

HBA Royal Canal - Grand Finale

30 April 2013

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â€œTHE BIG BOATS HAVE ARRIVEDâ€•

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Itinerary for HBA on the Royal Canal 2013

HBA on the Royal, Grand Finale

30th April 2013

Today the fleet departed Phibsboro for the trip below Croke Park's Davin Stand and on to the dreaded Effin Bridge. Although there were some delays, all boats were through the bridge by 1:30pm - only a little behind schedule. They then headed to the sea lock at Spencer Dock to await the tide and make the Liffey crossing to Grand Canal Docks.

5th May 2013

The last of our fleet makes the journey into the city centre and joins once again with those who started out from Richmond Harbour. Another long day but enjoyable in the sunshine and party atmosphere. Again Waterways Ireland provide all the back-up needed and with volunteers from Dublin IWAI, the day went smoothly.

Special thanks to Croke Park for access to the Ethiad Skyline - well worth a visit.

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76M below Binn's Bridge, with Locks 2,3,4 and 5 rising in the distance

76M

35M exits Lock 2, with Ida, The Lung, 71M, 74M and finally Dabu in the distance.

4E and 76M await the rest of the fleet.

4E and 76M at Portland Place.

35M

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A roof with a view.

Croke Park's Skyline

View through the roof structure.

71M between Locks 2 and 3.

Ida joins the queue ...

... and then The Lung arrives.

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Dabu breathing down Paradijs's stern - in Lock 3, Lock 5 and Cross Guns bridge at top right.

Time to head off to Lock 1 and Effin Bridge ...

... just as 71M arrives.

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74M gives it socks as Paradijs floats overhead.

Roof top view to the east, showing Clarke's Bridge (Summerhill) and Newcommen Bridge (North Wall).

The queue for Lock 1.

The WI 'A Team' (and Markie).

Having the right tools always makes the job easier.

Hard to know what to say :)

Smiles all round - 76M on the way down in Lock 1 ...

... and out through the dog-leg at Effin bridge.

The fleet movement generated huge local interest.

Paradijs makes it through.

A wave from the guest crew.

Dabu, last boat through the bridge (thanks IE for staying around).

Waiting for the tide at Spencer Dock.

Getting ready to leave DNS.

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