

May 2011 Updates

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Boatmen are to be honoured with Barrow 2011 presentation HBA Press Release Three Sisters II

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The Barrow River Brochure was launched at Bagenalstown on Easter weekend.

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There is an excellent interview with Paul Martin of the HBA by Marcus Connaughton of Seascapes here pod-v-29041130m42sseascapes-pid0-1842384.mp3

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Greg Whelan of the IWAI reports on a "different Royal Event"™ that took place this weekend, when for the first time in fifty years, recreational boats made their way from the Shannon to Dublin along the Royal Canal IWAI PR Dublin Rally 2011. They were led by Royal Canal Float No 3, built in the late nineteenth century see HBA Float No 3. Good wishes to all those planning on completing the Green and Silver Route for the New Triangle award.

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The National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port has among its collection of boats, the barge Bigmere, once towed by Parcastle (aka JD McFaul).

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The Dublin Rally Grand Canal contingent travelled on Saturday May 7th from Lucan Road Bridge to Grand Canal Docks. The canal from Portobello to GCD has been described by one skipper of a large barge as "œcanal heaven", although the rest needs a little work! Follow the events at www.iwai.ie on the Dublin Branch site and the IWAI forum.

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With just a couple of weeks to go before our HBA 10 @ Banagher celebrations, here is a pictorial look at some of the HBA gatherings that have taken place during the last ten years. HBA Gatherings 2001 to 2011.

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Eric Kemp is in the news again on his Dutch Sailing barge, Nieuwe Zorgen. HBA News Waterways Adventure.

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The Rehab Waterways Adventure will visit the following towns: Ringsend Basin, Blanchardstown, Kilcock, Mullingar, Lough Ree, Athlone, Clonmacnoise, Shannon Harbour, Pollough, Lough Boora and Sallins.

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Donnaca Kennedy of Weaver Boats and 45M fame is rowing for 80km for charity " full details and how to contribute are here IWAI Donnaca Kennedy.

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Dublin Bay Old Gaffers Association annual traditional boat rally takes place from May 27th to May 29th in Dublin Bay.

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Colin Becker talks about this year's Dublin Rally, the Green and Silver award and Rambler's planned journey recreating her commercial life in the nineteenth century along the Royal on RTE Seascapes May 13 2011. See HBA The Rambler and HBA The Rambler 133 years later

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Great photos of the Dublin Rally here IWAI Dublin Rally 2011

The Rambler has started her re-enactment journey along the Royal Canal. Pictures to follow.

Photos of the Boatmen's Reunion in Graiguenamanagh have been added under Latest News.

Well done to all who crewed and assisted the boats, from both Grand Canal Docks and the Royal, in the attempt under the infamous railway bridge on Saturday and Sunday May 21 and 22. Hopefully, Coras Iompair Éireann (CIE), the Irish Transport Authority responsible for the bridge, will have fixed the problem by next weekend. Pioneering stuff, folks; those following in your footsteps will be very grateful. See IWAI Dublin bad day at Spencer Dock

New images have been added to Event Photos and Members' Photos.

In April the Clontarf Yacht and Boat Club recreated a journey made by their members in 1925. BJB describes this year's journey in IWH CYBC on The Royal

See RTE Radio 1 Bagenalstown Photos

Boats are on their way and many have already gathered in Banagher Harbour. The Heritage Boat Association's tenth anniversary celebrations have started. See HBA 10 @ Banagher schedule. And "i. the last piece of all that planning is

falling into place, with the temperature forecasted to rise into the 20â€™s by Friday and the weekend. It promises to be a great week for everyone.

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