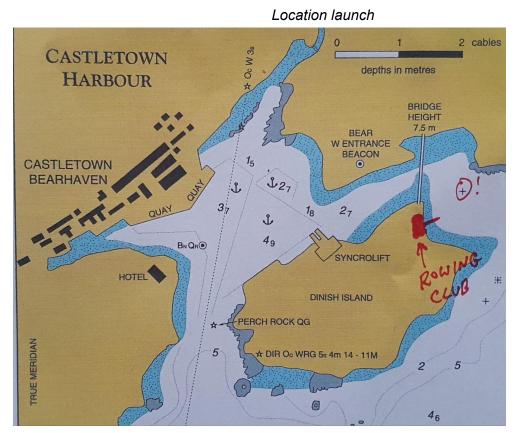
Drascombe Ireland BERE ISLAND RALLY Thursday May 23 - Sunday May 26 2024

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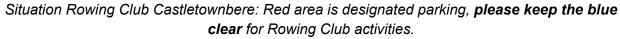
Launching

We will be launching and recovering our boats at **Castletownbere Rowing Club** situated immediately on the left (approaching coming from Glengarriff) as you cross the bridge onto **Dinish Island** - before reaching Castletownbere proper. The bridge and Dinish Island are clearly signposted just before the town on your left.

It is vitally important that we **do not block access** to the rowing club in any way as its members will be rowing when we are off sailing. Please park really tightly in the designated area shown here in Red leaving the Blue area Clear. Slipway best used half tide onwards. There will be a €50 per boat contribution payable in cash please to Kim (and which will be donated to the Rowing Club).



Dinish Island showing bridge and rowing club including a rock to be noted.





The Programme.

We have numerous overnight trip options cruising from Rerrin base, including **Lonehort**, **Pulleen** and **Bank**, plus of course lunch stops and day destinations such as Adrigole and Dunboy, and more, including 'around the island'.

We will launch on Dinish Island as above, and assemble at Rerrin on the East End of Bere Island on Thursday 23rd May, meeting up at Dessie's pub which will open for us at 1900 h to get together.

It is hoped weather permitting to spend one overnight away from base, so self sufficiency in food and fuel are essential.

- <u>Friday</u> Briefing at 1000 h Rerrin Harbour, set off at 1030 h details to be decided subject to wind and weather.
- <u>Saturday</u> Briefing at 1000 h Rerrin Harbour, set off at 1030 h details to be decided subject to wind and weather. We will try to get a common meal or BBQ organized for Saturday night!
- Sunday Briefing at 1000 h, set off at 1030 h details to be decided, but finishing back at Castletownbere Rowing Club by mid afternoon.

Tides

23rd LW 1200 HW 1755 24th LW 1237 HW 1830 25th LW 1315 HW 1910 26th LW 1355 HW 1950

Facilities at Rerrin

Rerrin is a small village with a basic shop cum post office and pub that does not serve food, so bring supplies - including cash **as there is no ATM**.

There is plenty of room to **anchor** off (KEEPING CLEAR OF THE FERRY!) in the East end of Lawrence Cove. A small partially drying **pier** which may or may not have space to use overnight - for about 2- 4 boats.

Lawrence Cove Marina with facilities is available at €20 per night.

Camping at the GAA pitch with toilets and showers is being made available for a donation to the GAA Club. (Unfortunately the Bakehouse in Rerrin will be shut the weekend of our visit as the owners will be away).

Communications

The **Rally VHF Channel** will be **72**. A WhatsApp Rally Group will also be set up.

Safety

Each skipper is responsible for the safety of their own boat and crew. Any decision to participate is entirely down to the skipper.

Safety of all is paramount so we do not intend to take risks with weather or destinations, happily the venue and area should provide various alternatives should the weather decree.

Important data and numbers

Medical emergency **999** or 112 South Doc **0818 355999** Island nurse Ms. Catherine **086 1630078**

VHF 23 Bantry Bay Coast Guard VHF 14 Bantry Bay Operations VHF 40 Bere Island Ferry (Castletownbere) VHF 71 Murphy's Ferry (Rerrin)

VHF 72 Rally channel

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Rerrin - ferry - Bere Island Bakehouse - Bere Island Lodge - Dessie's

As of the time of writing this document, it has been announced that the Bere Island Lodge will unfortunately be **closed** for the weekend of 24-25-26 May as the owners and staff will be heading to the Interisland Football Tournament on another Irish offshore island....

The **ferry** is functioning normally

The **pub** in Rerrin (*'Dessie's*) will be open for us on Thursday night at 1900 h and further on Friday night (2000 h) and Saturday night (1800 h)



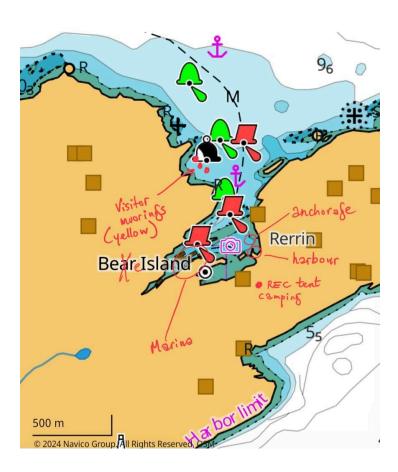
Marina



Overview picture Rerrin

View from Southeast





Overnighting near Rerrin, East End

1) Marina

Showers, toilets, wifi, limited waste disposal are available.

The **Lawrence Cove Marina** will apply a reduced rate of 20 euro per night for the rally participants per boat.

2) Rerrin harbour

There is some, limited space on the small quay opposite of where the ferry moors. The harbour is half-dry at low tide. Free.



3) Visitor moorings outside Lawrence Cove

Upon entering the Lawrence Cove area, there are three free visitor moorings at port. Well sheltered with winds from the West, otherwise rather exposed. Fifteen minutes rowing time in a small dinghy to Rerrin.

4) Camping (tents) near football pitch (the 'Rec')





Overnighting in tents possible on the lawn grass next to the football southwest of Rerrin village - close walking distance. Use of toilets and showers will be arranged. (A total group donation to the Bere Island GAA for use of the facilities is expected - 30-50 euros).

5) Anchoring in Lawrence Cove



Anchoring opposite the harbour is possible, <u>All to stay absolutely clear from the ferry 'path'.</u> There will be at least one (rowing) dinghy for communal use for anchored boats made available.

Trip ideas and other



In case: Saturday morning **ParkRun** (can also be walked) starts at the Football Ground (REC - where the camping field is) at 0930 h - back 1030-1100. All are welcome.

Various interesting **walks** on the island - Lighthouse walk, east end loop, etc. Many marked trails

There is a good **Heritage Center** with lots of island history etc.

Notes

- Poor *mobile coverage* in lower areas near Rerrin village. Walk up the hill from Rerrin for signal. Pub has wifi.
- No gasoline for sale on the island
- No ATM on the island bring cash!
- Waste disposal bring everything as much as possible back to the mainland.

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