

# Clare Maritime Heritage Photographic Competition

The Clare Heritage Section of Clare County Council are inviting entries for the Clare Maritime Heritage Photographic Competition.

The closing date for this competition is Tuesday, 2nd December, 2008.

## Winning prize

The winning entry will receive a Currach Building Course at their school worth €2000. An expert boat builder will visit your school over five weeks (one day a week) and build a currach on site. The winning school will get the chance to participate in the intricate process of producing a water craft that has been for centuries an iconic symbol of Celtic Ireland. The currach will subsequently be launched at the most convenient water source to the school.

Two runners up prizes of copies of the recent major publication, **Traditional Boats of Ireland** are also available.

## Background

Under the implementation of the Clare Heritage Plan 2008, the Clare Heritage Section of Clare County Council in association with the Heritage Council conducted the Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Study. The purpose of this study was to undertake an audit and inventory of traditional boats and currachs of heritage importance in county Clare and the establishment of a priority list for their future conservation. It also identified the condition, location and ownership. It also examined the local variations in traditional boat and currach building, associated customs, social, political, military, economic history, usage and typology, with the ultimate aim of generating increased awareness of our boat and currach and general traditional boat and maritime heritage in Clare.

## Details of competition

Entrants are asked to submit an image that represents the maritime heritage of their local area. For example, an image of people in a boat, a slipway, fishing scenes etc.

There must also be an accompanying interpretation of the image that also illustrates the uniqueness of your local maritime heritage. The accompanying text is to be no more than 200 words.

Images should be no less than 300dpi resolution and at a file size no greater than 5mb.

We will also accept prints of not less than 6 x 4 inches. These prints must be posted to: Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Photographic Competition, C/O Tomás Mac Conmara, Clare County Council, Áras Contae an Chlair, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

*Your details should be submitted as follows to:* [maritimephotocomp@clarecoco.ie](mailto:maritimephotocomp@clarecoco.ie)

- Name
- School
- School Telephone number
- Email of entrant/photographer
- Short interpretation of image and maritime heritage of relevant area
- Place and Date when taken

### **Winners announcement**

The winners will be announced at the **Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Conference**, Boats, Place, People. on December 6th at Cois na Habhanna, Ennis. The conference will feature a host of nationally renowned speakers.

### **Terms and conditions**

- This competition is open to Secondary schools across County Clare. Students from 1st year to Transition Year (Inclusive) may enter. Entrants must have the permission and approval of a schoolteacher and the school must be prepared to facilitate the currach construction on one day a week over five weeks.
- It is compulsory the images are taken in County Clare.
- Images should be submitted electronically. They should be no less than 300dpi resolution and at a file size no greater than 5mb.
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- All images must be original and may not incorporate photographic elements produced by anyone else. By virtue of submitting an image, the author certifies the work as his / her own and permits the organisers to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for publication, display in media related to the particular event and / or promotional activity. Participants personally assume responsibility for any claim or liability arising out of the publication or exhibition of their entries. The organisers categorically disclaim any liability whatsoever. Clare Heritage Section reserves the right to make use of any of the works submitted.
- A panel including representatives of the Clare Heritage Section and external nominees will judge the competition. Their decision will be final.
- Entries must be submitted no later than Tuesday December 2, 2008. Any entries received after this date will not be entered into the competition.
- The organisers reserve the right to reject any work, giving a specific reason for such action.
- In the event that a selected or an award winning entry is later found to have violated any of these conditions, the organisers reserve the right to take any action they deem suitable, including the withdrawal of the prize or prizes awarded. In such an event, the winning position will be declared void.
- We are not in a position to return entry material.
- Participation in this competition signifies acceptance of the above conditions.

# Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Conference

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, December 6th 2008

*4th November 2008*

Venue: Cois na hÁbhanna, Gort Rd., Ennis

Speakers include,

- **Pádraig Ó Duinnín** from TG4's popular series Muintir na Mara
- **Criostóir Mac Cárthaigh**, editor of the major new publication Traditional Boats of Ireland
- **Richard Collins** of the West Clare Currach Club
- **Darina Tully**, chief consultant on the Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Study, 2008

The conference will also include presentations on the Maritime placenames of County Clare and "Forth they go for to rescue or to die!" the dramatic rescue of the French ship LEON XIII by Quilty Fishermen in 1907.

The Conference surrounds the official Launch of Clare Traditional Boats and Currachs Study, conducted across county Clare in the summer 2008. The winner of the Clare Maritime Heritage Photographic Competition will also be announced!

The conference is free to the public. Early attendance is advised.

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## Heritage Links

- **Architectural Ireland** : [www.buildingsofireland.ie](http://www.buildingsofireland.ie)
- **Architectural Heritage** : [www.irishgeorgiansociety.org](http://www.irishgeorgiansociety.org)
- **Bats** : [www.eurobats.org](http://www.eurobats.org)
- **Birdwatch Ireland** : [www.birdwatchireland.ie](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie)
- **Burrenbeo** : [www.burrenbeo.ie](http://www.burrenbeo.ie)
- **Butterfly Ireland** : [www.butterflyireland.com](http://www.butterflyireland.com)
- **CELT** : [www.celtnet.org](http://www.celtnet.org)
- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** : [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)
- **Coillte** : [www.coillte.ie](http://www.coillte.ie)
- **Conservation Volunteers Ireland** : [www.cvi.ie](http://www.cvi.ie)
- **Crann** : [www.crann.ie](http://www.crann.ie)
- **The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government** : [www.environ.ie](http://www.environ.ie)
- **Discovery Programme** : [www.discoveryprogramme.ie](http://www.discoveryprogramme.ie)
- **ENFO** : [www.enfo.ie](http://www.enfo.ie)
- **Environmental Protection Agency** : [www.epa.ie](http://www.epa.ie)
- **Green Schools** : [www.antaisce.org](http://www.antaisce.org)

- **Genealogy** : [www.irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.irishgenealogy.ie)
- **Genetic Heritage Ireland** : [www.tcd.ie/botany/ghi](http://www.tcd.ie/botany/ghi)
- **Heritage** : [www.heritageireland.ie](http://www.heritageireland.ie)
- **Heritage Council** : [www.heritagecouncil.ie](http://www.heritagecouncil.ie)
- **Heritage Week** : [www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)
- **Inland Waterways Association of Ireland** : [www.iwai.ie](http://www.iwai.ie)
- **Irish Char Conservation Group** : [www.charr.org](http://www.charr.org)
- **Peat Conservation Council** : [www.ipcc.ie](http://www.ipcc.ie)
- **Irish Seed Savers** : [www.irishseedsavers.ie](http://www.irishseedsavers.ie)
- **Irish Whale and Dolphin Group** : [www.iwdg.ie](http://www.iwdg.ie)
- **Irish Wildlife Trust** : [www.iwt.ie](http://www.iwt.ie)
- **Leader** : [www.leaderii.ie](http://www.leaderii.ie)
- **Native Woodland Trust** : [www.nativewoodtrust.ie](http://www.nativewoodtrust.ie)
- **National Parks and Wildlife** : [www.heritagedata.ie](http://www.heritagedata.ie)
- **Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland** : [www.riai.ie](http://www.riai.ie)
- **Shannon Development** : [www.shannon-dev.ie](http://www.shannon-dev.ie)
- **Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Foundation** : [www.shannondolphins.ie](http://www.shannondolphins.ie)
- **Shannon Reg. Fisheries** : [www.shannon-fishery-board.ie](http://www.shannon-fishery-board.ie)
- **Teagasc** : [www.teagasc.ie](http://www.teagasc.ie)
- **Department of Agriculture & Food** : [www.agriculture.gov.ie](http://www.agriculture.gov.ie)
- **Tree Council of Ireland** : [www.treecouncil.ie](http://www.treecouncil.ie)
- **UNESCO** : [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)
- **Waterways Ireland** : [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org)
- **Woodlands** : [www.woodlandsofireland.com](http://www.woodlandsofireland.com)

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