

Inland Waterways News

Donal O'Siochain

Donal O'Siochain first joined the Association in 1972 when he got interested in boating on the Shannon with his wife Maeve. He bought his first boat, **Golden Gosling**, in 1973 and, though it was sold in 1975, they continued to visit the river regularly on hired boats. In 1982 Donal fitted out a De Groot 36 hull and thus **Iron Lady** was born. This steel boat was well known up and down the river. Donal and Maeve have participated in the Shannon Rally every year since 1983 and are also members of the Carrick-on-Shannon Branch.



IWAI committees Donal has served on include the Dublin Branch, of which he is currently Chairman, Shannon Harbour Rally, Shannon Rally and the IWAI Council where he is serving his second term as Vice-President.

The only inland waterway of the connected network Donal and Maeve have not cruised is the Barrow, and they hope to rectify that later this year.