

Calling all Sailing Boats, Motor Cruisers, Family Fishers and Floating Gin Palaces!
Come and join us for the Carlingford Cruising Week and Moneley Oyster Pearl Regatta
Saturday 29th of July - Monday 7th of August 2023



Saturday 29th of July – HW 09:06 // LW 15:01 // HW 21:41

Feeder Races and Welcoming Flotilla

Participating boats will arrive to Carlingford Lough on this day and make their way to Carlingford Marina to be issued with their event lanyards for each crew member and event flags for their boats.

Event organisers will be adjudicating a finishing line at the Hellyhunter Cardinal Mark between 5pm and 7pm that evening. If any clubs would like to organise a Feeder Races to Carlingford Lough on Saturday the 29th of July, please let us know. (Clubs should stagger the starting line of the feeder races so that all boats arrive at the entrance of the Lough at that stage of the tide.)

Carlingford Lough Boats will be invited to gather at entrance of the Lough and welcome the visiting yachts as they arrive. All will return to Carlingford Marina for drinks.

Sunday 30th of July – HW 10:14 // LW 15:58 // HW 22:39

The Great Mackerel Cook Up – 18:00, RockSalt, Carlingford Marina

Take your crew to the mouth of the Lough to catch your dinner. When you get back to the Marina, a team of Chefs will be stationed, ready to cook your fish on the barbeque. RockSalt Café will be serving food for those among you that lacking these basic survival skills, or “bring the wrong bait”.

Boats Leave Carlingford Marina at 2pm. Return to Carlingford Marina for 6pm. BBQ from 6pm.

Monday 31st of July

A Taste of Carlingford Lough

Try out those lanyards! Special menus are available in local pubs and restaurants for participants of the Carlingford Cruising Week. Present your lanyards for discounts. A full list of participating bars and restaurants will be given to you in your event pack when you first arrive at the Marina. There will be live music in PJ O’Hares that evening for anyone who wants to stay in town afterwards for a few drinks.

Tuesday 1st of August – LW 05:23 // HW 12:12 // LW 17:40 (springs)

A Night in the Albert Basin

Boats will set a course for the inner reaches of Carlingford Lough, navigate along the Clanrye River and up the Newry Canal. This is one of the most beautiful passages a sea going boat can make.

The journey begins as you head North West from Carlingford Marina, in the shadow of Slieve Foy, past the villages of Omeath on the Southern shore of the Lough and Warrenpoint on the north. As you sail past the vastly impressive ships berthed at the industrial hub of Warrenpoint Port, you suddenly find yourself in a panoramic scene of forests, rivers and even castles from from the 16th century that line the banks at Narrow Water.

This leg of the journey is very peaceful and tranquil, but surreal for us mariners – to be sailing so close to the mountains that you can smell the trees in the forests and listen to the birds singing. Victoria Lock will be wide open for us to pass through on the Spring Tide, continuing in even more phantasmagorical environments with cars and road traffic on our beam to one side of the canal, and pedestrians and cyclists to the other. Dreamlike! Make sure you wave to those who come to greet us on The Newry Canal Greenway, which runs along the outer bank of the canal and along the Clanrye.

Eventually we will arrive in the Albert Basin, right in the heart of Newry City, and take a berth along the wall for the night. This will allow us to stretch our legs and take in all that Newry has to offer. Special menus will again be available for Carlingford Cruising Week participants in local restaurants and bars.

Victoria Lough Gates will be open from 11:40 – 12:40. Strict cruising speed limit of 3kts.

Wednesday 2nd of August – LW 06:12 // HW 13:04 // LW 18:28

On The Hook in Rostrevor Bay

After a quick breakfast in Newry, boats will head back down the Newry Canal, out into the Lough, and drop anchor in Rostrevor Bay. This will be a nice relaxing evening for all, with nothing to do except bathe in the light of the full moon, in the sheltered embrace of the Mountains of Mourne.

In the afternoon, some boats may choose to launch their tenders and go ashore at the Town Dock in Warrenpoint for food and drinks. A special menu will be available for Carlingford Cruising Week participants in the Whistledown Hotel.

Back on the water that evening, there will be a floating stage where local band Ceilura will play some old favourite Irish ballads and encourage us all to sing along from the comfort of our own boats.

Thursday 3rd of August – LW 07:01 // HW 13:53 // LW 19:15

An Anam Tour to the top of Slieve Foy

Boats will pick up anchor and head back to Carlingford Marina. Grab some lunch and freshen up, because at 2pm, Clodagh McKeivitt of Anam Tours will lead us all up the mountain to view Carlingford Lough from above. The hike will take about 3 hours total and is a spectacularly enjoyable experience for all. Refreshments will be served in the Marina that evening.

Friday 4th of August – LW 07:48 // HW 14:40 // LW 20:21

Size up the Competition – 19:00, RockSalt, Carlingford Marina

Skippers and crews competing in the Moneley Oyster Pearl races will get a chance to meet each other in RockSalt Café and Bar at Carlingford Marina. This will be a chance for competitors to come together, look over the weather for the races, and share tips and local knowledge with each other. Or, it could be an evening of trash talk and mind games. Either way, there will be finger food.

Saturday 5th of August – LW 08:35 // HW 15:24 // LW 20:48

First Day of Racing

The first day of racing for the Moneley Oyster Pearl Cruiser Race and the Dingy Moneley Oyster Pearl will be raced for on this day. Carlingford Lough Yacht Club will organise the racing for cruisers and Carlingford Sailing Club will organise the racing for dinghies.

There will likely be three races for each fleet – depending on weather. The race briefing will happen at Carlingford Marina that morning, information to be provided closer to the day.

Sunday 6th of August – LW 09:24 // HW 16:10 // LW 21:38

Second Day of Racing

This will be the second day of racing for the Moneley Oyster Pearl Cruiser Race and the Dingy Moneley Oyster Pearl. There will likely be three races for each fleet – depending on weather. Don't forget your costumes! The Best Dressed Boat Competition happens straight after the last race!

The Best Dressed Boat Competition – 15:00 to 17:00, Carlingford Harbour

This is a fancy dress competition for Boats and Crew, and will be a great spectacle for the people of Carlingford as we do a lap of Carlingford Harbour in our Sunday best, or worst. Members of the public will line the Pier Walls and vote for their favourite boat using a very technical piece of equipment called a "clapometer".

There will be a band and an MC stationed on the pier wall that will announce each boat as it is directed into the harbour. Once there - you will make your way to the performance marker where you will have 30 seconds to make a real impression on the crowd and rake in those votes.

The better the effort, the better you will do. Fly every stich of bunting you have, and raise fairly lights up the halliards if you have them. The serious competitors among you will decide a theme for your boat and dress to impress!

Keep in mind - **there is a participation bonus for this event!!** Any boat that competes in the Best Dressed Boat competition will be given a €50 Bar Tab* at the Prize Giving Ceremony later that night.

*Participation Bonus is a bar tab to the value of €10 per crew member, maximum of €50 per boat.

The Prize Giving Ceremony – 19:00, RockSalt, Carlingford Marina

The Prize Giving Ceremony will take place at RockSalt, Carlingford Marina on Sunday Evening. Speeches will be given by sponsors of The Moneley Oyster Pearl, the Commodore of Carlingford Sailing Club and the Commodore of Carlingford Lough Yacht Club. Prizes will be presented by Pamela Moneley.

Monday 7th of August – LW 10:16 // HW 16:58 // LW 22:31

Farewell to Foreign Sailors

RockSalt will be open for breakfast where Visiting Boats can grab a quick bite, then prepare to leave Carlingford and return home.

To register for this event;

visit www.carlingfordmarina.ie/MOP to register online

or contact Jonny on +353 42 93 73072 or info@carlingfordmarin.ie

