



Lough Derg Sub Aqua Club are delighted to welcome you all back to the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh, Co Tipperary on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd March for Diving Ireland Expo 2026.

This year's Expo builds on everything that made the previous show such a hit. As ever, the heart of the Expo is the trade show and 2026 features a strong lineup of high-quality trade stands spread across the three exhibition halls. Visitors can look forward to great show deals on dive gear, the latest equipment and innovations on the market, as well as expert advice from retailers, manufacturers, dive travel providers and much more!

Our local arts and crafts exhibitors returns by popular demand, showcasing a wonderful selection of locally produced work inspired by the sea, nature and Irish creativity.

This year's Expo brings together an exceptional line-up of speakers offering something for everyone. We are delighted to host the Underwater Cultural Heritage Workshop led by the National Monuments Service dive team as well as talks from Barry McGill, Chris Reynolds, Nuala Moore and many more. Check out also the documentary from Kev L Films and be sure to visit the Underwater Photography room for various talks as well as the award ceremony from the Diving Ireland Underwater Photography Competition 2026.

New this year is an onsite medical advice and screening room, offering free advice and checks on Saturday afternoon. Be sure to visit.

Several raffles are being run throughout the weekend, with fantastic prizes to be won – Red Roots Sea raffle (drawn on Sunday) is offering a trip for two to Egypt; Safari Diving raffle has a package of free dives (drawn on Saturday during the talk) and our main Expo raffle is being run on Sunday.

A huge thank you to all our sponsors and to everyone who has supported this year's Expo. We look forward to welcoming you to Nenagh for what promises to be an unmissable event.

For full details, visit the Expo website at divingirelandexpo.ie and follow @diveirelandexpo on Facebook, Instagram, and X for the latest updates.



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Saturday 21st March

Time	Main Speaker Room	Diving Ireland Room
10.00am	Opening	<p>Diving Ireland Membership Forum 10am - 1.30pm</p> <p>Welcome and Setting the Scene Organisational Updates Updates from the Commissions Training and Standards Updates Commissions Elections</p> 
10.30am - 11.30am	<p>Barry McGill Indepth Technical Diving <i>'Shipwreck Exploration - A divers guide to shipwreck exploration on HMHS Britannic & RMS Lusitania'</i></p> <p>Break</p>	
12.00pm - 2.00pm	<p>National Monuments Service (NMS) Dive Team led by Dr Connie Kelleher & Karl Brady <i>Underwater Cultural Heritage (UCH) Workshop</i> <i>Check www.divingirelandexpo.ie for workshop schedule.</i></p> <p>Break</p>	
2.30pm - 3.30pm	<p>Chris Reynolds Former Officer Commanding Naval Unit, Irish Coast Guard Director, EUCAP Somalia <i>'Navy Diving Search & Recovery and Coast Guard Director advice to Divers'</i></p> <p>Break</p>	
4pm - 5pm	<p>Louise Overy & Marian de Jongh Swemer Angel Shark Project Ireland & Safari Diving <i>'Searching for Angels - An Irish Tale'</i></p>	

Time	Underwater Photography Room
10am - 11am	<p>Derek Bolton Diving Ireland Underwater Photography Exhibition <i>'Getting Started / First gear setup'</i></p>
11am - 1pm	<p>Martin Kiely Atlantic Dive Club <i>'Smallest to Largest'</i></p> <p>Break</p>
3pm - 4pm	<p>Ciaran OMurchu Cork Sub Aqua Club <i>'Wide Angle Photography'</i></p>
4pm - 5pm	Competition Awards

Chantry Suite
<p>Medical Commission Forum</p> <p>2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Irish Heart Foundation Asthma Society of Ireland Irish Diabetes Association and more...</p>

Sunday 22nd March

Time	Main Speaker Room	Diving Ireland Room
10am - 11am	<p>Jack O'Donovan & Grace Carr Fair Seas <i>'Diving for conservation and the incoming Marine Protected Areas legislation in Ireland' & 'Nature Restoration Law and the Irelands Nature Restoration Plan'</i></p> <p>Break</p>	<p>Diving Ireland AGM 10.30am - 12pm</p> 
11.15am - 12.15pm	<p>Dr Simon Berrow Irish Whale and Dolphin Group / Irish Basking Shark Group <i>'The Waters We Share'</i></p> <p>Break</p>	
12.30pm - 1.30pm	<p>Nuala Moore Cold Water Extreme Swimmer <i>'Clarity Beneath the Surface'</i></p> <p>Break</p>	<p>Search & Recovery Forum 1pm - 2pm</p>
1.45pm - 2.45pm	<p>Kev L Smith Kev L Films <i>Documentary: Cill Stuiifin</i></p>	

Time	Underwater Photography Room
12pm - 2pm	<p>Maja Stankovski Dalkey Sub Aqua Club <i>'Macro Cold Water'</i></p>
2pm - 4pm	Lia Philcox Film

PADI Room
<p>PADI Forum 11am - 1pm</p>



Shipwreck Exploration – A diver’s guide to shipwreck exploration on HMHS Britannic & RMS Lusitania



Barry McGill is a Donegal-based deep wreck photographer and Technical Diving Instructor Trainer with his company Indepth Technical Diving, specialising in the exploration of

shipwrecks around the Irish coastline. He has played a key role in the discovery and first exploration of numerous previously undocumented shipwrecks, mainly of which lie in over 100 meters of water. Barry has organised and led major deep-wreck expeditions, including dives to the *SS Empress of Britain* (162 m) and *SS Transylvania* (130 m), and has been involved in the discovery of wrecks such as *HMS Curacoa* and WWI U-boats UB-124 and U-45. Internationally, he was part of the team that undertook the first internal exploration and artifact recovery projects on *HMHS Britannic* at 120 metres. His photography has appeared in documentaries, books, and *The New York Times*.

Underwater Cultural Heritage Workshop run by National Monuments Service Dive Team



Karl Brady, Senior Archaeologist in charge of the NMS’ Marine Licensing and Planning and the Wreck Inventory of Ireland Unit. Karl has directed multiple surveys and excavations of underwater

sites, including the ongoing extensive work in Lough Corrib. He has a broad publication record, in peer reviewed journal and chapters in books. These include his work on sites and topics ranging from early maps, medieval ship graffiti, logboats, the Spanish Armada, World War I and World War II wrecks, early medieval ecclesiastical remains, management of maritime cultural heritage and shipwrecks.



Dr Connie Kelleher is Senior Archaeologist and manager of the NMS’ Underwater Archaeology Unit (UAU) and senior archaeological advisor for the World Heritage

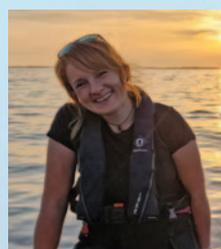
Site of Sceilg Mhichíl. Connie is visiting lecturer in underwater archaeology in University College Cork. Along with publishing peer-reviewed papers in journals and chapters in books, she has published multiple books. Connie sits on the board of the International Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology (ACUA) and is secretary of ICOMOS’ International Committee on the Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICOMOS-ICUCH)

Navy Diving Search & Recovery and Coast Guard Director advice to Divers



Chris Reynolds’ career started in the Irish Navy in 1979. He qualified as a Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Officer and was OC Naval Diving Unit for many years. He was Gunnery Officer onboard *LE Aisling*, the On Scene Coordinator at the Air India terrorist attack and Humanitarian Convoy Commander for the Grapes of Wrath War and first in at the Qana massacre in Lebanon in 1995. Chris Reynolds left the Navy in 1997 to join the Irish Coast Guard and was appointed Director of the Coast Guard in Aug 2007. From mid-2016 Chris served as Head of Mission in Mogadishu Somalia for the EU’s counter-piracy mission until Jan 2023. Chris then served as United Nations Team Leader in Malaysia in support of the Malaysian Coast Guard.

Searching for Angels – An Irish tale



Louise Overy is a marine conservation researcher at Munster Technological University, leading Angel Shark Project: Ireland with the Irish elas-

mobranch Group (IEG). Her work focuses on community led conservation, combining citizen science and underwater

survey techniques to help improve the understanding of shark and ray distribution and habitat use in Ireland. The project is part of an international effort of the Angel Shark Conservation Network to identify key areas for Angel sharks and other threatened species and translate these findings into conservation strategies and policy actions.



Marian de Jongh Swemer has been working as a dive instructor in Lanzarote since 2002 and has been a co-owner of Safari Diving since 2020. With over

two decades of experience diving in the Canary Islands, she is deeply committed to marine conservation and responsible diving practices. Safari Diving has collaborated for many years with the Angel-shark Project Canary Islands and is actively involved in the annual Count the Angels program each December, contributing to the reporting of angelshark sightings for scientific research.

Diving for conservation and the incoming Marine Protected Areas legislation in Ireland



Jack O'Donovan is the communications officer at Fair Seas, a campaign to build a movement of ocean stewardship across Ireland. The campaign is run by

Ireland’s leading environmental NGOs and networks and is advocating for Ireland’s Marine Protected Areas to be expanded, properly managed and resourced.

Nature Restoration Law and the Irelands Nature Restoration Plan



Grace Carr is the marine advocacy officer with the Irish Wildlife Trust. She has spent the last few years working on strengthening marine conservation policy at national and EU level. She

completed a Masters of Research comparing shark distributions and behaviours against environmental variables in the north east Atlantic. Before this she worked as a divemaster and assistant instructor for many years at home and abroad.



The Waters We Share



Dr Simon Berrow has been working on marine mega-fauna, including whales, dolphins and basking sharks in Ireland

since 1987. He is founder member and current Chief Executive Officer of the Irish Whale and Dolphin which co-ordinate All-Ireland long term recording schemes. The data from these schemes support the development of conservation policies and best practice guidelines for the conservation and management of cetaceans in Ireland. He is founder member of the Irish Basking Shark Group formed in 2008 primarily to seek legal protection for sharks in Ireland. He also lectures at the Atlantic Technological University, Galway contributing to the Applied Freshwater and Marine Biology degree and a number of Masters programmes and supervises PhD candidates. He has over 200 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals to his name and sits on a number of scientific committees including the National Biodiversity Forum. He is a CMAS ***Diver with his first logged dive on Anglesea, Wales in 1985 and recently joined Kilkee SAC.

Clarity Beneath The Surface



Nuala Moore is a Cold-Water Extreme Swimmer, adventurer, and scuba diver. She has earned two Guinness world records, and has

pushed human boundaries in the two most notorious bodies of waters in the world, both the Drake Passage and in the Bering Strait, for the first international relay swim from Russia to the USA.

In 2018, Nuala became the first swimmer in history to complete the "Meeting of the Oceans," crossing from the Pacific to the Atlantic, south of Cape Horn. In 2013 she became the first Irish swimmer and the 3rd woman in the world to complete a 1,000m ice swim at 0°C, in Murmansk, Russia.

Drawing on two decades of experience, Nuala shares powerful insights into resilience, preparation, risk management, teamwork, and decision-making under pressure.

Nuala has written her memoir 'Limitless' from Dingle to Cape Horn by Gill Publishing.

Cill Stuiñín

Documentary | 50 mins

A screening of the TG4 broadcast version



Kev L Smith is an Irish director and cinematographer based on the west coast of Ireland. With a background in surf, underwater, and nature filmmaking, his

work is rooted in a deep connection to the Atlantic and the landscapes and communities shaped by it. Living in County Clare, overlooking Liscannor Bay, Kev's films often blend folklore, science, and lived experience, using cinematic visuals to explore place, memory, and the power of the natural world. He works across documentary as director, DoP, drone pilot, freediver, and commercial scuba diver, creating immersive stories grounded in Ireland's wild coast.

Off the coast of West Clare lies a legendary reef, believed to be the site of a sunken city. Blending folklore, marine science, and big-wave surfing, the documentary follows geologists investigating the reef, a marine scientist diving its depths, and artists and local voices inspired by the sunken city, in a search to unlock its mysteries.

Diving Ireland Expo raffle tickets are available with some awesome prizes to be won, thanks to our amazing supporters!

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1st Prize: €2,000 voucher from Ursuit Finland (T&Cs apply) or €1,500 in cash (cash provided by Lough Derg Sub Aqua Club)
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3rd Prize: Half-day Cruise on the Ku-ee-tu on Lough Derg for (9-53 people)
4th Prize: Bog Oak Sculpture (donated by Paradzai Havatiyte)
5th Prize: 2 Nights B&B in Harbour House, Castlegregory, Co. Kerry plus 4 boat dives in Waterworld Dive Centre
6th Prize: 2 Nights B&B for 2 and 1 Evening Meal in Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh
7th Prize: €100 Meat Voucher for O'Sullivan's Butchers, Nenagh
and numerous other prizes

TICKETS €5 each or 3 for €10

Draw will take place on Sunday March 22nd, 2026 in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh at Diving Ireland Expo 2026



Scan here to purchase tickets online

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- 8th Prize:** 10 dives including tanks and weights and a dive at Museo Atlantico with Safari Diving Lanzarote.
- 9th Prize:** Mares EOS 10RW Video Set - Cork Dive Centre.
- 10th Prize:** 6 dives with own equipment - Manta Diving Lanzarote.
- 11th Prize:** Fanore dive light - Anchor Dive Lights.
- 12th Prize:** 6 dives with own equipment - Manta Diving Lanzarote.
- 13th Prize:** A full valet in Ballysimon Car wash and Valet Centre
- 14th Prize:** Fourth Element Tec Fins - Aquaholics

and more fabulous prizes on the day

See you all at the Dive Show