

## Programme of Events

### July 8th, Islay

Teams and crews and supporters meet on Islay.

Festival of the Sea,  
celebrating Colmcille Challenge

### July 9th, Islay to Inishowen

Colmcille Challenge,  
Traditional music in Marquee in Greencastle

### July 10th, Greencastle

Craft Fair in Marquee  
McLaughlin School of Dance  
Seafood cookery demonstrations,  
Tour of Local historical sites, particularly those  
related to Colmcille

Guided Shore walk, looking at fauna and flora

Display of traditional boats.

Display of rowing and opportunity to try out  
boats.

Display/talk on sea safety

Bouncy castle

Face painting

Children's activities

Celebration Dance in Marquee

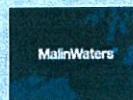
to the music of Lee Roy Brown



**John Hume,**  
**Patron**

Foyle Rowing Club  
C/o Lucy White, Secretary  
Moville  
Co. Donegal

Phone: 074 9382058  
E-mail: [foylerowingclub@gmail.com](mailto:foylerowingclub@gmail.com)  
[www.colmcillechallenge.com](http://www.colmcillechallenge.com)



## Foyle Rowing Club



### Islay to Inishowen

9th July 2011

Before man harnessed the wind in a sail he propelled his boat with two sticks.

The Foyle rowing Club is reviving a skill as old as mankind, a skill that requires physical strength and - because it is a group exercise, - mental discipline.

The Club is building up a modest fleet and at the same time reclaiming the Foyle as a place of pleasure and pleasurable exercise.

*Brian Friel*

**Is féidir linn!**



## Colmcille Challenge

A group of rowers had a dream.  
 They love to row and wanted a challenge.  
 They decided to go to Scotland and row home.  
 They needed a suitable boat.  
 They had no resources. There were no funds.  
 So they clubbed together and raised the money.  
 They bought a Celtic Longboat.  
 They began to train.  
 They set the date.  
 Now they are ready to bring Colmcille home!

## Launch of Celtic Longboat



### What is it

The Colmcille Challenge is a rowing challenge from Port Ellen on the Isle of Islay to Lough Foyle on the east coast of Inishowen..

Distance; Port Ellen to Greencastle, 42 miles

It is envisaged that it will become a biennial event.

### When will it happen

The first Colmcille Challenge will take place on 9th July 2011.

The date is subject to weather conditions, and may vary a day on either side

### Who can take part

The inaugural event will consist of 4 boats and crews, 2 from Foyle Rowing Club in Moville, and 2 from Islay Rowing Club.

Other clubs may be accommodated but at their own risk

The Colmcille Challenge is open to

- X Celtic Longboats
- X Pembrokeshire Longboats
- X Irish Coastal Rowing boats
- X Traditional sea rowing boats

Each boat should have a crew of 10.

Mixed crews should comprise 5 men and 5 women

**Is féidir linn!**

## Colmcille Challenge

A biennial challenge from Islay to Inishowen

Each boat rowing in the Colmcille Challenge must have a support boat and a rib in attendance for the duration of the race.

It is the responsibility of each boat to supply its own support vessels

If your club is interested in joining us for this event, please contact Foyle Rowing Club to express interest.



### Thanks!

Foyle Rowing Club acknowledges the generous support of the local and wider community. Without the help of individuals, clubs, voluntary groups and businesses, this event would not be possible.

Míle buíochas!



**Club Ramhaíochta Loch Feabhail**  
**Dúshlán Cholmcille**