



Emily and Gemma.



Kieran and Paul.



Daniel getting ready to sprint.



Tug O War: Beth and Carol getting ready



ABOVE: Matilda and Fergal.



LEFT: Naoise, Callum and Megan.

Celbridge Paddlers hold summer barbecue despite the weather

by Ken Phelan

IT WAS a typical Irish summer of mixed rain and wind with the occasional twist of a tropical storm for Celbridge Paddlers' Summer BBQ on Sunday 25th August last. Despite this there was a great turn out by the group's members, families and friends who took part in some fun activities on the Grand Canal Celbridge.

Many new faces attended their first club barbecue, some enjoying the food but others bravely taking part in the challenges, especially Brendan, Lawrence, Francis, Georgina, David, Barry, Samantha, Sofia and Scott.

Dylan Clabion took top honours in the Duck Collection Game in his Kayak.

The Kayak Canoe-O-War was especially competitive, but the younger pairing of Callum Brown and Cillian

Butler beat Aisa Cooper and his daughter Willow, with the pairing of Robert and Lucas Dziwirek coming home in 3rd place.

The K2 Kayak 250 metre race was a close-run battle for family honours, and pitched a pairing of two family members together against other families in the club.

It was won by Fergal & Matilda Walsh followed home in 2nd place by Paul & Kieran Trofimov, with Robert & Lucas Dziwirek coming home in 3rd place.

The single 250 metre sprints were won by Gemma Corr, Robert Dziwirek (U12), Beth Corr, Cillian Butler (U15), Callum Brown, (U19), Eavan Cawley (20+), Fergal Walsh, Tanya Trofimov (36+), Carol O'Donohoe, Martin Hearn (46+).

The best time of the day was 60 seconds flat by Fergal Walsh.

A new Kayak Cross game (Tube Cross) was introduced to proceedings, whereby competitors had to use a tyre tube rather than a kayak, and proved to be great fun.

Simon Hearn dominated the teen group, Gemma won the U12's event and there was no stopping Paul Trofimov in the sprints.

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