

1720-2020



CORK 300

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN



*Honouring The Past -
All Classic Boat
Types Welcome*



**CLASSIC
BOAT RALLY**
POWERBOATING THROUGH THE YEARS

12TH JULY 2020 - WWW.CORK300.COM



In association with the Irish Power Boat Association (IPBA), the Organising Club for the 2020 Classic Boat Rally is The Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC).

"Honouring the past"

HISTORICAL BOATS (CLASSICS)

This Historic rally is for Boat owners to be part of the RCYC 300th Celebrations, it gives owners the opportunity to meet likeminded people and put on display their Classic Boats in a truly historic setting. Some what the crews will get to do and see.

- 1) Cruise on the original "Harmsworth Trophy" course from 1903.
- 2) Blackrock Castle, Dating from 1582 it is oldest surviving structure still in use in the city of Cork. This historic castle has served as an Admiralty Court, a lighthouse, a signalling station, a gun battery whilst defending the river approach to Cork City and of course an Observatory.
- 3) Cobh (formerly Queenstown) is situated on North shore of Cork Harbour. It was the departure point for 2.5 million of the six million Irish people who emigrated to North America between 1848 and 1950. These included Annie Moore and her two brothers – the first immigrants to be processed on Ellis Island in New York. On 11 April 1912 Queenstown was the final port of call for the RMS Titanic as she set out across the Atlantic on her ill-fated maiden voyage.
- 4) Cork Harbour is the second largest natural harbour in the world after Sydney Harbour in Australia. It has helped to shape world history and today is a thriving port and emerging tourism hub. The Lower Harbour is a vast expanse of sheltered water which has six significant islands. All, apart from Spike Island are now connected to the mainland.
- 5) Royal Cork Yacht Club. In the early part of the 18th century sailing for pleasure started to become popular in Cork Harbour. In 1720 the 9th Lord Inchiquin and five of his friends got together to formalize their activities and in so doing established the first Yacht Club in the world - The Water Club of the Harbour of Cork on Haulbowline Island. In 1831 King William IV granted the club the privilege of using the prefix "Royal" and it became known as the Royal Cork Yacht Club. In 1854 the club opened a magnificent new clubhouse in Cobh which now houses the Sirius Arts Centre. In 1903 the Club ran the First International Powerboat Event for the "Harmsworth Cup" The club now operates from the pretty village of Crosshaven, nearer the mouth of Cork Harbour

"This is only a small sample of what this Historic Area has to offer".



FLEET REVIEW

In 1720, 25 sailors sat down and formed the Water Club of Cork (The Royal Cork Yacht Club).

Some three hundred years later, on Sunday 12th July 2020, there will be a fleet review for all Royal Cork and visiting yachts/craft with the Admiral and Flag Officers of the yacht club and other dignitaries between two of the former club premises on Haulbowline Island and Cobh.

There will be a few surprises on the day and everyone is strongly encouraged to participate in what we believe will be a fitting spectacle to celebrate where it all began.

RALLY COURSE

In honour of the RCYC hosting the inaugural Harmsworth Cup Race in 1903, the course will be similar to the original Harmsworth course from the 1903 Royal Cork Yacht Club building (Now the Sirius Arts Centre) in Cobh, Co. Cork to Cork City via Blackrock Castle on the River Lee.

ELIGIBILITY

All Boats must be over 25 Years old.

ENTRY

€100

PRIZES

Sprit of the Rally Trophy
Team Memento

SOCIAL

All participants are welcome to enjoy the comprehensive entertainment schedule at the Royal Cork Yacht Club. Additionally, tickets may be purchased for the Royal Cork Yacht Club Tricentenary Black Tie Gala Dinner which will be held at Cork City Hall on the evening of Saturday 11th July.



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