

June 2015 - Updates

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HBA June 2015 Update The season is well and truly under way now, with most members out and about on the waterways. The activities planned for the next couple of months are outlined below, including the August CiC on L. Derg. It promises to be another busy summer! Ballycommon: The Ballycommon CIC over the June Bank Holiday Weekend was well supported with 32 boats attending. Many thanks to Ger Bayly for organising this event.

Shannon Harbour: Our next gathering will be at the Shannon Harbour Rally. Dates are the 21st to the 23rd of June 2015.

For booking or further information, please contact Damien Buckley on 087 8057410 or

damiembuckleyndt@gmail.com Full itinerary for the Rally is in Latest News section. The HBA has been selected as one of six items to be featured in the next Cara Magazine (Aer Lingus in-flight magazine) under Heritage week, whose theme this year is industrial heritage. During the Shannon Harbour Rally, there will be a photographer coming to take photos of our floating heritage for this article. Paul Martin and Cathy Dwane will be co-ordinating what needs to be done, but it may involve some flexibility on the part of members in moving boats for a good photo opportunity.

Meelick: The weekend (27/28th June) following Shannon Harbour, Donal Boland is making arrangements for us to have a weekend at the "new" moorings below Meelick Lock. During the weekend there will be an evening of entertainment in the Pub, with music and also a short talk and tour of the monastic site. The main purpose of going into Meelick is to show that the navigation worth opening up and marking for visitors. Donal's email is : donaboland@eircom.net if you want to get in contact. There is more information in the News section of the website.

Derg Rally: We have received an invitation to attend the Derg Rally, and the commodore, Daniel Burke would be delighted to hear from any members interested in attending. More information from <http://www.iwai.ie/derg/news/lough-derg-rally-2015/> where you can print a booking form or book on-line.

August CIC on Lough Derg: Our two week CIC on Lough Derg will start with the Scarriff Festival on August Bank Holiday Weekend, with the opening of the Scarriff Harbour Festival will be on Friday evening, 31st July, and the festival continues over the Weekend. Harbour space will be tight, so please book your place (by start of July please) so we can organise mooring and try to arrive early. The CIC will end with the Terryglass Arts Festival (see www.terryglassartsfestival.ie) and we plan to be in place on Wednesday 12th August for their official opening that evening. In-between we will be exploring hidden parts of Lough Derg, the actual itinerary will be weather dependent, and if you want to join us en-route, please contact Cliff Jeffers on 087-2390849 or cliff4b@gmail.com. It would be helpful if you were to let Cliff know that you are coming, a text or email would be best.

Portumna " Heritage Week Launch: Over the weekend of the 21st to 23rd of August there is a gathering of Boats at Portumna. There will be a historical talk and a visit (by land or sea) to Munster Harbour. For more details and to book your place, please contact Cathy Dwane on 087-2169432 or cathydwane@gmail.com