



Welcome to SeaFest 2015

Join us for free family fun and festivities at SeaFest, Ireland's national maritime festival! Taking place in Cork Harbour on Saturday 11th July 2015, this maritime festival is a celebration of Ireland's incredible ocean wealth showcasing our abundant maritime resources.

The SeaFest programme of events is extensive and all are welcome to enjoy a great day out in the stunning Ringaskiddy, Haulbowline and Port of Cork, as well as on the water of course! This line up includes a seafood fair, seafood cookery demonstrations with celebrity chefs and seafaring family fun, tours of Irish Navy ships, a Parade of Sail ending in Cork City, leisure craft and boats, the Lee Swim, exhibits on marine life and all manner of festival entertainment for every age group. Further details of the festival programme are available on www.seafest.ie



How to get there

By Car

As Ringaskiddy is a ferry port, a useful tip for directions is to follow the car ferry symbol on all road signs around Cork. This will bring you along the N28 to Ringaskiddy. You will pass straight through a small roundabout in the village of Shanbally. At the next Roundabout, which is at the entrance to 'Pfizer', take 2nd exit and continue to Ringaskiddy village. Go through the village and pass the entrance to the ferry port on your left hand side. You will pass the entrances to the 'National Vehicle Distribution Centre' and some warehouses. The National Maritime College of Ireland (NMCI) is the next entrance on the left and is signposted at the entrance. The Beaufort Building and access to Haulbowline are after the NMCI entrance also.

By Bus from Cork City

The Festival can be reached by the regular bus service from Cork City. The Bus Éireann Bus 223 departs from South Mall in Cork City to Haulbowline Maritime College, serving all stops and operating via Douglas Road, Douglas Village, Rochestown Road, Passage, Glenbrook, Monkstown, Rafeen, Coolmore, and Ringaskiddy, with occasional services operating via Maulbaun and Rochestown College.

By Park & Ride

A free park and ride facility is also being provided at The Black Ash Park & Ride facility off the South City Link Road. The service to Ringaskiddy will depart from Black Ash every half hour.

By Ferry from Cobh (Naval Pier)

There will be a ferry service operated by the Naval Service from the Naval Pier in Cobh to Haulbowline on Saturday 11th July from 10am departing every hour until 5pm. Return Ferry from Haulbowline to Cobh will leave 11am every hour to 6pm.

In Cork City - Port of Cork

presented by Cork City Council • (4-8pm)

The Parade of Sail will make its way up the harbour, from Ringaskiddy, to the Port of Cork marina in the city centre marking the end of SeaFest 2015. The parade of sail will follow behind the last of the 500 swimmers of The Vibes & Scribes Lee Swim. The Lee Swim, a historic Cork city-centre open-water 2km swimming race dating back to 1914, re-launched in 2005 and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Cork City Council will provide a closing celebration between 4pm-8pm in the Port of Cork which will include:



- Artisan Food Market
- Free face painting and balloon modelling
- Street performers
- Live Music
- Tours of a Naval Ship
- The Vibes & Scribes Lee Swim



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National Maritime College of Ireland (NMCI)

Captain Your Own Ship In the Simulator: Take a tour of the state-of-the-art Simulator and understand what it is like to be a captain on the high seas!

SeaFest Science Talks: A series of engaging, thought provoking and interactive 15 minutes science talks focusing on marine, coastal and maritime topics.

Seafood Cookery Demonstrations: Bord Bia, the Irish Food Board and Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), Ireland's Seafood Development Agency will be showcasing the best of Irish Seafood. Through a series of seafood cookery demonstrations run by celebrity chefs **Martin Shanahan** and **Rory O'Connell**, Irish consumers will have the opportunity to learn about the range of fish species available in Irish waters and to pick up some tips on the versatility of Irish seafood and how easy it can be to prepare and cook at home.



Bord Bia and BIM Fishmongery Demonstrations & Fish Market: A range of Irish companies will be exhibiting a variety of Irish seafood including oysters, smoked salmon, mussels and much more, including ready to cook seafoods.

Where does Irish seafood come from?: Join our interactive session with Professor O'Mara who unlocks the secrets of farming mussels, oysters and salmon in Ireland.



BIM Beaufort Scale Hurricane Experience: Come and be blown away by hurricane force winds and experience what it feels like to be exposed to hurricane force winds.



Tales from the deep: Be engaged, charmed and informed by BIM's specially commissioned short movie, 'Tales from the Deep' - an exclusive glimpse into the life of an Irish fisherman.

Marquee at The Beaufort Building

Explorers Marine Life Education Exhibit: A collaboration between the **Lifetime Lab** and the **Marine Institute**, the Explorers Programme focuses on Ireland's two greatest natural resources - our vast undersea territory and our young people. This exhibit will provide hands-on marine explorer fun and science experiments. Learn about and see creatures like the seahorse, starfish and even whale bones! Create your own whirlpool and discover the real map of Ireland!



Marine Recreation and Tourism Exhibition: Ever wanted to learn how to surf, sail or dive to the depths of the ocean? Maybe you want to hire a boat and discover what our coast looks like from a new perspective? Ireland's coast offers fantastic opportunities to have fun with family and friends. Visit our trade show in the Marquee on Saturday 11th July to see how you can enjoy our wonderful seas!



The Naval Base, Haulbowline

The Naval Service is the maritime component of the Defence Forces and is the States Principal Seagoing Agency. The 8 ship fleet maintains a constant armed presence at sea conducting a range of military and non military roles from resource protection, support to the civil authorities, diplomatic missions to Search & Rescue and drugs interdiction operations.



Tours of the Naval Base: Visit the Naval Base at Haulbowline which is at the centre of Ireland's emerging maritime quarter. See over 400 years of historic locations on the Base from the site of the oldest yacht club in the world to the facilities which currently support a fleet wherever it is deployed globally.



Take a tour of a modern Warship: View the 21st century technology employed onboard modern Naval ships. Meet the men and women of the Naval Service and discover what life is like on the high sea.

SkySails: The innovative German company, SkySails GmbH, will demonstrate its unique, patented SkySails Power system.



The ROV Holland 1: Come and learn about The ROV Holland 1, the remotely operated vehicle that can dive to depths of 3000 metres under the ocean to capture high resolution film footage and take samples from the seabed and water column.



Open 60 Yacht Racing:

A number of 60 feet tall Mega Yachts, designed to withstand some of the worst sea conditions imaginable at sea, will face off in Cork Harbour for what is guaranteed to be a spectacular race.



RNLI Duck Race:

More than 2,000 ducks in lifeboats will race in Cork Harbour as part of the RNLI Duck Race. The RNLI are the nominated charity for SeaFest 2015 so be sure to purchase a little lifeboat duck to support the RNLI, and watch it race to the finish at 2pm.



The SeaFest 2015 Parade of Sail:

A fleet of yachts will set sail from Ringaskiddy going to the Port of Cork marina in the city centre marking the end of SeaFest 2015 in Ringaskiddy. Festivities will then continue in Cork City.



Visit Spike Island: Spike Island occupies a key location in lower Cork Harbour, and is a multi-cultural island that has hosted a monastery, a fortress and a prison within its 104 acres, all of which have left their mark. A unique visitor experience, visitors can avail of a guided tour or can explore the island at their own pace and view what the island has to offer.

Spike Island Ferry departures from Kennedy Pier Cobh on the hour, starting at 11.00am to 3.00pm and return departures from Spike Island leave on the hour from 1.30pm to 5.30pm.