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# irishwildwaterracing

## Castletown Sprint

31 January 2020 - Liffey Champion



Winding their way through the rapids in Castletown on Sunday (25th January) were Danny Cooper, Megan O'Donohue, Aidan O'Donohue, Simon Heams, Carol O'Donohue and Cathie Brown.

### Brave Paddlers challenge the Castletown rapids

by Andrew Sandilands

THE Wild Water series returned to Celbridge last Sunday (25th January) and the challenge was the complex rapids in Castletown.

Each competitor has two runs down the rapids with their best time counting for final placement.

On the day of the event very high water levels and strong currents created some new challenges for each paddler. Our safety crew were on standby just in case of any capsize.

Despite the new challenges many of our brave and experienced paddlers from all over Ireland took Celbridge back to the challenge.

The overall K1 Seniors' medalists were won by Sean McCarty with a time of 2 minutes and 34 seconds. 2nd Aidan O'Donohue took 3rd, Simon Heams 4th and Aidan O'Donohue 5th.

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The safety crew of Morgan Cooper and Patrick Keane, Martin Heams gave the paddlers the chance to push very hard on the day.

Also thank you to our local volunteers, Fergal Walsh, Gerry Keane, Sean McInerney & Neil Fleming for running the event.

Next up for the Wild Water Series will be Roskilly, Cork in a few weeks time.



### Remaining Race

8 FEB	RIVER LEE, CORK	CLASSIC
1 MARCH	INNY DOUBLE HEADER	CLASSIC/ MASS START
22 MAR	BOYNE	MASS START



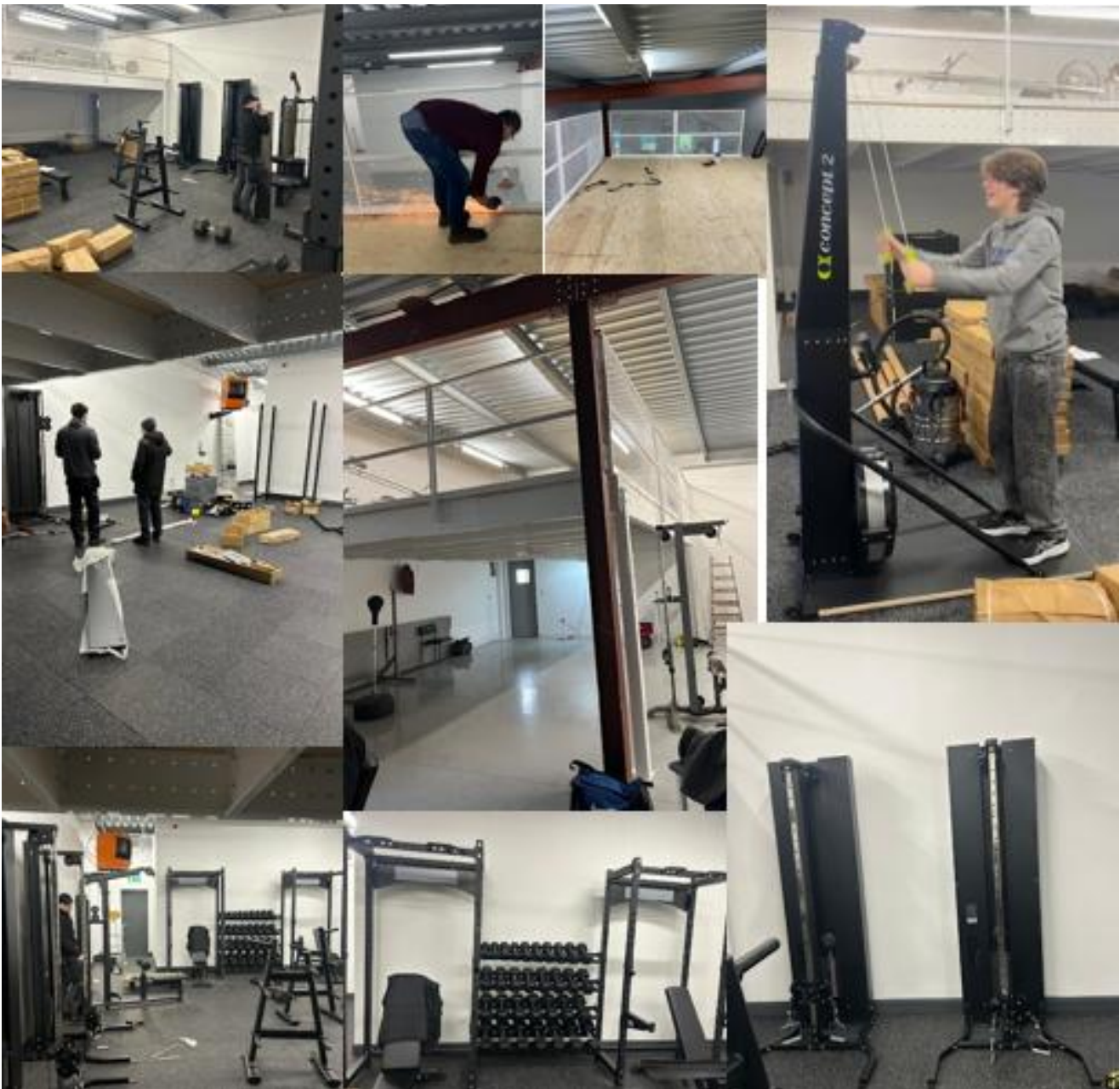
# Building News

Some amazing work completed by the club to bring the GYM alive. Special thank you to Neil for organizing and to Brendan for putting some more touches to the Mezzanine. Great work done by all club members to get this up & running.

Brendan is working away on the stairs for the mezzanine with barriers already installed. Thank you

Please remember Gym protocol, always bring a towel and cleaning wipes to leave the equipment in a good and sterile position.

**On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February Neil Fleming will host a session on how to use the equipment in the GYM. All members are invited to take part. The session starts at 18:00**





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### End of Year Club & Individual Awards 2025

Congratulations to Lukasz Dziwirek, who won the Div7 ranking series

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For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Running K2 Short Course division Morgan & Danny Cooper

Celbridge Paddlers took home the **“McClellan Trophy”** by collecting \*1220\* Ribadesella ranking points.  
Well done to all our members who attended races in 2025 and who made this possible.

A special mention of gratitude to \*Callum Brown,\* who represented our club on the C.M.I committee.





## Club Fundraising

## PUB QUIZ

"We hoped you all enjoyed the Pub Quiz Fundraising event. Special thank you to the Fund Raising Committee, Carol, Matty, Eamonn, Paraic, Tim, Gerry, Tom our quiz master, those who donated quiz prizes and all others who made this possible."



The Quiz Masters at Work

## 2025/2026 Training programme

Please take a look at our website and the updated training handbook, time table and guides.



Website: <https://celbridgepaddlers.ie/training/>

	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
A Group				19:00				19:00				11:00		11:00
B Group				19:00				19:00				11:00		11:00
C Group				19:00		19:00		19:00				10:00		10:00
D Group				19:00		19:00		19:00				10:00		10:00
E Group		19:00		19:00		19:00		19:00		19:00		10:00		10:00

Added to our calendar was the monthly Triathlon. Two types available.

- ✓ Short course: 4km Cycle, 2km Run & 5km Paddle
- ✓ Long course: 9km Cycle, 4km Run & 10km Paddle

### Canoeing JNR & U23 5K RACE SERIES

7.02 - 7.03.26

**7<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

SALMON LEAP CC

RACE

**14<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

MAYNOOTH HARBOUR

TIME TRIAL

**28<sup>TH</sup> FEB**

MAYNOOTH HARBOUR

TIME TRIAL

**7<sup>TH</sup> MAR**

SALMON LEAP CC

RACE

Canoe Marathon Ireland

Bill Milne · 1m

**2026 Slaney descent - Síos an tSlaine**  
- will be Sunday March 15th

K2 entry only again, more info to follow

### Canoeing

#### CANOE SPRINT

#### SPRINT FUTURES CALENDAR 2026

**7<sup>TH</sup> MAR**

**5K SELECTION RACE** (JUNIOR, U23 & SENIOR)

SALMON LEAP CC, KILDARE

**21<sup>ST</sup> MAR**

**JUNIOR & U23 TIME TRIALS**

SALMON LEAP CC, KILDARE

**11-12<sup>TH</sup> APR**

**NOTTINGHAM REGATTA**

HPP, UK

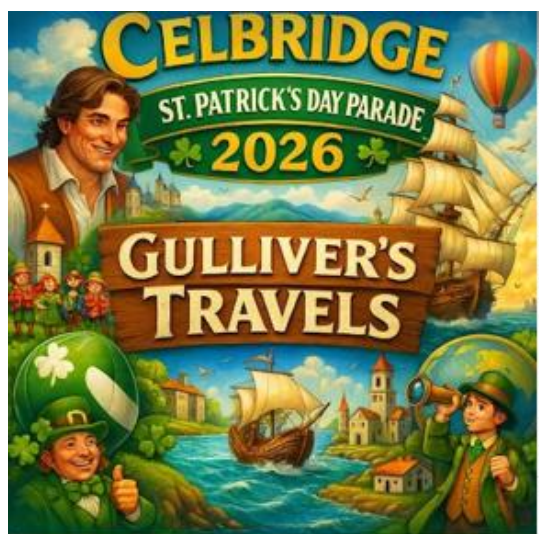
**25<sup>TH</sup> APR**

**NATIONAL SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

LOUGH RYNN, LEITRIM



# CPCC: have entry for 2026 Celbridge Parade has been accepted:



**Free Pre-Parade Concert**  
Join us on Main Street from 2.30pm–3.45pm for a free live music warm-up before the parade begins.  
(We'll be announcing the band very soon...)

## Get Involved

We're now inviting groups and organisations to take part in this year's parade. We're also looking for 30–40 volunteers to help with set-up and stewarding on the day. A separate post with registration details will follow shortly.

## A Day for Everyone

The Celbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade is a non-political, inclusive and community-focused event — a day for us to come together in a spirit of kindness, fun and celebration of Ireland's patron saint.

Let's make St. Patrick's Day 2026 our most imaginative and vibrant parade yet.

More announcements coming soon... 📢



## Celbridge Community Council

**Celbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade 2026 – The Countdown Begins!** 🇮🇪

**Tuesday 17 March** ⌚ Parade at 4.00pm

With just two months to go, we're officially kicking off the build-up to the 2026 Celbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade — and we're delighted to reveal this year's theme:

## GULLIVER'S TRAVELS 🌍

2026 marks the 300th anniversary of Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels, and with Swift's well-known connection to Celbridge, it felt like the perfect moment to celebrate imagination, adventure and larger-than-life creativity.

This theme is broad, playful and completely open to interpretation — so every group can make it their own. Think:

- Giants and tiny worlds
- Oversized props or equipment
- Characters from far-off lands
- Boats, sea-voyages, explorers, creatures
- Or simply a creative twist on what your group already does best

Whether you're a school, sports club, community group, society or local business, there's room for everyone to get involved.



## International Descent of the Sella 2026: Complete Guide to the Fiesta de las Piraguas

The International Descent of the Sella 2026 will once again be held on the first Saturday of August, as every year, in the most iconic canoeing event in Asturias — in this case, on August 8, 2026.

The International Descent of the Sella will celebrate its 88th edition in 2026.





## Liffey Odyssey

5h · 🌐

Date for your diary . The date for Liffey Odyssey 2026 has now been fixed for Sunday 19th April. This year's event will once again be run as a fundraiser for Barnardos Ireland by Lucan Kayak Club with great support by Canoeing Ireland , Dublin City Council and Active Cities along with Dublin Port Company and I- Canoe . Further details along with registration will follow soon



SKILLS, DRILLS, MATCHES

# CANOE POLO DEVELOPMENT DAY

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY, 2026

PLAYERS WITH 1 YEAR EXPERIENCE

REGISTRATION CLOSING FOR 300

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Learn from coaches and players from other clubs, increase and improve your performance

THIS IS A LIMITED SEATED EVENT

JUST ADDED

## Canoe Polo Development Day 7th Feb 2026

Mullingar Harbour Canoe Polo • Mullingar  
7 Feb • 10:00



## Gaelforce Events

2h · 🌐

### NEW for 2026: Gaelforce River Kayak Marathon

We're bringing a brand-new paddling challenge to the Gaelforce Great River Festival in 2026. A fast-moving, portage-filled 22km point-to-point race with a strong finish-line atmosphere waiting in Lanesborough.

When? Saturday 16 May 2026

Where? Royal Canal to River Shannon to Lanesborough  
Who? Built for K1 and K2 paddlers

Entries will be opening very soon. Find out more and register your interest to be the first to hear when entries go live.

Read more: <https://gaelforceevents.com/en/great-river-kayak-marathon>

#GaelforceEvents #GreatRiverFestival  
#GreatRiverKayakMarathon #KayakMarathon  
#KayakRacing #PaddlingIreland



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**Gaelforce River Kayak Marathon | 22km | 16 May 2026**

## Calendar of Events 2026, Club, National, International

Date	Day	Club	National	International Events
07/02/2026	Saturday		Junior & U23 5K Race Series SLCC	
08/02/2026	Sunday		Wild Water Series (Cork) River Lee/Bandon	
14/02/2026	Saturday		Junior & U23 5K Race Series Maynooth Harbour	
28/02/2026	Saturday		Junior & U23 5K Race Series Maynooth Harbour	
			Junior & U23 5K Race Series SLCC	
07/03/2026	Saturday		5K Selection race Junior , U23 78 Senior at SLCC	
08/03/2026	Sunday		Wild Water Series (Cork) Inny, Upper & Lower	
15/03/2026	Sunday		Slaney Descent K2 Race	
17/03/2026	Tuesday		St. Patricks Day Parade Celbridge	
21/03/2026	Saturday		Junior & U23 Time Trials SLCC	
22/03/2026	Sunday		Wild Water Series (Cork) Boyne	
29/03/2026	Sunday	Celbridge Paddlers Marathon Ranking Race	Celbridge Paddlers Marathon Ranking Race	
11/04/2026	Saturday			11th/12th Nottingham Regatta UK
12/04/2026	Sunday	Spring Gathering & BBQ (TBC)		11th/12th Nottingham Regatta UK
18/04/2026	Saturday		Boyne Descent Marathon Ranking Race	International Waterlands Marathon
19/04/2026	Sunday		Liffey Odyssey	
25/04/2026	Saturday		K1/K2 National Sprint Championships Lough Rynn Leitrim	
26/04/2026	Sunday		Barrow Marathon Ranking Race	
03/05/2026	Sunday			British Short Course Marathon Championships
10/05/2026	Sunday		K2 National Championships (Tramore) TBC	
			Junior Liffey Descent (TBC)	
16/05/2026	Saturday		Gaelforce River Kayak Marathon K1 & K2 (22km)	
22/05/2026	Friday			22nd - 25th 2026 ECA Canoe Marathon European Championships (& Masters)
23/05/2026	Saturday	Park Run Kayak (TBC)		22nd - 25th 2026 ECA Canoe Marathon European Championships (& Masters)
24/05/2026	Sunday		K1 Short Course National Championships	
30/05/2026	Saturday		Kevin "Spud" Murphy memorial Mixed K2 National Championships	22nd - 25th 2026 ECA Canoe Marathon European Championships (& Masters)
13/06/2026	Saturday		An Rás Mór Ocean To City Cork	
14/06/2026	Sunday		Inistioghe Memorial Race 5/10k (Thomastown)	
05/07/2026	Sunday		Thomastown Nore Marathon Ranking Race	
11/07/2026	Saturday		Belturbet Lakelands Marathon Ranking Race(TBC)	
12/07/2026	Sunday			British Long Course Marathon National Championships
19/07/2026	Sunday			British Long Course Marathon National Championships
08/08/2026	Saturday		K1 National Championships + Poulaphuca Paddle Race	
16/08/2026	Sunday			88th International Descent of the Sella (Asturias)
23/08/2026	Sunday		Galway Marathon Ranking Race	
06/09/2026	Sunday	Summer Gathering & BBQ (TBC)	Salmon Leap Marathon Ranking Race	
13/09/2026	Sunday		Lower Liffey Marathon Ranking Race	
27/09/2026	Sunday		Lowtown Marathon Ranking Race (TBC)	
19/10/2026	Monday			19th - 22nd ICF Canoe Marathon master World Championships (& Masters)
31/10/2026	Saturday	Halloween Spooky Paddle (TBC)		
06/11/2026	Friday			6th/7th November Marathon International des Gorges de L'Ardeche
05/12/2026	Saturday	4th Pink Paddle (TBC)	4th Pink Paddle (TBC)	
19/12/2026	Saturday	Club Christmas Gathering (TBC)	43 Turkey Race (TBC)	
25/12/2026	Friday	Christmas Day		