

Cabin and Sailing Cruisers - River Shannon

Carrick Craft, PO Box 14, Reading RG3 6TA, Berkshire England. Tel: Reading 22975. Telex: (Reading) 847138
Base: Carrick-on-Shannon. Tel: Carrick-on-Shannon 236.
Craft: 4, 6/7 and 8 berth, Sailing dinghies.

Emerald Star Line Limited (A Company in the Guinness Group), 104 James's Street, Dublin 8. Tel: (01) 780297/756701. Telex: 5138.

Base: Carrick-on-Shannon. Tel: Carrick-on-Shannon 234
Portumna. Tel: Portumna 120
Craft: 4, 5, 6 and 8 berth, Sailing dinghies.

Flag Line (1972) Ltd., Shancurragh, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. Tel: (0902) 2892. Telex: 4221

Base: Rosebank Marina, Carrick-on-Shannon.
Tel: Carrick-on-Shannon 172
Craft: 4, 5, 6 and 8 berth, Sailing dinghies.

Mitchell Marine Limited, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim. Tel: Carrick-on-Shannon 169

Base: Carrick-on-Shannon

Craft: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 berth, Sailing dinghies

Breffni Cruisers (Shannon) Ltd, Rooskey, Co. Roscommon
Tel: Rooskey 26

Base: Rooskey. Craft: 5, 6, 7 and 8/9 berth cruisers.
Sailing dinghies.

Holland Supercraft Limited, Cloonart Bridge, Newtownforbes, Co. Longford. Tel: (043) 6633

Base: Cloonart Bridge. Craft: 5 berth cruisers 4 berth sailing cruiser. Sailing dinghies

Athlone Cruisers Limited, Shancurragh, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. Tel: (0902) 2892. Telex: 4221.

Base: Athlone. Craft: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 berth cruisers
4 berth sailing cruisers

Silver Line Cruisers, Banagher, Co. Offaly. Tel: 25 (Banagher)

Base: Banagher. Craft: 2, 4, 5 and 6 berth cruisers.

Cormacruisers Limited (Incorporating Cruising Craft (Shannon) Ltd), Lakeside Marina, Killaloe, Co. Clare
Tel: Killaloe 65. Telex: 8232

Base: Killaloe. Craft: 2, 3, 4 and 6 berth craft. Sailing dinghies.

Cabin Cruisers - Grand Canal

Joyline Cruisers Limited, 18 Berkeley Street, Dublin 7
Tel: (01) 301511

Base: Lowtown, Robertstown, Co. Kildare,

Tel: (045) 60178. Craft: 2, 4 and 6 berth.

Hire Rates 1973

4 berth cabin cruiser—from £50 in April and October to £96 in August.

6 berth cabin cruiser—from £69 in April and October to £150 in August.

These rates should only be taken as a rough guide. For detailed rates please apply directly to the operator.

Fully Inclusive River Cruises

Two companies based on the Shannon offer floatel/ barge cruises of one or two weeks. These cruises include meals and cabin accommodation.

Barge cruises are informal and passenger participation is the keynote. Floatel cruises provide stewardess service and are fully licenced.

Barges—River Shannon

Weaver Boats Limited, 9 Duke Lane, Dublin 2.

Tel: 01-773716. Telex: 5596

Base: Lanesboro. Tel: Carrick-on-Shannon 204

Craft: 3 x 8/10 berth.

Rates per person (per week) — May, June, September from £23; July, August from £27.

Floatels—River Shannon

Irish River Floatels Limited, Killaloe, Co. Clare.

Tel: Killaloe 119 Telex: 8232

Base: Killaloe. Craft: 4 x 12 berth.

Rates per person per week from £40.

Associations: Most cruiser firms are associated with one or other of two controlling bodies which lay down standards for their members. Lists of members can be obtained from these organisations, and hirers who have difficulty in effecting a booking could write to either of them at the following addresses:

The Irish Boat Operators Ltd (Penguin Group)

Secretary: Mr Leslie Tait, 67 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2. Tel: (01) 67251

Charter Boat Association of Ireland,

Secretary: Mrs K Mathews, 18 Berkely Street, Dublin 7
Tel: 301511

Harp Awards

Guinness' present a Silver Harp Award to any foreign based boat travelling the length of the Grand Canal through Shannon Harbour to the Shannon. A Golden Harp Award is presented to those travelling up the Barrow and the Grand Canal through Shannon Harbour to the Shannon.

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CRUISING ON INLAND WATERWAYS

Ireland consists essentially, in structure, of a broad central lowland surrounded by a rim of mountains. As a result the midlands contain a large number of lakes connected by slow flowing rivers. The navigable waterways are:

The Shannon is not only the longest river in Ireland or Britain but is also the largest area of navigable inland waters. The total navigable cruising area is 128,000 acres, 140 navigable miles in length. For its entire length of 210 miles the river flows through unspoilt countryside. Along its shores countless castles, abbeys and old fortifications weave the fabric of history. There is no restriction on boating on the Shannon.

During the summer months, lock keepers are normally in attendance from sunrise to sunset but only for restricted hours during the winter. Fee for locking up is 17½p. A through pass in one direction costs 67½p. Locks at: Knockvicar, Jamestown Cut, Rooskey, Tarmonbarry, Athlone, Meelick Lock. Swing Bridges: Portumna, Rooskey (only for boats with height of 6ft or more over the waterline).

Grand Canal and the Barrow are under the control of CIE. A circulation permit should be obtained in advance from the Canal Section, CIE, Pearse Street, Dublin 2 (Tel: (01) 776581) and the charge is 10p per lock each way. Between Ringsend and the River Shannon there are 44 locks, between Ringsend and Athy 36 locks, and between Ringsend and St Mullins 59 locks. Lock keepers are generally in attendance between sunrise and sunset.

The Erne is navigable for more than fifty miles from Belturbet to Beleek.

As far as other waterways in Ireland are concerned, these have not yet been charted. It would be advisable to obtain permission, where necessary, locally and also to enquire as to whether the particular waterways are navigable.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Bringing your own boat. If you wish to bring your own craft to Ireland the formalities are simple, and every help is given by Customs and Excise Officials to ease the way. On arrival in Ireland, contact the nearest Customs Officer (or, if not at a main port the local police station) and the few necessary papers will be supplied and filled in on the spot.

Dutiable goods, if any, will be listed and checked for normal consumption on the way out. Normal passport and visa requirements apply. (Temporary importation arrangements apply for a period of 364 days).

From the entry point the Shannon can be reached either by road or by the Grand Canal and/or Barrow Navigation. Because of changing conditions Bord Failte, Dublin or the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland (Mr Duncan Bain, The Cottage, Luttrellstown, Clonsilla, Co. Dublin) or CIE, Canal Section, Pearse Station, Dublin 2, should be contacted for up to date information.

Dimensions of Craft: Entering the Shannon from Limerick - length 90 ft., beam 18 ft., combined draught and headroom 17 ft. Above Limerick there is a headroom of 15 ft. except in flood.

Entering the Shannon via Grand Canal, Dublin - length 60 ft., beam 13 ft., draught 4 ft., maximum headroom 9 ft. except at Railway Bridge at Ringsend, Dublin where the dock level can theoretically be lowered.

Entering the Shannon via River Barrow - Dimensions as Grand Canal but draught dependent on state of river.

Slipways: For boats arriving overland, commercial boat operators make access to slipways available at a modest charge. There is a public slipway at Carrick-on-Shannon.

Charts: Up to date navigation charts are supplied on all hire boats.

The Shannon Guide, price £1.75, is a useful publication containing charts, and information on the wildlife, fishing and sites of interest along the River Shannon. It is available from most booksellers and from Eason and Son Ltd., 40 Lower O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.

Admiralty Charts of Lough Ree (No 5078) and Lough Derg (No 5080) cost 63p each are available from Croxon and Dobbs Limited, 3 Windmill Lane, Sir John Rogerson's Quay Dublin 2 (Tel: 01-772008).

Hiring a Cruiser: There are nine approved cruiser hire companies based on the Shannon, one based on the Erne and one on the Grand Canal.

Naturally experience in handling a boat is a great advantage, but it is not essential as all companies give each hirer a familiarisation trip.

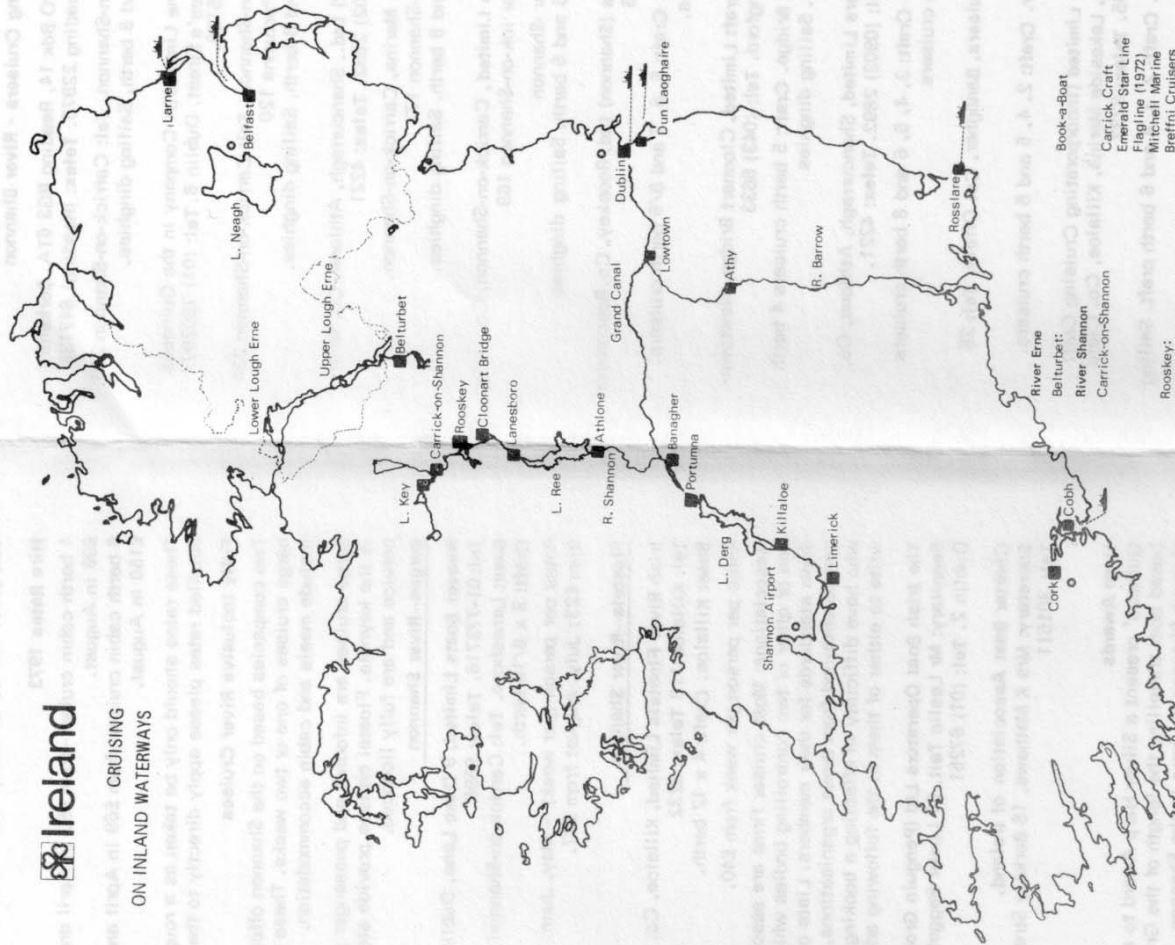
Firms whose craft have been inspected and approved by Bord Failte - Irish Tourist Board:

Cabin Cruisers - River Erne

Book-A-Boat Limited, Drummully, Emyvale, Co. Monaghan. Tel: Emyvale 22. **Base:** Belturbet, Co. Cavan. Tel: 2147 (Belturbet). **Craft:** 2/3, 4, 5, & 6 berth. Sailing Dinghies.



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- Book-a-Boat
- Carrick Craft
- Emerald Star Line
- Flagline (1972)
- Mitchell Marine
- Breffni Cruisers
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- Weaver Boats
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- Silver Line Cruisers
- Emerald Star Line
- Cornacruisers
- Irish River Floatels
- Joy Line Cruisers

- Rosiskey: Clonart Bridge, Newtown Forbes;
- Lanesboro: Athlone;
- Banagher: Portumna;
- Killaloe: Carrick-on-Shannon

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