varley	TPCC	3

K2 (Long start)

Name	Club	Position
Morgan Cooper	BALTO	1
Paul Scott	BALTO	
Brendan O'Brian	WWKC	2
Philip McKee	WWKC	
Paul Moroney	WWKC	3
Bruno Halter	WWKC	

Division 3

Name	Club	Position
Scott Dignam	KCC	1
Gerry Murphy	ERNE	2

K2/T2 (Short start)

Name	Club	Position
Joanne Fitzpatrick	TPCC	1
C Tracey	TPCC	
Troy Walsh	TPCC	2
Martin Walsh	TPCC	
John Healy	WWKC	3
Jim Healy	WWKC	

K1 Division 4

Name	Club	Position
Aaron Thorpe	KCC	1
Senan Forristal	TPCC	2
Anthony Whitely	KCC	3

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Ladies Division 4

Name	Club	Position
Mary Fitzgerald	KCC	1
Kate McCarthy	SLCC	2

K1 Div 5 o12 / u15

Name	Club	Position
Klaidas Butkevicius	SLCC	1
Nathon Devine	SLCC	2
Odhran Henson	SLCC	3

Men's GP

Name	Club	Position
Mark Redmond	WWKC	1
Terry Smith	ARC	2
Dermot Forristal	TPCC	3

Women's GP

Name	Club	Position
Tracey Whitely	KCC	1

Boy's Under 15 GP

Name	Club	Position
Lukas Butkevicius	SLCC	1

Canadian

Name	Club	Position
Sim Tracey	ICU	1
Tony Stapleton	ICU	
Matt McGrath	BALTO	2
Steve Whittle	BALTO	