

Wicklow Swimming Club



Welcome to WSC 2023

Dear fellow swimmers,

On behalf of WSC Committee, I am delighted to welcome you to our first club newsletter and to the start of our 2023 Swim Season! We have 67 swimmers completing their swim trials on Sunday 28 May, commencing at 11.30 am. If you are around please come down to the pier and support those who are doing their trial. We look forward to welcoming all our new members and their families, we want to ensure that everybody settles into the club really well, so please check our our Members handbook which has great information on how our fantastic club is run, by visiting the club website at <http://wicklowsc.com/>

To all our members who have been training hard over the course of the winter months, we look forward to seeing all the great improvements, particularly our junior members. A special thank you to everybody who has supported the pool programme this year, particularly Mags, and our amazing coaches, Joan, Remi, Michalina, Julie, Sarah, Megan and Charlie.

WSC has been in existence for over 80 years and is truly at the heart of our community. Our club is now one of Ireland's largest and most successful open sea swimming clubs. We want all our members to have a great time competing in our weekly races and to feel welcomed, and enjoy a club that is friendly, fun, family orientated and respects the water at all times.

We want this letter to inform all our members of what's happening in your club, where you can find information and more importantly on how we are progressing as a club to ensure that we all have a great season. We want as many people as possible involved in the running of our club, so please don't hesitate to reach out to our Club Secretary, Pam Beacom. The committee look forward to seeing you all on the pier!

Yours in swimming

Sharon Vize - Club Chairperson





Volunteers - Your club needs you

We are always looking for Volunteers to help in the overall running of the club. If you are interested, please reach out to Pam our Club Secretary at 086 289 3946

or email: secretary@wicklowsc.com

- Parents to support our Junior section
- Social Committee
- Sunday Morning Coffee Station
- Family Fun Day Committee
- People for the boats
- Spotters on the pier
- Catering for our LOS Open Sea Race

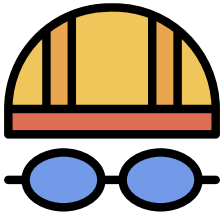
First Aiders

We now have 18 of our members as designated first aiders, thank you so much to Steve Blount, who organised first aid training back in January 2023. Safety is really important to us at WSC, as by having trained first aiders demonstrates our commitment to your safety



Funding - Our New Buoys

Thank you so much to Steve Blount and Kieran Ryan for securing funding from SSE Renewables. We are very grateful to SSE for allocating €5,100 to the club to purchase 6 new buoys, we have just received the funding and our buoys will arrive very early in the season.



Club hats must be ordered through Easy Payments
Senior & Youth Hats €10
Intermediate & Junior €5

**CLUB
SOCIAL
NIGHT**

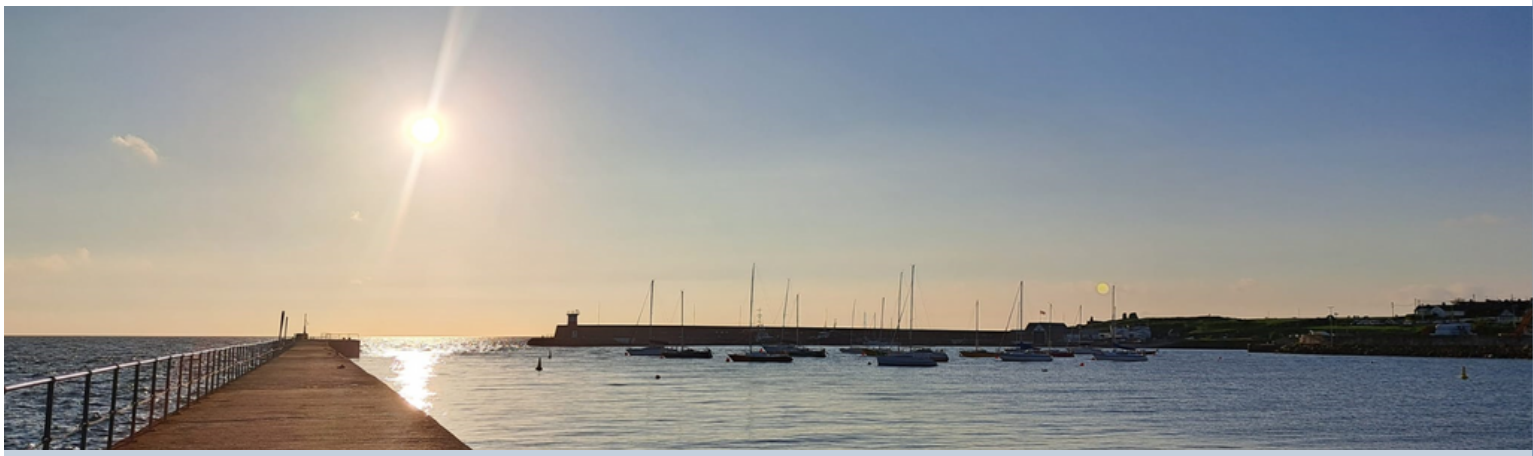
We would really like to have a number of social events throughout the season. Our first social night will be to welcome our new members - Details to follow!

**Club President
Kathleen Cowdrey**

We are delighted to announce Kathleen as our Club President, and Kathleen will hold this position for the next two years. Kathleen is a great ambassador of our club and is delighted to take up this role.

"I am delighted to be appointed Club President of Wicklow Swimming Club, I have enjoyed watching my two grandchildren come up through the club and I love watching all the young children and young adults improve each year. I think Wicklow Swimming Club is a unique place in which to make lasting friendships and we live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country. Wishing the Committee and all members a great season and I look forward to supporting everybody this year"





Meet your Committee

Chairperson

Sharon Vize

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Vice Chairperson

Jane O'Neill

Club Secretary

Pam Beacom

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Treasurer

Frank Smith

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Senior Handicapper

Tom O'Neill

Club Children's Officer

Colm Colohan

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Catriona Carey

Safety Officer

To be confirmed

General Members:

**Elaine Noble, Margaret Kavanagh, Ruth O'Neill,
Steve Blount, Kieran Ryan, Maebhe Connolly**

To all the race recorders, boatmen and volunteers who make our season so successful, thank you for all your hardwork, our season would not be possible without you all! On behalf of the committee and all our club members, thank you!





Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our sponsors, the Club is very grateful for your continued sponsorship.

Each race on our fixtures list brings great excitement from the Mick O'Reilly, The Masters Vartry, The Smith Cup, The Rocky Newsome and the Flood Bay Relay, to name a few!

If you are interested in sponsoring a race, we have a number of Senior, Youth and Intermediate races that are open for sponsorship. Please reach out to Jane O'Neill, Vice Chairperson who can talk to you about what sponsoring a race involves.





Wicklow Swimming Club Fixture List 2023



| | Day | Date | Time | Race Title | | | |
|----|-----------|--------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|
| A | Sunday | 28-May | 11.30 | TRIALS | | | Intermediate |
| | Sunday | 28-May | 11.30 | TRIALS | | | Youths |
| | Saturday | 28-May | 11.30 | TRIALS | | | Senior |
| B | Sunday | 04-Jun | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 1 | | |
| | Sunday | 04-Jun | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 1 | |
| | Sunday | 04-Jun | 11.00 | Town Council Cup | | | Intermediate 1 |
| | Sunday | 04-Jun | 11.30 | Youths Cup | | | Youths 1 |
| | Sunday | 04-Jun | 12.00 | Town Council Cup | | | Senior 1 |
| C | Sunday | 11-Jun | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 2 | | |
| | Sunday | 11-Jun | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 2 | |
| | Sunday | 11-Jun | 11.00 | Cox Cup | | | Intermediate 2 |
| | Sunday | 11-Jun | 11.30 | Committee Cup | | | Youths 2 |
| | Sunday | 11-Jun | 12.00 | Brennan Cup | | | Senior 2 |
| D | Sunday | 18-Jun | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 3 | | |
| | Sunday | 18-Jun | 10.30 | Connolly Family Cup | | Challenge 3 | |
| | Sunday | 18-Jun | 11.00 | Humby Family (Vartry Garage) Cup | | | Intermediate 3 |
| | Sunday | 18-Jun | 11.30 | Binnon Cup | | | Youths 3 |
| | Sunday | 18-Jun | 12.00 | Humby Family (Vartry Garage) Cup | | | Senior 3 |
| E | Wednesday | 21-Jun | 18.45 | Silver Shop Cup (Sealed Handicap) | | | Intermediate 4 |
| | Wednesday | 21-Jun | 19.15 | Ral Brien Memorial Cup | | | Senior 4 |
| F | Sunday | 25-Jun | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 4 | | |
| | Sunday | 25-Jun | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 4 | |
| | Sunday | 25-Jun | 11.00 | Clarke Delahunt Cup | | | Intermediate 5 |
| | Sunday | 25-Jun | 11.30 | Sealed Handicap | | | Youths 4 |
| | Sunday | 25-Jun | 12.00 | Beacom Family Cup | | | Senior 5 |
| G | Wednesday | 28-Jun | 18.45 | Garda Cup | | | Youths 5 |
| | Wednesday | 28-Jun | 19.15 | Kavanagh Cup | | | Senior 6 |
| H | Sunday | 02-Jul | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 5 | | |
| | Sunday | 02-Jul | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 5 | |
| | Sunday | 02-Jul | 11.00 | The Shanen May Memorial Cup | | | Intermediate 6 |
| | Sunday | 02-Jul | 11.30 | The Sophisticuts Cup | | | Youths 5 |
| | Sunday | 02-Jul | 12.00 | The Phil Healy Cup | | | Senior 7 |
| I | Wednesday | 05-Jul | 18.45 | Around the Harbour sponsored by Ann Corcoran | | | Youths 6 |
| | Wednesday | 05-Jul | 19.15 | Around the Harbour | | | Senior 8 |
| J | Saturday | 08-Jul | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 6 | | |
| | Saturday | 08-Jul | 10.30 | The Leonard Cup | | Challenge 6 | |
| | Saturday | 08-Jul | 11.00 | The Cleary Cup | | | Intermediate 7 |
| K | Sunday | 09-Jul | 12.00 | The Cleary/O'Neill Cup | | | Youths 7 |
| | Sunday | 09-Jul | 12.30 | The Sean Kelly Memorial Cup | | | Senior 9 |
| L | Wednesday | 12-Jul | 18.45 | The Chaimans Cup | | | Intermediate 8 |
| | Wednesday | 12-Jul | 19.15 | The Committee Cup | | | Senior 10 |
| M | Sunday | 16-Jul | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 7 | | |
| | Sunday | 16-Jul | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 7 | |
| | Sunday | 16-Jul | 11.00 | Coello Cup * | | | Intermediate 9 |
| | Sunday | 16-Jul | 11.30 | BC Sports Cup | | | Youths 8 |
| | Sunday | 16-Jul | 12.00 | Rocky Newsome Memorial Cup | | | Senior 11 |
| N | Tuesday | 18-Jul | 18.45 | Peter Davis Cup | | | Intermediate 10 |
| | Tuesday | 18-Jul | 19.15 | Irish Rubies | | | Senior 12 |
| O | Sunday | 23-Jul | TBA | Conway Cup Junior relay sponsored by the Vize Family | | | |
| | Sunday | 23-Jul | | Flood Bay Relay | | | |
| | Sunday | 23-Jul | | Club Dashes | | | |
| P | Wednesday | 26-Jul | 18.45 | Youths Cup | | | Youths 9 |
| | Wednesday | 26-Jul | 19.15 | Ishka Sports Cup sponsored by Jai Ma | | | Senior 13 |
| Q | Saturday | 29-Jul | TBA | Healy O'Kane Cup - Mens Open | | | |
| | Saturday | 29-Jul | TBA | Healy O'Kane Cup - Womens Open | | | |
| R | Sunday | 30-Jul | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 8 | | |
| | Sunday | 30-Jul | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 8 | |
| | Sunday | 30-Jul | 11.00 | Mini Harbour | | | Intermediate 11 |
| | Sunday | 30-Jul | 11.30 | Mick O'Reilly Youths Cup | | | Youths 10 |
| | Sunday | 30-Jul | 12.00 | Mick O'Reilly Cup | | | Senior 14 |
| S | Wednesday | 02-Aug | 18.45 | Youths Cup | | | Youths 11 |
| | Wednesday | 02-Aug | 19.15 | Base 2 Race Cups | | | Senior 15 |
| T | Saturday | 05-Aug | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 9 | | |
| | Saturday | 05-Aug | 10.30 | The Kavanagh Family Cup | | Challenge 9 | |
| | Saturday | 05-Aug | 11.00 | The O'Dwyer Family Cup | | | Intermediate 12 |
| | Saturday | 05-Aug | 11.30 | The O'Flaherty Family Shield | | | Youths 12 |
| | Saturday | 05-Aug | 12.00 | The O'Flaherty Family Cup | | | Senior 16 |
| U | Wednesday | 09-Aug | 18.45 | Across the Harbour sponsored by The Kristiansen Family | | | Youths 13 |
| | Wednesday | 09-Aug | 19.15 | Across the Harbour | | | Senior 17 |
| V* | Friday | 11-Aug | 18.30 | Cullen Cup (Black Castle) | | | Senior 18 |
| | Friday | 11-Aug | 18.30 | PV Reilly Cup (Black Castle) | | | |
| W | Sunday | 13-Aug | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 10 | | |
| | Sunday | 13-Aug | 10.30 | Junior Challenge | | Challenge 10 | |
| | Sunday | 13-Aug | 11.00 | Mark Dunne Cup | | | Intermediate 13 |
| | Sunday | 13-Aug | 11.30 | Mystic Celt Cup | | | Youths 14 |
| | Sunday | 13-Aug | 12.00 | Smith Cup | | | Senior 19 |
| X* | Saturday | 19-Aug | 12.45 | Bond Family Cup - Intermediate Vartry | | | Intermediate 14 |
| | Saturday | 19-Aug | 12.45 | Youth Vartry | | | Youths 15 |
| X | Saturday | 19-Aug | 13.15 | Byrne-O'Reilly Cups - Masters Vartry | | | |
| Y* | Sunday | 20-Aug | 13.30 | Fitzpatrick Cup - Mens Vartry | | | Senior 20 |
| | Sunday | 20-Aug | 13.30 | Regatta Cup - Womens Vartry | | | |
| Z | Sunday | 27-Aug | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 11 | | |
| | Sunday | 27-Aug | 10.30 | Watson Cup | | Challenge 11 | |
| | Sunday | 27-Aug | 11.00 | Earls Cup | | | Intermediate 15 |
| | Sunday | 27-Aug | 11.30 | Drennan Cup | | | Youths 16 |
| | Sunday | 27-Aug | 12.00 | Borgman Earls Cup | | | Senior 21 |
| AA | Sunday | 03-Sep | 10.15 | Sprints | Sprints 12 | | |
| | Sunday | 03-Sep | 10.30 | Fry Cup | | Challenge 12 | |
| | Sunday | 03-Sep | 11.00 | Captains Cup (Sealed Handicap) | | | Intermediate 16 |
| | Sunday | 03-Sep | 11.30 | O'Donovan Cup | | | Youths 17 |
| | Sunday | 03-Sep | 12.00 | McAulay Shield (Lighthouse Race) | | | Senior 22 |

NB - * Denotes - Prize or League Points can only be awarded to those who have participated and completed
3 races for Seniors/Youths or 2 races for Intermediates