





CORK300 WILD ATLANTIC WAY CRUISE IN COMPANY

As part of the Cork300 celebrations, the Royal Cork Yacht Club is hosting a Cruise in Company around Ireland's stunning south west coast, the Wild Atlantic Way, from July 12th - 22nd, 2020.

Sail the breathtaking Irish South West coast, cruise in company as part of the Cork300 celebrations and enjoy stunning scenery and fantastic hospitality.

Aimed to be an interesting, enjoyable and relaxing event, the Wild Atlantic Way Cruise in Company (WAW CC) will set sail from Cobh, County Cork, following the Royal Cork Fleet Review on July 12th, arriving in Dingle, Co. Kerry, on July 22nd, having taken in a series of suggested ports of call along the spectacular coastal route of approximately 120 nautical miles.

Open to all sailors, those interested in participating in any stage of the WAW CC are encouraged to contact the Cork300 Cruising Director Mike Rider via info@cork300.com, in order to determine boat numbers and finalise planning of the full cruise itinerary. Registration for participation in the WAW CC is essential in order to accommodate marina berths, moorings and anchorages in the most popular locations. The Royal Cork Yacht Club can also assist with marina and mooring arrangements for those wishing to leave their boats in Ireland and return for more cruising at a later date or make the journey back to their home port or to other destinations on the Wild Atlantic Way .

A broad itinerary (outlined below) has already been devised by the WAW CC committee to suit participants' schedules. Week one, July 13 - 18th, takes in ports of call between Crosshaven and Bantry, while week two, July 19th - 22nd, will see cruising yachts sail the WAW from Bantry to Dingle.



Kinsale Harbour

Information has also been collated on key ports of call along the route. However, participants are also recommended to plan their cruise using the eOceanic website or app. This is an excellent resource, detailing many ports and anchorages along the WAW CC route, through use of photographs, charts, video, pilotage and cruising notes.

The Royal Cork Yacht Club is also coordinating a variety of social events for WAW CC participants, which will take place in the evenings throughout the cruise duration, at various ports of call. These include an already confirmed barbecue on Cork's idyllic Sherkin Island in Baltimore Harbour hosted by the Royal Cruising Club, on July 15th.

All clubs and associations who would like to get involved or host a public or private event during the cruise are encouraged to contact Cork300 Cruising Director Mike Rider via info@cork300.com



Sailing at Sherkin Island, near Baltimore





PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR CORK 300 WILD ATLANTIC WAY CRUISE IN COMPANY

22 July 2020

Dingle WAW CC Farewell Great Gathering Party

19:30hrs

WAW CC Party to be held
at a location TBD.

20 July 2020

Knightstown

Under consideration for the
Cruising Club of America
(CCA) to host an event in
the Knightstown marina on
Valentia Island.

18 July 2020

Bantry WAW CC Great Gathering Party 19:30hrs

WAW CC Party to be held
at a location TBD.

16 July 2020

RYS Hosted Party Schull 18:00hrs

The Royal Yacht Squadron
(RYS) have reserved the 16
July to host a party in Schull.

LAWRENCE COVE GLENGARRIFF GLANDORE

15 July 2020
RCC Hosted Party
on Sherkin Island

18:00hrs

The Royal Cruising Club (RCC)
has reserved the 15 July to
host a BBQ on Sherkin Island
in Baltimore Harbour and all
WAW CC participants are
invited to attend.

13 July 2020
Kinsale WAW CC
Great Gathering
Party

19:30hrs

WAW CC Party to be
held at a location TBD.

12 July 2020

Depart RCYC

16:00hrs

To assist with marina
management at the RCYC,
WAW CC participants are
requested to depart
Crosshaven after the Parade
of Sail.

The coastline is varied and
spectacular. As you 'go west' this
wonderful landscape becomes
increasingly wild and rugged.
It is dotted with beautiful sheltered
harbours offering you a chance
to explore on land after your
adventurous day's sailing.

SUNDAY 12 JULY CORK TO KINSALE (18 nm)

Kinsale is situated on the south coast of Ireland about eleven miles southwest of the entrance to Cork Harbour and six miles north by northeast of the Old Head of Kinsale, in Co. Cork. It offers a range of anchoring, mooring and marinas alongside a thriving town.



Glandore Harbour

TUESDAY 14 JULY KINSALE TO GLANDORE (30 nm)

Glandore Harbour is located on the southwest coast of Ireland at about the centre of Glandore Bay which is the area between Galley Head and Toe Head, in Co. Cork. More than two miles long, north to south, the harbour offers a host of anchoring opportunities in a scenic location alongside two villages. The harbour offers complete protection from all winds. Although open to the south, the harbour offers better protection than Castlehaven as it is protected from the force of the sea by the islands and rocks that lie in the entrance. In south-easterly winds, some roll can be experienced in the primary anchorage but at these times shelter may be obtained by moving over to Union Hall. The entrance rocks appear formidable on the chart but upon approach, access will be found to be straightforward as they are all well marked with perches and cardinal marks. This makes it highly navigable, day or night, at all points of the tide.



Schull Harbour © Francesco Crippa



Baltimore Beacon © Fáilte Ireland

WEDNESDAY 15 JULY GLANDORE TO BALITMORE (15 nm)

Located in Ireland's far southwest corner in Co. Cork, Baltimore is a natural mainland harbour tucked in behind Sherkin, Spanish and Ringarogy Islands. It is a fishing port and a busy yachting centre providing several anchoring opportunities, alongside moorings and the potential to come alongside a pontoon. By moving around the harbour a vessel will find complete protection from all sectors although winds from southeast round to southwest cause a groundswell that builds in rough weather. The harbour offers safe access at all tides, night or day in all reasonable weather conditions, via its well-marked primary and preferred southern entrance. Baltimore harbour may also be reached from the northwest by coming in around Heir Island and north of Sherkin Island via The Sound. Although more than workable, this requires careful pilotage between islands and rocks. The Royal Cruising Club are planning to host a BBQ on Sherkin Island on 15 Jul 20 at 17:30 and WAW CC participants are invited to attend

THURSDAY 16 JULY BALTIMORE TO SCHULL (15 nm)

Located on Ireland's southwest coast in Co. Cork, Schull Harbour is situated at the head of Long Island Bay in a south facing bight of the shoreline that leads out to Mizen Head. The harbour offers an anchorage with sturdy moorings, and the possibility to come alongside the busy pier or raft up to a fishing boat for a short period.

Although somewhat open to the south Schull Harbour gains a large degree of southerly protection from Long Island and in most reasonable conditions offers good shelter. However, it can be uncomfortable if a strong swell is running into the bay, and with a southerly or southeasterly gale, it is untenable. On the other hand, it is more comfortable than Crookhaven in easterly and westerly winds. Supported by markers and night lights the open harbour has straightforward access on any state of the tide night or day.



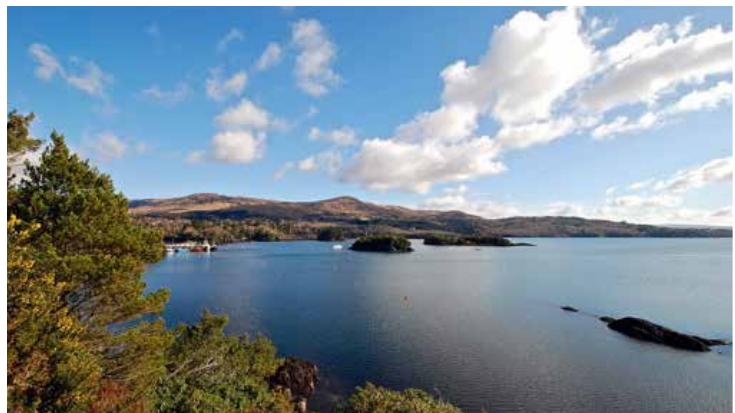


Lawrence Cove, Bere Island

FRIDAY 17 JULY SCHULL TO LAWRENCE COVE (30 nm)

Lawrence Cove is located in Bearhaven, Co. Cork, on Ireland's southwest coast within the highly protected area of water that lies behind Bear Island and the mainland to the north. Situated on Bere Island's northeastern shoreline it offers a choice of pontoon berths and an anchorage in a peaceful and out of the way location.

The anchorage, with moorings provided, offers shelter from all weather conditions except for strong northerly winds. However complete protection may be found by moving into the small very well run marina that is deeper into the cove. Although there are several dangers in approach, daylight access is straightforward at any state of the tide, within the protected Bearhaven waters



Glengarriff © Niall Hegarty, Pink Elephant

SAT 18 JULY BANTRY BAY TO GLENGARRIFF HARBOUR FOR LUNCH (14 nm)

Glengarriff Harbour in Co. Cork on the southwest coast of Ireland, is an anchorage situated north of Whiddy Island in the northeast corner of Bantry Bay. The harbour offers simple access at any state of the tide and complete shelter from all weather conditions in beautiful surroundings. It is an excellent harbour to safely leave a yacht plus moorings are available.

Glengarriff requires some straightforward navigation as it hasn't got any navigational markings, and it is also advisable to enter during daylight.

SATURDAY 18 JULY GLENGARRIFF TO BANTRY (6 nm)

Bantry harbour is an anchorage that is situated under the lea of Whiddy Island in the eastern most corner of Bantry Bay. Lying off Bantry town in Co. Cork on the southwest coast of Ireland the anchorage offers straightforward access on any state of the tide, in all conditions, and it may be approached from either side of the island. The northern route round Whiddy Island is preferred with a deep water channel marked by large lit buoys to the oil terminal. The harbour offers excellent all round shelter and good holding in mud. Please note that east of Whiddy Island you will find a host of unlit oyster and mussel fishing rafts plus, in autumn, shrimp pots. These floating structures, some mere lines of barrels, are low, often unmarked and sometimes hard to see. The harbour commissioners do not allow these to encroach on the channel but they are always close by. As a result it is not advisable to make a night entry or in very poor visibility without local knowledge.



Bantry Marina © Jack O'Shea

SUNDAY 19 JULY CRUISING IN BANTRY BAY

Bantry Bay is a ria, a bay formed from a drowned river valley as a result of a relative rise in sea level. The bay is a deep (approx 40 metres in the middle) and large natural bay, with one of the longest inlets in southwest Ireland, bordered on the north by Beara Peninsula, which separates Bantry Bay from Kenmare Bay. The southern boundary is Sheep's Head Peninsula, separating Bantry Bay from Dunmanus Bay. The main islands in the bay are Bere Island and Whiddy Island. Bere Island is located near the entrance to the bay. On the north side of the island is Berehaven Harbour and Castletown Bearhaven port. The town of Rerrin is the largest settlement on the island. The village of Ballynakilla is also located there.

Whiddy Island is at the head of the bay near the south shore. It is the main petroleum terminus for Ireland, the harbour ideally suited for large oceangoing tankers. A Single Point Mooring (SPM) at the Whiddy Island oil terminal is operated by Zenith Energy Management. Bantry Bay was featured during a famous Gulf Oil commercial showing the supertanker "Universe Kuwait" that aired during Apollo space coverage in 1971.



Whiddy Island

WEDNESDAY 22 JULY KNIGHTSTOWN TO DINGLE WAW CC FAREWELL GREAT GATHERING PARTY (15 nm)

Located in Co. Kerry on Ireland's southwest coast, Dingle Harbour is set into the Dingle Peninsula on the northwest side of the extensive Dingle Bay. The well sheltered natural harbour has an inner harbour on its northern shore that hosts a fishing port, a marina, and a shallow draft anchoring area adjacent to the provincial market town.

Backed by lofty hills and enclosed in a landlocked expanse of water the inner harbour offers complete protection. Except for a couple of outlying rocks west of the entrance, which can easily be avoided day or night by keeping an entrance lighthouse open of the opposite point, the harbour has safe access. A well buoyed and transit marked channel, with a maintained depth of 2.6 metres LAT, leads through to the main pier.



Dingle Marina © Tourism Ireland



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