

John Barry Sea Kayak Race

[Shielbaggan OEC](#) in conjunction with Sports Active Wexford will run the **Third sea kayak race from Rosslare to Wexford Harbour at the end of September 2012 as part of the Commodore John Barry Festival.**

This will build on the other races currently run around the country, including:

- Round Great Island in County Cork - December
- Cork Harbour - June
- Galway Bay - July

The maps on the Race Notes page show course A from Rosslare Harbour to Wexford Harbour round three bouys of 16.7km. If the weather is bad it will be held exclusively inside the harbour using Course C. Novices and Juniors will Paddle course B inside the harbour (5km).

It is proposed to have four different classes:

1. Elite class (inc. doubles)
2. Touring class (inc. doubles) (Inc. prizes for first Plastic boats)
3. Novice
4. Junior class

The touring class will start first @ 12am, followed by the elite class after 40min (2.40pm) and junior and novice class (start @ 3pm) will paddle a course inside Wexford Harbour of approximately 5 K.

This event will take place on **at the end of September 2012** to avoid clashes with other kayak races. .

Cost €20

In order to access the start Shielbaggan OEC will run a shuttle service between the finish in Wexford and Rosslare Harbour..

Competitors will therefore park their car near the finish (space barriered off in the car park behind the tourist office, cars must be out by 7pm) and then be shuttled to the start. It is suggested that you arrive by 10am to avail of the shuttle. The buses and trailers will then go to the finish and a pick up on Rosslare Strand, in order to pick up kayakers who feel unable to complete the course.

On the water there will be **four rescue boats all operating on Channel 71** who will pick up any kayakers who are in difficulty and ferry them to the shuttle buses. The safety boats will also sweep to ensure that nobody is left behind.

The finish point for the Race will be at the entrance to the breakwater in front of the tourist office on the quay front. Afterwards a prize-giving and sandwiches will be in the [Talbot Hotel](#) .