

Bye-laws

Waterways Ireland, through its Inspectorate, has responsibility for the enforcement of the navigational bye-laws. The Inspectorate is authorised to board craft, ask for and receive accurate information, impose charges, manage harbour moorings and remove craft from the navigation. Six of the navigations have bye-laws while the Lower Bann has a voluntary code.

Further information can be found by visiting the website www.waterwaysireland.org



Publications

Waterways Ireland produces a number of publications including charts and guides to the navigations.

To view the full range of publications, visit www.shopwaterwaysireland.org

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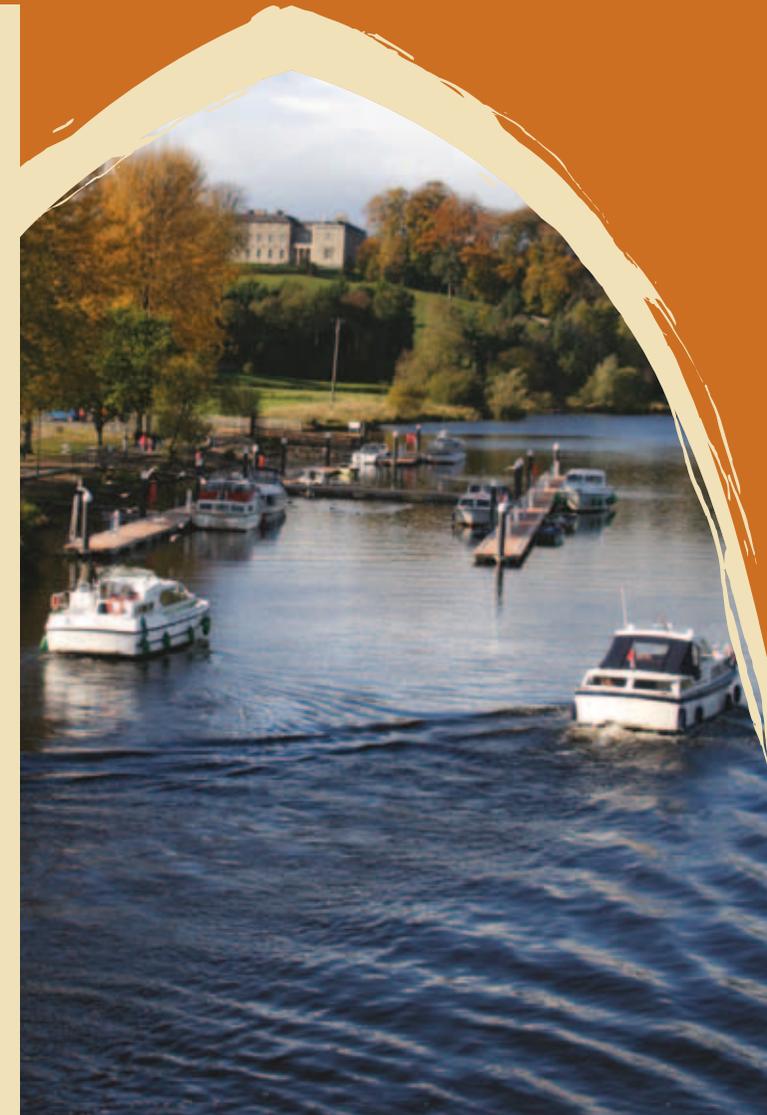
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Good Boating Guide



enjoy yourself - come home safely

Waterways Ireland promotes the responsible use of the waterways. This leaflet advises all users of the inland navigations to comply with the bye-laws.

Craft Registration & Permits

Erne System, Shannon-Erne Waterway & Shannon Navigation

All craft with an engine capacity of more than 10bhp on the Erne System and 15bhp on the Shannon-Erne Waterway and the Shannon Navigation must be registered with the Waterways Inspectorate. Registration is free and you can register your craft by requesting a form from the Inspectorate or by downloading one from the website www.waterwaysireland.org

Lower Bann Navigation

At present there is no registration required.

Barrow Navigation, Grand Canal & Royal Canal

On the Barrow Navigation, Grand Canal and Royal Canal craft must display a valid permit. For further information on the types of permits available, please contact the Assistant Inspector on +353 (0)57 935 2300

Passage Planning

Masters are reminded to plan their trip by consulting the weather forecast, checking the marine notices, letting someone ashore know of their intentions and time of return and having a means of communication onboard in case of emergency.



Wearing Lifejackets

It is a requirement under the bye-laws that no craft should leave a mooring without a suitable lifejacket for every adult and child onboard. In the Republic of Ireland, it is the law to wear a lifejacket. Waterways Ireland promotes the wearing of lifejackets by all users on all navigations.

Your Wash

The waterways are enjoyed by many users in a wide variety of craft.

Masters need to be aware of the wash behind their craft to ensure it does not create a danger to other users, particularly sailing/rowing boats and craft berthed alongside.

Masters should also be vigilant of wildlife nesting and wading in the waterways.

Speed and Look Out

Masters are reminded to maintain a good look out and to travel with due care and attention to their speed especially when passing other craft in busy areas.

Mooring

Waterways Ireland provides an extensive number of public moorings.

Limits have been set on the amount of time it is possible to moor at public moorings; generally the time limit is five consecutive days whilst it is only 48 hours on the Erne System. Unauthorised mooring severely inconveniences other craft owners. If you wish to stay in a location longer than the time limit, contact the Waterways Inspectorate or seek a private mooring.

When mooring leave maximum space for other craft.

Only moor at pump-out stations when actively pumping out.