



# Western Yacht Club



Kilrush, Co. Clare.

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## ShannonFerry Group Western Yacht Club October Series

**Western Yacht Club, Kilrush, Sunday 21st<sup>h</sup> October, 2007:** Week three of the **ShannonFerry Group Western Yacht Club October Series** took place this Sunday 21st October in Kilrush. The 2007 yacht racing October series is held over four weekends with final day's racing on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2007. This is the final event of the Dubarry WIORA Superleague.

The **Rinvella Plate** will be awarded to the yacht, which in the opinion of the Race Committee, has given the best performance of all yachts in the series under the IRC system. Overall prizes will be presented at the WYC dinner on Saturday 27th October at the Harbour Restaurant.

Our sponsor, the ShannonFerry Group currently operates two purpose-built ferries on its service across the Shannon Estuary between Killimer, Co. Clare and Tarbert, Co. Kerry. Shannon Breeze (60 cars, 350 passengers) and Shannon Dolphin (52 cars, 350 passengers) can each carry a wide variety of vehicles including commercial vehicles, coaches, caravans, camper vans and motorcycles.

**On Sunday 21st October**, the Officer of the Day was the Commodore of the Western Yacht Club, Randal Counihan with Racing Captain, Rob Allen again setting challenging courses west of Scatterry Island. A total of eighteen participated from Clifden Boat Club, Tarbert Sailing Club, Foynes Yacht Club and Western Yacht Club.

Racing Report to follow.

Prizes were presented by Randal Counihan, Commodore WYC at Charlie Martin's Pub, Frances Street, Kilrush. He thanked the ShannonFerry Group for sponsorship, The Galleon Inn for finger food, Richard Maguire and Randal Counihan, Jnr, for manning the safety boat and Cathal Blunnie, Lisroe Marine Services Ltd for providing the Committee Boat. The Race Committee were Randal Counihan, Therese Young and Monica Roche. The results were

computed by Rob Allen and Therese Young. Article submitted by Charles W. Glynn, PRO, Western Yacht Club.

All results for the ShannonFerry Group WYC October Series 2007 can be viewed at [http://www.westernyachtclub.com/wyc\\_race\\_results.htm](http://www.westernyachtclub.com/wyc_race_results.htm)

**Week 3 results are as follows:**



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>IRC 21/10/07</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Chaos	T+K Whelan	Western Yacht Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Reconnaissance	P.O'Loughlin	Tarbert Sailing club
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Golden Kopper	John & Ed Conway	Foynes Yacht Club

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>ECHO 21/10/07</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Golden Kopper	John & Ed Conway	Foynes Yacht Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Reconnaissance	P.O'Loughlin	Tarbert Sailing club
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Sea Swallow	Richard Glynn	Western Yacht Club

<b>Race 5</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>IRC 21/10/07</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Hallmark	Jackie Ward	Clifden Boat club
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Battle	McCormack. Buckley	Foynes Yacht Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Saronya	Adrian O'Connell	Western Yacht Club

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**White sails**

<b>Race 3</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	<b>Skipper</b>	<b>ECHO 21/10/07</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Wyte Dolphin	Bryan O'Donnell	Foynes Yacht Club
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Big Deal	Derek Dillon	Foynes Yacht Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Delamar	Martin Brew	Western Yacht Club

**Yachts which participated in series:**

<b>Sail Number</b>	<b>Yacht</b>	<b>Owner or Skipper</b>
IRL5147	<i>Battle</i>	McCormack & Buckley
IRL3492	<i>Big Deal</i>	Derek Dillon
IRL6456	<i>Chaos</i>	T & K Whelan
IRL353	<i>Charisma 2</i>	Jack McCarthy
IR140	<i>Delamar</i>	Martin Brew
70	<i>Dreoilin</i>	Gerry Spellman
IRL945	<i>Fandangle</i>	Maeve Howard
IRL267	<i>Golden Kopper</i>	John & Ed Conway
IRL461	<i>Hallmark</i>	Jackie Ward
FR428	<i>Jabiru</i>	Pat O'Shea
1105 Y	<i>Kestrel of Kernow</i>	Mick Malone
IRL7234	<i>Marissa IX</i>	Rob Allen
IRL4320	<i>Reconnaissance</i>	Peadar O'Loughlin
IRL452	<i>Saronya</i>	Adrian O'Connell
IRL3344	<i>Sea Swallow</i>	Richard Glynn
K5199	<i>Sealion</i>	Conor Owens
IRL990	<i>Veleva</i>	Glynns & Cullinan
D31	<i>Wyte Dolphin</i>	Bryan O'Donnell

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The following WYC Officers were elected for the year 2006-2007 at the AGM held on 24th November, 2006 at The Haven Arms, Kilrush.

**Commodore:** Randal B. Counihan; **Vice-Commodore/Safety Officer,** Maeve Howard; **Rear Commodore:** Adrian O'Connell; **Secretary,** Therese Young; **Treasurer:** Raymond Clancy; **P.R.O./Webmaster:** Charles W. Glynn; **Racing Captain,** Rob Allen; **Cruising Captain,** Mary Watson Glynn; **Dinghy Captain,** Gerry Mackle; **Junior Captain,** Charlie Glynn; **Class 2 Yachts Captain,** Louis Keating; **Social Officer,** Mary Rose Counihan; **Equipment Officer,** Fintan Keating; **Committee members,** Geraldine Hetherton and Monica Roche.

### **Further WYC Background Information:**

The Western Yacht Club (WYC) is based at Kilrush Marina, Kilrush, Co. Clare on the Shannon Estuary, Ireland. Kilrush Marina provides 120 pontoon berths which has excellent facilities for all its visitors. Kilrush Maritime and Heritage Town is only a short 5 minute walk which provides many restaurants, bars and shops to entice any sailor to sample the fares on offer. West Clare, One of Ireland's Best Kept Secrets, is an area of unspoilt beauty wedged between the Shannon Estuary and the thundering Atlantic. The sea is ingrained in our traditions and amenities in West Clare.

The Western Yacht Club is almost 180 years old as on the 6th February 1828 at a meeting held in the town of Kilrush, the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland was established

On the 16th January 1832 their Lordships at the Admiralty gave permission for the Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland members to fly the a White Ensign with a Red Cross, a Crown in the centre with a Wreath of Shamrocks surrounding it and with the Union Flag at the head of the Ensign, the Ensign to be flown at the Taffrail or as now the Pushpit Flag Staff aft and the Burgee being White with a Red Cross with the Crown and Shamrock Wreath as previous which was to be flown at the Masthead.

A Kilrush crew with the support from local people and the Chamber of Commerce entered the **BMW Round Ireland Yacht Race 2006** with a 64ft Volvo yacht, ***Spirit of Kilrush*** on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2006. In the Super 0 Class, ***Chieftain*** won first place and ***Spirit of Kilrush*** second place which created great enthusiasm throughout the town of Kilrush and the Mid-West.

Western Yacht Club member Ger O'Rourke's Cookson 50, ***Chieftain***, was the overall winner of the **Rolex Fastnet Race 2007** and was awarded the Fastnet Challenge Cup and a Rolex Yachtmaster timepiece at the prize giving on 17 August, 2007 at the historic Royal Citadel in Plymouth. The 608 mile event is one of toughest off-shore sailing races in the world and this victory is a major sporting success for Ireland and the WYC.

In September, ***Chieftain*** was named **2007 Yacht of the Year** winning the Somerset Memorial Cup for outstanding racing achievement by a yacht owned or sailed by a RORC member.

### **€50 million development at Kilrush Marina.**

Shannon Development announced on 28th February 2007 that it has reached agreement in principle with a private sector consortium led by L & M Keating Ltd, for a €50 million development at Kilrush Marina, in the maritime town of Kilrush in

Co. Clare. The new development has potential to create 109 jobs and generate an estimated €6.6 million to local economy annually

The proposed major flagship project involves a high quality mixed use development of the Kilrush Marina and associated land bank. It includes the provision of 86 town houses, 50 marina holiday apartments, a retail/commercial park, and a 125 bedroom 4 star hotel development. Another essential element of the project will involve an estimated €4 million expansion of the Kilrush Marina facility to include; a clubhouse development which will double the existing capacity, the automation of lock gates, breakwater, a new boatyard, a dinghy park, and an additional 120 berths which will double the existing berthing capacity at the Marina.

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