

Donegal Canoe Club



‘Castlefin Marathon Ranking Race’ Saturday 27th February 2010

Registration opens 10.30 closes 11.30. Race starts at 12.00
Entry Fees: Seniors €10, Junior’s €5.00, U14’s FREE

Classes Long Start 15k

K1 Div 1 K1 Div 2 Open K2/T2

Classes Short Start 11k

K1 Div 3 K1 Div 4 Open K2/T2 Open Canadian C2
Men’s GP Woman’s GP Boys GP (U15) Girls GP (U15)
Also Boys (U14) Girls (U14) 1000 metre race

Rules www.irishmarathoncanoeing.com

For further details see at www.donegalcanoeclub.com

For all other enquiries please email info@donegalcanoeclub.com
or call Frank Roche 087 918 2511 or Paul Reed 086 362 2472

ICU/CANI/BCU membership cards will be requested when entering. Neither the organisers or the ICU accept responsibility for any damage or loss. Rough water course with Grade 1/Grade 2 rapids and ICU Safety Rules Apply.



Castlefin Race



Race Location

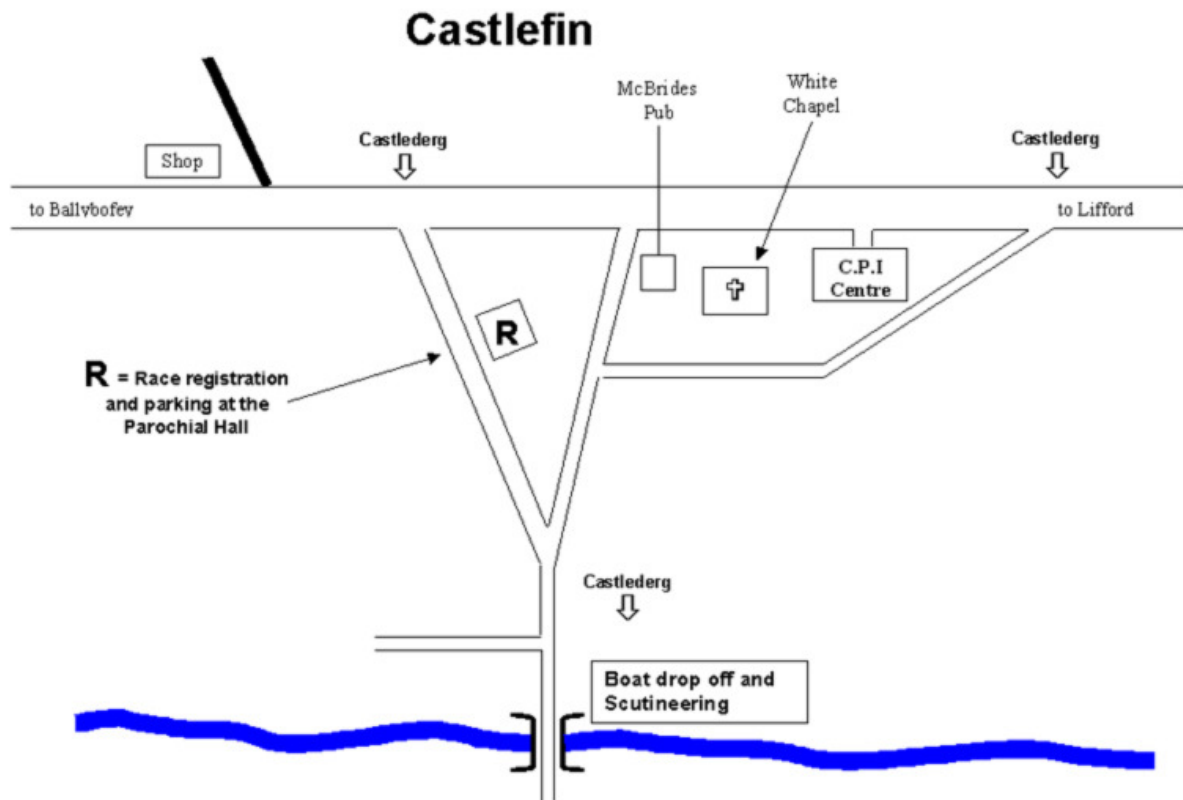
The race start is in Castlefin, County Donegal close to the Northern Ireland border with County Tyrone and finishes at Lifford bridge.

Castlefin is approximately...25mins from Derry, 10mins from Ballybofey, 35mins from Donegal Town, 20mins from Letterkenny or 60mins from Sligo.

We suggest that you plan your route to Ballybofey or Lifford / Strabane (Lifford on ROI side of river, Strabane on NI side) and then on from these towns to Castlefin.

Coming from Lifford/Strabane direction - Castlefin is approx. 7 miles from Lifford,

Coming from Ballybofey - Castlefin is approx. 7 miles from Ballybofey,





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The River

The race will be on the lower section of the River Finn where the water is slow moving with good volume. There are no weirs, no portages and damage to boats and swimmers would be unlikely. Therefore boats that are normally only raced on lakes may be used.

The Race

The long start classes will race upstream from the put in at Castlefin for 2km before turning back to the finish at Lifford bridge, a total of 15km. All other classes will race downstream from Castlefin to the far side of Lifford bridge, a distance of 11km. Junior under 14's will race approximately 500m upstream and 500m back again.

Parking

There is no parking at the Start but vehicles can drop off boats and then return to the Castlefin **Parochial Hall** to change and register. All vehicles are to park at the Castlefin **Parochial Hall**, see map above or ask a steward for advice.

Registration and Start

Registration opens 10.30 closes 11.30. Race starts at 12.00. Entry fee for Seniors is €10 or £10 Sterling and Junior's is €5.00 or £5.00 Sterling, U14's are FREE. It is a short walk from the Parochial Hall to the Start. Stewards will be on hand at every point to assist.

Finish

No vehicles will be permitted to park at the riverbank. On completion of the race you will need to get your vehicle and return to collect your boat. There is limited parking at Lifford bridge. We strongly recommend car sharing. A shuttle service will be available to take boats back to the **Parochial Hall**. Donegal Canoe Club cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to boats and equipment.

Presentations

Medal presentations and photography will be held at the Castlefin **Parochial Hall** where soup and sandwiches will also be provided. Ranking presentations will take place first so that those with a long drive back can leave as soon as possible.

Scutineers

Scutineers will check for boat airbags/floatation, personal buoyancy for all classes other than K1 and K2 and for helmets on all U18 and U14 paddlers.

Where to stay

Try Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey or <http://www.donegaltourist.com/directory/accommodation> if in doubt please contact us.