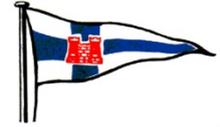


# LOUGH ERNE YACHT CLUB

Founded 1818: Ireland's Oldest Yacht-Racing Club, Gublusk Bay, Lower Lough Erne

**NOTICE – GEORGIAN RULES RACING on Sunday 20 July 2014**



LEYC Articles legally require that we - 'give expression to the heritage of Lough Erne Yacht Club and Sailing on the Erne.' Members, friends and visitors are summoned at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday 20 July to gather with picnic hampers to re-enact races in sailing boats using Erne rules from the early 1820s, late Georgian times when LEYC was known as The Subscribers to the Boat Races on Lough Erne for the encouragement of fast sailing boats and the navigation of the lake. Our 1820 racing rules were written in Necarne Castle, Irvinestown, so this Georgian Racing event is part of the 2012 Lady of the Lake Festival.



## RACES, GAMES & RULES

Wind and weather permitting: Plan A is two races using our 1820s rules (creatively interpreted) one race before one after an island picnic. Plan B is picnic in clubhouse. Plans ashore include lawn croquet, welly boots under long dress if muddy, and other 'Georgian' games – bring your garden games too, anything Georgian, indeed for some football may be their Best George.

In Georgian sailing rules the start is simply like for race horses – racing boats anchored or moored foresail down, behind a line, then leave anchor or drop mooring, up-foresail and off at the gun. Courses are laid round 'post boats' at historic race start locations such as Inishdoney, Rossclare and the Catalina Slipway. Motor cruisers with anchors are needed to be post boats.



## GEORGIAN

It is respectfully requested that dress, deportment, conduct, even content of picnic hampers be "Georgian" - this word meaning, as Humpty Dumpty said: just what you choose it to mean. 1820 rules required gentlemen aboard each boat. In 1895 women became full LEYC members, so today both ladies and gentlemen are requested to give themselves a noble title for the day and enter this in the attendance register

All thus become Lords, Ladies, Vikings, Maguires, since they started Erne sailing 500 years ago, Georgians even killed Jacobites (without claymores, H&S) making a creative nobility attendance just like in 2013



## BLUESTOCKING

Bluestocking was the fastest boat in the early 1820s, named after her owner's mother and aunt who were Bluestockings - the Georgian predecessors of Victorian Suffragettes. Hence, noble ladies in azure hose are especially welcome at these Georgian Races. The Yeoman fleet is already aptly named. The J/24s will be dubbed 'Second Class', as was the 24ft fleet introduced in 1822.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Many thanks to Peter Scott, Anne McCarthy and Teresa O'Hare for photographs at the 2013 event: a few are in this document. Volunteers needed include Photographers, Game Organisers, Musicians, Motor Cruisers to anchor as Post-Boats, and others with the fleet as guard boats, and RIB drivers. Cultured discerning judges also needed to assess Georgian quality worthy of reward.

**More on LEYC's 1820s beginnings: download <ErneSail1820s> from [www.leyc.net](http://www.leyc.net)**