



The Dublin Boat Races 2011 – Press Release



Gannon Cup Committee, 24th February 2011

The Gannon Cup Committee are pleased to announce the arrangements for the 2011 Dublin University Boat Races between Trinity College Dublin and University College Dublin. The Colours rowing races will this year take place on St Patrick's Day, Thursday 17th March, in association with the official St Patrick's Festival. This historic grudge match will once again negotiate the River Liffey from O'Connell Bridge to St James' Gate Brewery. The novice races will commence at 8am and the senior men's race, the Gannon Cup, will be contested at 9:30am. Spectator buses will follow the senior races and depart from the O'Connell Bridge taxi rank. The Corcoran and Gannon Cups will be presented on the steps of the GPO immediately prior to the St Patrick's Festival Parade.

Program of events:

8:00am The Moorhead Trophy – Novice Women (*holder UCD*)
8:30am The Dan Quinn Perpetual Shield – Novice Men (*holder Trinity*)
9:00am The Corcoran Cup – Senior Women (*holder Trinity*)
9:30am The Gannon Cup – Senior Men (*holder UCD*)
Approx 11:30am Presentation of the Cups @ The GPO

The university boat races are an annual event on the River Liffey echoing the world famous Oxford/Cambridge University Boat Race in London. The senior men's race, the Gannon Cup, is in its 64th year having been founded in 1947 in memory of former UCD Captain Ciaran Gannon, who lost his life in Burma in 1944. Trinity currently lead the senior men's series although UCD will be hoping to retain the Gannon Cup which they have now held for three consecutive years. In 1980 Trinity were presented with the Corcoran Cup as winners of the inaugural women's boat race; however, UCD responded strongly to this initial defeat and currently lead the series by 18 wins to Trinity's 13. Races for novice men and women were introduced in 2004 and 2005 respectively and add greatly to the atmosphere of the event.

The 2011 races promise to be the greatest spectacle yet as the crews battle it out not simply for the honour of 'Colours' victory but also the opportunity to be presented with their trophies in front of a crowd of thousands on Dublin's greatest day of celebration. One not to miss!

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