

Inland Waterways News

Fishing on Dublin Canals

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Anglers are the single largest recreational pursuit group on the canals. The Grand and Royal Canals are an important amenity to anglers across Dublin, offering excellent coarse fishing. Several stretches of the canals have been developed through fish-stocking programmes and erection of fishing stands. The canals are very accessible, as there are public pathways that run from one stretch to another. No permit is required to fish either canal and parking is mostly off streets.

The fish stocks in the two canals consist of pike, roach, rudd, bream, carp, tench, perch, eel and hybrids. Most of these fish can be caught up to specimen size.

Duchas are responsible for the overall development of the canals and can be contacted at 01-6473000. There are many angling clubs that use the canals constantly for their club fishing competitions. On the Grand Canal:

- Portobello Coarse Angling Club
- Dublin Angling Club
- Clondalkin and District Angling Club
- Dublin Pike Anglers
- Inchicore and District Anglers.

On the Royal Canal

- Ballybough Angling Club
- Belcamp Coarse Angling Club
- Dublin and District Coarse Angling Club
- Cabra Coarse Angling Club.

One of the major competitions this year is Dublin Inland Waterways Team Fishing event, sponsored by IWAI (Dublin Branch), which will have prize money of over £350 and a perpetual trophy. It will be held on Wednesday 24 May at 6.45pm on the Grand Canal. Contact me for further information.

Dublin Angling Initiative holds angling courses for youths all year round on the canals in Dublin; rods and reels are supplied for these courses free of charge. Youth Services, Department of Justice, Youthreach, Summer Projects and Schools are introduced to angling as an outdoor activity, thus promoting angling in Dublin.

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