

Dates	Races	Organizer	Comment	Ranking	Junior Series
Sat 3 Oct 2009	Castletown Sprint 1	SLCC. Liam McCarthy, tel: 087-6712307, email: liamamccarthy@gmail.com	Saturday race. Start at 11.00 AM	Y	Y
Sat 10 Oct 2009	Templemills - SLCC classic 1	SLCC. Liam McCarthy, tel: 087-6712307, email: liamamccarthy@gmail.com	Saturday race. Start at 11.00 AM	N	Y
Sat 17 Oct 2009	Templemills - SLCC classic 2	SLCC. Liam McCarthy, tel: 087-6712307, email: liamamccarthy@gmail.com	Saturday race. Start at 11.00 AM Junior series only	N	Y
Sun 1 Nov 2009 or Sun 8 Nov 2009 (TBC)	Shaw's Bridge Sprint	CANI. Ashley Hunter, tel: +44-7875092928 email: ashleyhunter@cani.org.uk	Run in conjunction with Shaw's Bridge Slalom event	N	N
Sat 28 Nov 2009	Castleconnell Sprint	ULKC. Alan Dooley, tel: 087-2798045 email: alan.dooley@gmail.com	Sat race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	N
Sun 29 Nov 2009	Castleconnell Classic	ULKC. Alan Dooley, tel: 087-2798045 email: alan.dooley@gmail.com	Sun race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	N
Sat 6 Dec 2009	Mourne training weekend	WWKC. Martin McCarthy tel: 085-1742261, email: martin.p.mccarthy@eircom.net			
Sun 7 Dec 2008	Mourne Classic	Foyle Paddlers. Gerald McGahey, tel: +44-7711737576, email: gmccahey@burkeshipping.co.uk		N	N
Sun 17 Jan 2010	Avonmore Classic	WWKC. Keith McGuirk, tel: 086-1561614, email: keithmacguirk@hotmail.com	Sun race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	N
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Jan 2010	Kings's River (Kilkenny) training weekend	WWKC. Martin McCarthy tel: 085-1742261, email: martin.p.mccarthy@eircom.net			
Sat 13 Feb 2010	Aghade Classic	WWKC. Martin McCarthy tel: 085-1742261, email: martin.p.mccarthy@eircom.net	Sat race starting at 12.00 midday.	Y	N
Sun 14 Feb 2010	Aghade Sprint	TBC	Sun race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	N
Sun 7 Mar 2010	Inny Classic	Inny KC. John O'Rourke, tel: 087-2733080, email: orky15@hotmail.com	Sun race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	Y
Easter (April 4 2010)	Training camp	Details to follow			
Sat 17 Apr 2010	Lower Liffey Classic	WWKC. Bruno Halter, tel: 087-2892703, email: bruno.halter@bigfoot.com	Sat race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	Y
Sun 25 Apr 2010	Barrow Sprint (Clashganney)	Thomastown Paddlers. Donnacha Brennan, tel: 087-9261663	Sun race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	Y
Sat 15 May 2010	Sluice Sprint	Cormac Walsh, tel: 086-1073939 email: CormacWalsh@gmx.net	Sat race starting at 12.00 midday	Y	N
Sat 10 July 2010	Barrow Sprint 2 (Tinnahinch weir)	WWR Committee	Run on the day before Barrow Marathon on second weir below Graiguenemanagh	N	N

What is Wild Water Racing?

Wild Water Racing is an exciting form of canoeing & kayaking, which sees competitors race down stretches of rough river negotiating rapids, weirs and other river obstacles in time trial format. It is the canoeing equivalent of Downhill skiing. Races consist of two types:

1) The sprint event where competitors race twice down a stretch of rough water approx. 500 metres in length, with the times of their two runs combined to count towards the race result. 2) The classic event where competitors race once down a stretch of rough river between 2 kms and 8 kms long.

In both event types, the competitor with the fastest elapsed time is deemed the winner. It is a true test of a paddler's speed, strength, stamina and skill. Separate classes for people competing in different boat types are provided at races and competitors race against others of similar sex and age group. It is an ideal way to get out and paddle some of the best, most interesting and scenic rivers of Ireland.

Racing Classes

At all races, the following classes will be offered:

- Men's WWR Kayak Div 1.
- Men's WWR Kayak Div 2.
- Junior men's WWR Kayak.
- Women's WWR Kayak.
- Junior Women's WWR Kayak.
- C1.
- C2.
- Open Singles / GP classes

Junior Series Races

A series of Junior Series Wild Water races will be run during the season (some will run in parallel with normal Wild Water Races. These races will have classes alongside normal wild water races which will also have special junior classes and will be run on courses deemed suitable for junior paddlers (unless marked as Junior Series only, normal wild water racing classes will also be run at these events). Specific junior classes catered for at these events will include the following:

- Men's under 18 WWR kayak.
- Women's under 18 WWR kayak.
- Under 18 C1/C2.
- Men's under 18 Open Singles/GP.
- Women's under 18 Open Singles/GP.

At the end of the season the **LIAM F McCARTHY CUP** will be awarded to the club with the best overall points score in the above junior classes at the junior series races. The points awarded to junior paddlers will be based on the national ranking points (first place = 101 points, second place = 99 points, third place = 98 points, etc.).

National Championships

National Championship points are awarded to competitors in the following classes:

- Men's WWR Kayak
- Junior men's WWR Kayak
- Women's WWR Kayak
- Junior Women's WWR Kayak
- Senior & Junior C1
- Senior C2 & Junior C2

The best 60% of ranking race results (to the closest integer) out of all the races held in each season will be taken into account for the individual championship points, in the event of a tie both paddlers will be declared joint National Champions. To become a national champion, a paddler must achieve a full national ranking (compete in at least 60% of ranking races).