## **National Water Safety Awareness Week**

16 June 2015

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## Before you hit the water - hit <u>www.safetyzone.ie</u>

## Recognised training for all types of aquatic activities

Irish Water Safety is appealing to members of the public to train with registered training providers BEFORE engaging in aquatic activities. Those planning water-based activities this summer, should first receive training from recognised national organisations, now listed on a new website, <a href="www.safetyzone.ie">www.safetyzone.ie</a>. Taking classes with qualified, registered training providers is the best way to enjoy Irish waters safely.

Ireland has some of the most beautiful waterways in the world for safe and varied aquatic activities. This new website, <a href="https://www.safetyzone.ie">www.safetyzone.ie</a> provides course details for a range of aquatic activities nationwide including swimming, surfing, sailing, rowing, canoeing, kayaking, diving, boating and angling.

Although an average of 11 people drown in Ireland every month, this website will focus on the importance of receiving proper training before going in, on or near water so that incidents can be prevented.

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