

# SALLINS MOORINGS TO OPEN

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Waterways Ireland intends to open the Extended Term Serviced Moorings in Sallins, Co Kildare in October 2014. The moorings in Sallins have been created with a number of services to provide a high standard of facility. The moorings have electricity, water, lighting and access to broadband, a sewage pumpout and rubbish disposal facilities.

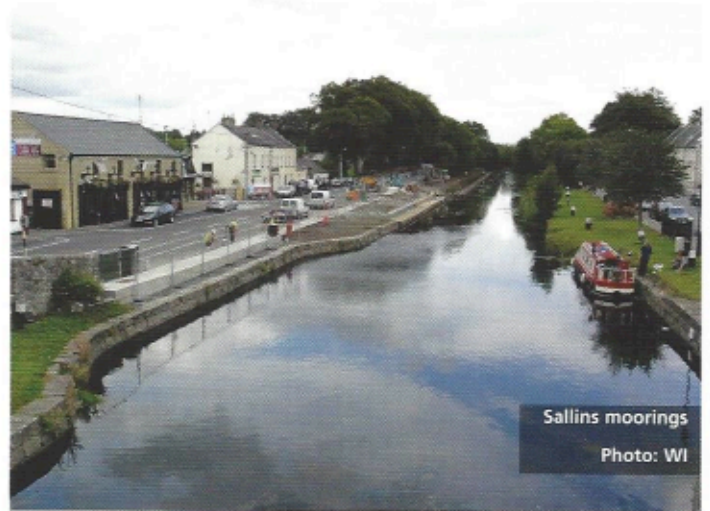
Initial applications for berths in the Extended Term Serviced Moorings opened on 1 September 2014 for three weeks to boaters holding a Combined Mooring & Passage Permit (CMP).

To find more about the Extended Term Serviced Moorings contact Waterways Ireland or download the application form, criteria and guidelines from [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org); by Tel 0044 (0)28 6632 3004 and asking for a Extended Term Serviced Mooring Pack or by writing to ETS Mooring Application Pack, Waterways Ireland, 2 Sligo Rd, Enniskillen, BT74 7JY.

The Application Process requires the applicant to already hold a Combined Mooring & Passage Permit, complete the application form, and submit the enclosures and fees including a security deposit with the application by 22 September 2014. The Extended Term Serviced Mooring rate of €152 applies to these berths currently. Applicants are advised that the charging regime will be subject to change when new Bye-Laws come into force (currently at draft stage).

Evaluation of the applications will take place after the closing

date. A license will be issued only on payment of the balance of the fee and the signing of a license agreement.



Sallins moorings

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# WI PILOTS DIGITAL NAVIGATION GUIDES

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Waterway Ireland has developed an Online Navigation Guide for the Lower Bann and Erne System for use on computers, tablets and mobile phones. In a major step change in the presentation of navigation guides for Ireland's inland waterways, WI has, in consultation with user groups, developed, tested and now launched, pilot Online Navigation Guides, designed to provide a convenient alternative to printed navigation guides.

The online guide to navigation has been developed internally within WI using ArcGIS online. This interactive web mapping application details navigation features such as Locks, Moorings, Weirs, Navigation Markers and other facilities along the waterway. These data layers are then overlaid using ArcGIS online web maps. GPS surveys or digitising onscreen using

Ordnance Survey Maps have been used to capture the location of features. The application enables the public to pan around the map, identify features, print maps, switch between base mapping & satellite view and switch on and off layers. The Lower Bann and the Erne Navigations are complete and available for free on our website and can be viewed on a PC, Tablet or Smartphone.

Waterways Ireland will update the maps on an ongoing basis so that the latest navigational information is always available online. Ongoing feedback is welcomed from users to keep the mapping information accurate.

With both the Lower Bann and the Erne System Navigation Guides presently available online, WI is commencing work with user groups on the Shannon and will subsequently cover the remaining waterways.

The maps are available on the WI website [www.waterwaysireland.org](http://www.waterwaysireland.org) by choosing the waterway and then selected the map tab. To directly access the Lower Bann & Lough Erne Online Navigation Guides, click [www.waterwaysireland.org/Pages/Do%20t%20Online/Digital-Navigation-Guides.aspx](http://www.waterwaysireland.org/Pages/Do%20t%20Online/Digital-Navigation-Guides.aspx).

In the initial pilot period, broadband access or a wifi link will be required to use the online navigation guides for the Lower Bann and Erne Systems. Progress is being made on an offline/cached version which will be made available as soon as possible.

It is also planned that the next phase of the Online Navigation Guides will have additional layers of information for waterway & waterside recreational and tourism activity which the user can turn on and off.

# WI SURVEYS PRIVATE BOATING FLEET

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Waterways Ireland is carrying out research on the Economic Contribution of Private Boat Owners to the waterway economy. The online survey is open to all boat owners on Ireland's inland waterways and seeks information about their purchasing & maintenance expenditure as well as the

ongoing expense of using a craft on the inland waterways over the past year.

The survey is a repeat of the Economic Contribution of Private Boat Owners survey carried out in 2006 which is available to download on [www.waterwaysireland.org/research](http://www.waterwaysireland.org/research).

To have your say, boat owners are invited to click on the link [www.waterwaysireland.org/Pages/Corporate/Surveys-Open.aspx](http://www.waterwaysireland.org/Pages/Corporate/Surveys-Open.aspx)

and complete the survey before 30 October 2014. The survey should take 8-10 minutes to complete. The survey results will be available on the Waterways Ireland website as soon as the report is published.