

Dundalk 1890 Regatta and Aquatic Sports Collection

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Title: Dundalk 1890 Regatta and Aquatic Sports Collection

Dates: 1885, Jun 1890 – Sep 1890

Level of Description: Fonds

Extent: 1 folder containing 21 items

Name of Creator(s): Dundalk 1890 Regatta committee

Admin/Biographical History: The Dundalk Regatta committee in 1890 included: M Hagarty JP CTC, OJ Kelly CPLG, William Tempest HC, James Murphy JP HC, Henry O'Connell HC TC, T Williamson HC, F McGinity, J McAdorey, JC Sellars MD, P Cahill CE, TC Macardle, Thomas Brown HC, WM Patteson JP, P Mathews (*Examiner*), RL Brown JP, VS Carroll HC, PV Carolan HC, HM Williamson and John Connick HC. Thomas Murphy was the Chairman in 1890, Charles A Duffy was honorary treasurer of the Regatta Fund and William Twibill, PR Finigan and JP Dempsey were honorary secretaries. Meetings took place in the cloakroom of the Town Hall.

A regatta is an event whereby teams compete against one another in a series of boating races such as rowing, sailing, canoeing, etc. Regattas were extremely popular from the latter part of the nineteenth century to the mid-twentieth century and played a large part in the annual festivities of many Irish towns. It was a time when competing teams and visitors arrived from neighbouring towns to take part. A regatta and aquatic sports was held at Dundalk on 7th August 1890, while previous regattas included Greenore in 1872, Omeath in 1874, Dundalk in 1876, [1879] and on 4th August 1885, the Boyne regatta in Drogheda on 7th July 1885 and possibly others. The Dundalk Regatta saw the town represented by Dundalk Rowing Club which was also known locally as Dundalk Boating Club. As in many sports,

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competition is greatest between neighbouring towns, with the greatest rivalry shared between Dundalk, Drogheda and Newry.

- Archival History:** This collection had been donated to Louth County Library and was transferred to Louth County Archives Service in 2009.
- Scope and Content:** A small collection containing a small minute book of the 1890 Dundalk Regatta committee meetings, a small quantity of letters from committee members and from the Newry and Drogheda Rowing Clubs, three Regatta programmes and entrance tickets.
- Subject index:** Drogheda Rowing Club; Dundalk Rowing Club; Newry Rowing Club
- Appraisal & Destruction:** Retain permanently
- Accruals:** No further accruals are currently expected.
- System of Arrangement:** This collection is arranged by document type and in chronological order.
- Conditions of Access:** Open Access, by appointment
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- Reproduction:** Items may be subject to copyright. Contact Louth County Archives staff regarding copying; copying fees apply.
- Language/Script of Material:** English
- Physical Characteristics:** Paper, bound volume; Fair to good condition.
- Technical Requirements:** Careful handling required
- Finding Aids:** Descriptive list can be found on on-line catalogue available at <http://www.louthcoco.ie>
- Existence & Location of Originals:** Louth County Archives Service
- Existence & Location of Copies:** Some digitised documents may occasionally be found on <http://www.louthcoco.ie>

Related Material:

Louth County Archives Service: IE LHA PP00297B Dundalk Rowing Club Minute Book, 1930 – 1939

Publications:

- Bassett's Louth County Guide and Directory, 1886 (County Louth Archaeological and Historical Society, Dundalغان Press, Dundalk, 1998)
- Tempest's Annual, 1927, Dundalغان Press, Dundalk
- Tempest's Centenary Annual, 1859 to 1959, Dundalغان Press, Dundalk

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Descriptive List

PP00297A/001/

Event Programmes

1885, 1890

Level: series

3 items

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Event programme from Dundalk Regatta and Aquatic Sports Day dated 1885. The programme includes sailing, rowing and swimming races along-with a programme of music which includes a fireworks display. The president is Colonel Russell, 1st Royal Dragoons; the treasurer is HL Webb, esquire, 1st Royal Dragoons and the honorary secretary is William Twibill esquire. The committee includes Lieutenant Robertson, 1st Royal Dragoons, S Kelly, HF McCann, J McCann, P Moore, W Lyndon, JB Watson, T Callan Macardle, F McGinity, P Donovan, P Hayes, A Watters, RL Brown JP, VS Carroll, J Murphy junior, PB Troy, PV Carolan, JF Farrell, T Connick, J Connick, CP Cooper, E Carlton, J McAdorey and CA Duffy.

04 Aug 1885

Level: item

4pp

Paper

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Event programme from the Boyne Regatta (Drogheda) held in 1890. This programme was sent by A O'Neill, Newry Rowing Club as part of correspondence dated 25th July 1890 (see PP00297A/006/003). The programme features a number of championship and challenge races along-with the name of the Boyne Regatta committee: TH Simcocks, JJ McCann, J Bellew Kelly, P Ternan junior, GB Bowers, W Moore, R McIntosh, J Daly and G Galbraith. The honorary secretary is JV Byrne and the honorary treasurer is Henry J Daly.

26 Jun 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/001/003

Event programme for Dundalk Regatta and Aquatic Sports held on 7th August 1890, price 2d. The programme includes family and single ticket prices, all race events and a programme of music for the day to be performed by the Dundalk Emmet Band. The committee included: M Hagarty JP CTC, OJ Kelly CPLG, W Tempest HC, James Murphy JP HC, Henry O'Connell HC TC, T Williamson HC, F McGinity, J McAdorey, JC Sellars MD, P Cahill CE, TC Macardle, Thomas Brown HC, WM Patteson JP, P Mathews (*Examiner*), RL Brown JP, Thomas Murphy, VS Carroll HC, PV Carolan HC, HM Williamson and John Connick HC. The honorary treasurer was Charles A Duffy and the honorary secretaries were William Twibill, PR Finigan and JP Dempsey.

07 Aug 1890

Level: item

4pp

Paper

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Committee meeting requests

05 Jul 1890 – 16 Jul 1890

Level: series

2 items

PP00297A/002/001

Printed note requesting attendance at a meeting for the purpose of establishing a committee to oversee Dundalk Regatta and Aquatic Sports. Signed by JP Dempsey, Honorary Secretary.

05 Jul 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper, printed

PP00297A/002/002

Carbon copied request to attend a meeting of the managing committee. It is a copy of a handwritten request inserted into the committee's minute book. It is signed by the honorary secretaries: William Twibill, PR Finigan and JP Dempsey.

16 Jul 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/003

Notebook used to record the minutes of the Dundalk Regatta and Aquatic Sports committee meetings. Inserted into the notebook are two handwritten requests to attend meetings of the managing committee. The committee meetings are few (minutes for four are recorded) and concentrate on the setting up of the committees, requests for subscriptions to the regatta fund, and the programme of events, with a draft programme including prizes written in the notebook. It notes that the Dundalk Emmet Band would be in attendance at the Regatta.

Thomas Murphy was the Chairman in 1890, Charles A Duffy was honorary treasurer of the Regatta Fund and William Twibill, PR Finigan and JP Dempsey were honorary secretaries. The Regatta Fund committee included M Hagarty JP, WM Patteson JP, J McCann, James Murphy JP HC, AA Watters, M Walsh, C Kelly, TC Macardle, James Johnston TC, VS Carroll HC, Thomas Brown HC, T Connick, PV Carolan HC, Henry O'Connell HC TC, T Williamson HC, T Roe, HM Williamson, JC Sellars MD, P Mathews (*Examiner*), P Cahill CE, J Gaskin CE, John Connick HC, Captain James Rice and T Murphy.

The Managing Committee formed in July 1890 consisted of the committee members of the Dundalk Boat Club: PR Finigan, WB Connolly, JP Dempsey, PV Carolan, J Murphy, JH Chandler, JJ Meagher, JR B Watson, HM Williamson, J Campbell, JJ Caraher, Patrick Carolan and E Goodman and also OJ Kelly CPLG, F McGinity, P Cahill CER, P Mathews, W Twibill, CA Duffy and Thomas Murphy, Blackrock.

08 Jul 1890 – 17 July 1890

Level: item

11pp, 2 inserts

Bound notebook

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Handwritten memo showing expenditure of the committee. The expenses shown were accrued for the purchase of a notebook for recording meetings, notepaper and postcards for correspondence and postage stamps.

08 Jul 1890 – 09 Aug 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

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Subscription requests

09 Jul 1890 – 15 Jul 1890

Level: series

3 items

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Two printed subscription request letters and accompanying return forms signed by the regatta honorary secretaries, W Twibill, PR Finigan and JP Dempsey. One form contains a handwritten note on the back concerning subscriptions and a committee meeting.

09 Jul 1890

Level: item

2 items

Paper, printed

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Printed letter from the club secretaries stating the amount of money received by way of subscription. It also calls for more support. Listed are the names of those who have so far subscribed with larger amounts while smaller subscriptions are grouped together.

15 Jul 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper, printed

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Correspondence

07 Jul 1890 – 11 Sep 1890

Level: series

7 items

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Letter from William Tempest to the committee explaining his absence from the upcoming committee meeting due to be held the following day and noting that he will still help in any way that he can. He pledges to subscribe £1 towards the prize fund.

07 Jul 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/006/002

Undated letter from [OJ] Kelly, Blackrock, to the committee asking for his name to be withdrawn from said committee as he is no longer in a position to attend meetings. The date is probably mid-July 1890.

[mid-Jul 1890]

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/006/003

Two letters from A O'Neill, honorary secretary of Newry Rowing Club to the regatta honorary secretary JP Dempsey. One letter explains that Newry RC will still take part in the regatta on 7th August although they have not been in training; provides apologies for not being able to supply a programme from Newry Regatta but encloses the Drogheda (Boyne) Regatta programme for that year (see PP00297A/001/002). (2pp)

The second letter explains that Newry RC will be sending their boat by rail or by wagon via Dundalk road on the morning of the regatta. It also supplies the names and weights of the Newry team which includes F Fisher (bow), J Gill (no2), J Fisher (no3), George Sloan (stk) (stroke) and J Carty (cox). It notes that the team colours are black and gold. (2pp)

25 Jul 1890 – 04 Aug 1890

Level: item

2 items

Paper

PP00297A/006/004

Letter from George Cormack, Dyer St, Drogheda to JP Dempsey of the Dundalk Regatta Committee asking about the possibility of taking part in a borrowed boat as the Drogheda team will be taking the 3 o'clock train to Dundalk for the regatta.

31 Jul 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/006/005

A memorandum from [J Helman], Station Officer in the Coast Guard, Soldiers Point, Dundalk to John P Dempsey, honorary secretary of Dundalk Boat Club, informing him that the Coast Guard will be unable to attend the regatta as half of them are away on a summer cruise.

01 Aug 1890

Level: item

1p

Paper

PP00297A/006/006

A letter from George Sloane, Kildare St, Newry Rowing Club to JP Dempsey, secretary of the Dundalk Regatta Committee regarding a medal which the coxwain member of their team won but did not receive. Dundalk Rowing Club was first contacted but they were referred back to Dundalk Regatta Committee.

11 Sep 1890

Level: item

2pp

Paper

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Two entrance tickets for Dundalk Regatta and Aquatic Sports Day. Stand and enclosure cost 1s.

07 Aug 1890

Level: item

2 items

PP00297A/008

Two small card sized envelopes addressed to CA Duffy, esquire, Quay Street, Dundalk.

[1890]

Level: item

2 items