



## Ráiteas an Chathaoirligh

Is breá liom mar Chathaoirleach an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil de Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce a thabhairt daoibh don bhliain 2001, 'Bliain an Deonáil'. Istigh sa tuarascáil seo tá radharc siar cuimsitheach ar na hilghníomhachtaí den Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce – gníomhachtaí atá á bhfairsingiú (ó na cinn traidisiúnta) chun tuilleadh leasa a bhaint as 'Uisce na hÉireann' i gcomhair caithimh aimsire, iascaireachta, agus na n-uiscespórt eile. Chuir an tAire Timpeallachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil An Cumann Sábháilteacht Uisce ar bun i 1999 mar chomhlacht neamhspleách deonach reachtúil. Is é príomhchuspóir an chumann seo beo daoine a shábháil ar bhá trí bhithin na bhfreagrachtaí reachtúla a leanas:

Cur in iúl don phobal a thábhachtaí atá an tsábháilteacht uisce,

Aon chaoi, biodh sin oideachas nó eile, chun timpistí a chosc san uisce,

Teagasc a chur ar fáil san uisceshábháilteacht, sa tarrtháil, sa snámh, agus san athbheochan,

Seirbhísí eile a mbeidh baint acu le huisceshábháilteacht mar is riachtanach in obair an Aire.

Ba bhliain ar leith dúinn 2001 mar eagraíocht dheonach mar ainmníodh i mar 'Bliain an Deonáil'. Is mór dúinn a rá nach bhféadfadh obair den Chumann Sábháilteacht Uisce dul ar aghaidh gan an míle duine nó a thuilleadh a thugann a gcuid ama agus fuinnimh go deonach d'fhonn an pobal a oiliúint faoin tsábháilteacht uisce. Gach bliain, báitear suas le 180 duine in uisce na hÉireann. Is tosaíocht ar fad mar sin an fhreagraíocht reachtúil atá ag an gComhairle. Caithfidh a fhógairt gurb iad ár ndeonaithe ár sine qua non, is iad sin na daoine a thugann a ndlúth-thacaíocht dúinn a dhéanann an eagraíocht seo éifeachtach, a thugann a gcuid saothair sa chaoi go mbíonn 50,000 teastas á dtabhairt amach sa snámh agus sa tarrtháil do dhaoine fásta agus don aos óg gach bliain. I rith na bliana, chabhraigh go mór an dá Choiste Chomhairle, an ceithre Choiste Theicniúla, ocht gcinn is fiche de Choistí Limistéir Uisceshábháilteachta agus an dá Choiste speisialta (ag an nGarda Síochána agus na Fórsaí Cosanta) leis an gComhairle. Leanann an obair ar aghaidh de thairbhe na mball dílis atá againn a chuireann fealsúnacht na sábháilteachta ar aghaidh go deonach. Ag an am chéanna, áfach, caithfidh i gcónaí cur le huimhir na ndeonaithe atá againn. Cuireann sé áthas orainn mar sin go bhfuil cuid mhór den aos óg spreagtha againn le bheith ina dTeagascóirí Uisceshábháilteachta' ag ár gCumann. Seo é an scéal biodh is go mbíonn neart eile ina dtimpeallacht máguaird á mealladh. I 'mBliain an Deonáil' rinne an Comhairle suaitheantas cuimhneacháin do gach ball dár gcuid. Thairis sin, ba onór leis an gCumann gur thug an tUasal Juan Antonio Samaranch Dioplóma don Chathaoirleach mar aitheantas poiblí a thabhairt don saothar deonach thar ceann an fheachtais frithbhá i mbaile is i gcóngar. Bhronn an tArdmhéara Bhaile Átha Cliath, an tUasal Michael Mulcahy, 'teastas speisialta' orainn mar aitheachta a thabhairt don sárobair a rinne ár n-eagraíocht i gcathair Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Is brón ó chroí atá orainn go gcaithfidh a rá gur chailleamar scoth na ndeonaithe ag tinnis agus ag timpistí. Lena gcairde agus lena muintir cásaimid a mbás. Fanfaidh an dílseacht a bhíodh ag ár gcomhghuaillithe inár gcuimhne go deo.

Mhaigh an tAire Stáit do Thithíocht agus Athnuachan Uirbeach, an tUasal Robert Molloy, ag Bronnadh na 'nDuaiseanna Fadseirbhíse' i nGaillimh, 'Is luachmhar dosháraithe atá an tacaíocht dhaingean. Ní féidir leis an Stát tada a dhéanamh – biodh sin le tionscnamh beartas, reachtaíocht nua, nó breisfhoinsí cistiúcháin – a bheadh inchurtha leis. Is luachmhar an rud é dílseacht lucht an chomhlionta. Cothaítear il is iad na cúiseanna thuasluaite a bhfuilimid anseo inniu'. Bronnadh 3 cinn de bhoinn seirbhíse ar ár mbaill a thug seirbhís 50 bliain go deonach dúinn. Lena chois sin, bronnadh duaiseanna eile 10 mbliana agus 25 bliana seirbhíse. Tá



An Cumann Sábháilteacht Uisce ar thús cadhnaíochta riamh ar an ardán idirnáisiúnta. Is tábhachtach an tréith é an toise idirnáisiúnta ag Sábháilteacht Uisce. Is féidir linn foghlaim ó na cláir tharrthála i dtíortha eile, sin le rá, an tarrtháil mar spórt olimpeach. Baineann tíortha eile, go háirithe na cinn Eorpacha, leas as an gcur chuige atá againn chun sábháilteacht uisce a choinneáil i dtús áite san oileán seo. Bhí aoibhneas orainn gur bronnadh teideal 'Gobharnóir gan deireadh téarma' de Shábháilteacht Uisce ar an Dochtúir Klaus Wilkens, Uachtarán Tarrthála Idirnáisiúnta (san Eoraip) ag an gceiliúradh seo i nGaillimh.

Tagann an tacaíocht airgeadais leis an obair a dhéanamh ar fud na tíre ó fhoinsí éagsúla: Údarás áitiúla, cistiúchán ó thabharais tugtha ag comhlachtaí agus eagraíochtaí flaithiúla eile.

Is mian liom buíochas a ghabháil lenár bPríomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin, le Bainisteoir na hOifige, leis an mBainisteoir Margaíochta agus na baill eile den Fhoireann as a ndiongbháilteacht agus a ndilseacht i 2001 ar fad. Is tábhachtach an ról atá acu leis an tacaíocht a thugann siad do chóistí éagsúla agus do bhaill ar fud an náisiúin. I rith na bliana, scrúdailodh agus mionathraíodh iad le go mbeadh níos mó áiseanna ar fáil sa chaoi go bhfaigheadh duine eolas go héasca sciobtha. I gcásanna ar leith ba ghá seanchláir sonraí a chaitheamh amach agus cinn nua a chur ina n-ionad.

I 2001 tháinig an Chomhairle ar an tuairim go raibh sé de dhíth uirthi 'Plean Straitéiseach Forbartha' a chur i bhfeidhm. Bheadh na haidhmeanna agus spriocanna leagtha amach don Chumann Uisceshábháilteachta ar mhodh soiléir le gach iarracht gan a bheith débhríoch.

I ndeireadh na dála, is mian liom buíochas a thabhairt do bheirt Airí, is iad sin, An tAire don Timpeallacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil, an tUasal Noel Dempsey, T.D. agus an tAire Stáit do Thithíocht agus Athnuachan Uirbeach an tUasal Robert Molloy, T.D. as an tacaíocht a thug siad dúinn. Ina theannta sin, gabhaim buíochas leis an Ard-Rúnai ón Roinn Timpeallachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus lena bhaill foirne a chabhraigh linn i gcaitheamh na bliana ar fad.

*Prionsias Ó Nualláin*

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Cathaoirleach





## Chairman's Report

It is my pleasure as Chairman to introduce to you the Annual Report of Irish Water Safety for the year 2001, the "Year of the Volunteer". This report contains a comprehensive review of the many activities of Irish Water Safety; activities that are broadening (from the more traditional ones) to meet the ever increasing use of "Irish Waters" for recreational, fishing and other aquatic sporting activities. The Minister for the Environment and Local Government established Irish Water Safety in 1999 as an independent voluntary statutory body and the Association's main remit is to save lives from drowning by means of the following statutory responsibilities:

The promotion of public awareness of water safety,

The promotion of measures, including the advancement of education, related to the prevention of accidents in the water,

The provision of instruction in water safety, rescue, swimming and recovery drills,

Such other services relating to water safety as the Minister may require.

The year 2001 was very special for us as a voluntary organisation as it was designated as the "Year of the Volunteer". It has to be acknowledged that the work of Irish Water Safety could not carry on without the thousand or more members who give of their time and energy to promote water safety voluntarily in this country. As upwards of 180 people drown each year in Irish Waters, the importance of our statutory responsibilities is ever to the fore of the Council, against this background we acknowledge that the voluntary effort on which the organisation depends is its lifeblood, it is the commitment of those who give freely of their time which sustains it, and which ensures that 50,000 certificates in swimming and lifesaving are awarded to adults and young people annually. The Council has been supported in their efforts over the year, by the exceptional work done by the members of two Advisory Committees, four Technical Commissions, twenty-eight Area Water Safety Committees and the two special committees within An Garda Síochána and the Defence Forces. The promotion of water safety continues to be backed by the voluntary effort of dedicated members who give of their time freely, however, as with all Voluntary Bodies we as a Council are conscious of the need to sustain our voluntary base and we are pleased to note that many young people are still anxious to become "Water Safety Instructors" with Irish Water Safety, and this despite the many other attractions that are available to them to occupy their time. In the "Year of the Volunteer" the Council struck a special commemorative badge for all our members. Furthermore the association was honored by the presentation to the Chairman of a Diploma from Mr. Jaun Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Council in recognition of our voluntary efforts to promote water safety at home and at international level. The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Michael Mulcahy presented a special certificate in recognition of the special efforts of Irish Water Safety within the City of Dublin.

Sadly, during the year we lost some of our most dedicated volunteers through illness and accidents and we express to their families and friends our sincere sympathy. The dedication to water safety of our deceased Colleagues will remain with us in Irish Water Safety throughout the years to come.



At a special ceremony for the presentation of "Long Service Awards" in Galway the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal Mr. Robert Molloy T.D. stated, "The voluntary commitment is invaluable and irreplaceable. Nothing the State can do – either by policy initiatives, new legislation or additional funding – can ever substitute for it. The dedication of committed people is a precious thing, which should be fostered and encouraged to grow. It is for all these reasons we are here today". At the ceremony, three service medals issued for 50 years for voluntary service to our members, plus many other awards for 10 years and 25 years service. Irish Water Safety has always played a leading role within International Life Saving. The international dimension to water safety is a valuable one, as we can learn from other country's national lifesaving organisations, how they approach the teaching of swimming and life saving, promote water safety awareness, including participation in the Olympic sport of lifesaving. Other countries (especially the European ones) gain valuable experience and information from us concerning our approach to the promotion of water safety as an island nation. We were very pleased that at this ceremony in Galway the President of International Life Saving (Europe), Dr. Klaus Wilkens, was conferred with the honour of "Life Governor" of Irish Water Safety.

Our financial support for the work that we do nationwide comes from several sources; Central Government (Department of the Environment & Local Government), Local Authorities, fundraising by our members and also the many businesses, firms and other voluntary organisations that give so generously to assist with programs and activities in the promotion of water safety.

I wish to thank our Chief Executive Officer, the Officer Manager, the Marketing Manager and the other members of Staff for their dedication and loyalty throughout 2001, theirs is a vital role in supporting the efforts of the various committees and members nationwide. During the year, many of the office systems were examined and modified to meet the growing demand to be able to access information instantly, in some cases it was necessary to replace old data programmes with new ones.

During 2001 the Council agreed that it needed to prepare a "strategic development plan" setting out the aims and goals of Irish Water Safety in a clear and unambiguous manner. Following discussion, it was considered prudent that prior to going down this road we should employ an outside Consultant to undertake a "review" of Irish Water Safety. An approach was made to our parent Department who agreed that such a study should be undertaken in 2002.

On a personal note, I express my thanks to my colleagues on the Council for their fine contribution to the promotion of water safety awareness during 2001. I know they will join with me in reflecting on the year with satisfaction, at the fact, that we have promoted water safety to the best of our ability. However, with me they also share regret, that notwithstanding our efforts, we still have far too many accidental drownings in this country, because people fail to heed the advice given when going on or in the water.

Finally, I extend the thanks of the members of Irish Water Safety to both the Minister for the Environment and Local Government, Mr Noel Dempsey, T.D. and to the Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal, Mr Robert Molloy, T.D. who have been supportive of our efforts. Coupled with this, I thank the Secretary General of the Department of the Environment and Local Government, and to his Staff Members who gave assistance to the Council throughout the year.

**Frank J. Nolan. G.Kt.Odr. L.S.**  
Chairman  
Irish Water Safety





## Irish Water Safety Council

Mr. Frank Nolan, Co. Waterford, CHAIRMAN  
Ms. Kathryn Byrne, Co. Dublin  
Ms. Breda Collins, Co. Kilkenny  
Mr. Michael Cuddihy, Co. Waterford  
Ms. Breda Doherty, Co. Meath  
Mr. Ian Keating, Co. Dublin  
Mr. Jim Lawlor, Co. Sligo  
Mr. Brendan McGrath, Co. Clare  
Ms. Ann McGuinness, Co. Westmeath  
Mr. Michael Murphy, Co. Dublin  
Mr. Martin O'Sullivan, Co. Cork  
Mr. Paddy Phipps, Co. Dublin.

## Local Area Committees

The organisation has 28 Area Committees, arranged roughly on a county basis within the 26 counties plus the Defence Forces and the Garda Síochána Special Water Safety Committees making a total of 30.

Each Local Authority has a Water Safety Development Officer who is on the Local Water Safety Committee. Much recognition must be afforded these committees who devise a programme of events and courses to cover their areas for the year. Most programmes consist of pool sessions in the winter and water safety weeks at beaches, lakes and rivers in the summer.

The official membership structure is of a voluntary nature running into hundreds. It operates on three different levels: Examiners, Trainee Examiners, Instructors, Trainee Instructors and Non-Technical Volunteers. Thanks to their efforts to promote water safety we have seen a huge increase in the development of water safety awareness and water safety in local communities.

## Staff

Lt. Cdr. John F.M. Leech, CEO  
Mr. Roger Sweeney, Marketing Executive  
Ms. Joan Connolly, Office Manager  
Ms. Marguerite Glynn, Clerical Administrator  
Ms. Caitriona Hanley, Clerical Administrator



## ≡ The Rescue Commission

### Members

Ms. Breda Collins, Co. Kilkenny, CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Kevin Desmond, Co. Wicklow, secretary

Mr. Dave Kenneally, Co. Waterford

Mr. Frank Nolan, Co. Waterford, (ex officio)

The commission met on six occasions in 2001.

- Four Inshore Rescue Boat courses were held:  
Three for Irish Coast Guard. An extra course was held this year at the request of Minister Frank Fahey.  
One for Community Inshore Rescue Stations (CIRS)  
Course Director : Dave Kenneally  
Course tutors : Kevin Desmond, Frank Nolan, Ronnie Horan/Breda Collins and R.N.L.I Personnel
- V.A.T. Relief Inspections of CIRS  
This involves inspections of equipment, stations, boats and crew by IWS inspectors. Eight stations are currently approved as a "declared facility" with the Irish Coast Guard.
- The Manual for CIRS was reviewed, updated and rewritten.
- Five "Seiko Just In Time" Rescue Awards evaluated and recommended.
- Risk assessments of beaches and other aquatic locations: Twenty eight locations surveyed this year. The procedure for processing Risk Assessments was reviewed to avoid delays in providing the service.
- Ongoing liaison with Department of Marine/Irish Coast Guard regarding rescue co-ordination of inland waterways.
- Sponsorship: £6,000 from R.N.L.I. and £6,000 sponsorship from Department of Marine towards printing of safety leaflets and posters.

## ≡ The Lifesaving Commission

### Members

Mr. Brendan McGrath, Co. Clare, CHAIRMAN

Ms. Bernadette O'Connor, Co. Kerry

Mr. Seamus O'Neill, Co. Donegal

Mr. Paul Murphy, Co. Dublin

Mr. Willie Doyle, Co. Wexford

In 2001, the Commission was responsible for all matters dealing with Lifesaving & Resuscitation including:

- Hypothermia
- All matters concerning Swimming Instructors Courses
- Completion of the Basic Life Support handbook
- Liaison with Heart Foundation and the STA





## ≡ The Sports & Lifeguarding Commission

### Members

Mr. Michael Cuddihy, Co. Waterford, CHAIRMAN  
Mr. Jack Mason, Co. Dublin  
Mr. Paul Burke, Co. Cork

In 2001, the Commission was responsible for all matters concerning Lifeguards & Competitions including:

- Preparation of a submission on sport within Water Safety for Sports Council (ongoing)
- Beach Lifeguard & Pool Lifeguard Syllabus
- Liaison with the Sports Council
- Review of Competitions

## ≡ The Education Commission

### Members

Mr. Michael Murphy, Co. Dublin, CHAIRMAN  
Mr. Dave Devine Dublin  
Mr. Eamonn Murtagh, Co. Wicklow  
Ms. Evelyn McFadden, Co. Kildare  
Ms. Ita Richardson, Co. Limerick

In 2001, the Commission was responsible for all matters dealing with Education & Child Protection including:

- Teachers Courses
- Seminar for Child Protection Officers
- Liaison with the Department of Education

## ≡ The Advisory Technical Committee

### Members

Martin O'Sullivan, Co. Cork, CHAIRMAN  
Brendan McGrath, Co. Clare  
Michael Murphy, Co. Dublin  
Breda Collins, Co. Kilkenny  
Michael Cuddihy, Co. Waterford

This is a direct subcommittee of the Council.  
In 2001, the Committee:

- Evaluated and brought forward recommendations of the Commissions for approval
- Fully discussed matters from a technical point of view before coming to Council for approval.
- Dealt with all technical issues not covered by a Commission.



**Launch of the Basic Life Support Manual, L-R Frank Nolan, IWS, Minister Frank Foley, Martin O'Sullivan, IWS.**





## ≡ The Advisory Promotion & Development Committee

### Members

Mr. Jim Lawlor, Co Sligo, CHAIRMAN  
Ms. Kathryn Byrne, Co. Dublin  
Ms. Breeda Doherty, Co. Meath  
Mr. Paddy Phipps, Co. Dublin  
Mr. Ray Wickham, Co. Dublin  
Mr. Donal O'Sullivan, Co. Dublin

This is a direct subcommittee of the Council. In 2001, the Committee was responsible for maximising all efforts to promote the Association and in doing so,

- advised on sponsorship, marketing and the promotion of the Association in general
- sought to have the organisation represented at exhibitions and various media
- sought sponsorship for specific publications and other items related to water safety
- made recommendations concerning sponsorship of certificates, leaflets and posters.

## ≡ Launches

### Beach Safety Report

In June 2001, Irish Water Safety launched a report on beach safety in Ireland. The report was prepared by members of the Association and was based on an earlier review of Beach Safety carried out in May 1999. The recommendations contained in this report promote the general safety of all our beaches. The recommendations are directed principally at local authorities, but the involvement of other bodies and organisations is critical to beach safety.

The beach safety report makes recommendations under several key areas:

- The introduction of legislation to promote public safety;
- The role and functions of Local Authority Water Safety Development Officers;
- The sign posting of dangerous beaches
- The identification of dangerous beaches
- The zoning and supervision of bathing areas in major resorts;
- The provision of lifeguards and lifeguard equipment..



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*In the year of the Volunteer, Dublin Councillor Mr Garry Keegan, Acting Deputy Lord Mayor Dublin presents an Award to Mr Frank Nolan in appreciation of the voluntary work carried out by IWS in Dublin*





## Courses

### Members

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## Press Releases | *Press & Media Activity*

Press exposure for IWSA has increased steadily thanks to relationship building with journalists and presenters of both local and national press, radio and TV.

Media nationwide are actively using the IWS website to access various information for press releases. Public Service Announcements on RTE1 and RTE2 are generating significantly more enquiries. During the year the Association issued seventeen Press Releases. Thirty-nine follow up interviews were conducted on provincial and national radio stations and national TV channels.

This was augmented by coverage in local and national press. The Association thanks all media channels for assisting in the promotion of water safety by covering the following press releases during the year:

- Guard against slurry drownings during Foot & Mouth crises
- Irish Water Safety awards rescuers & volunteers & launches safety posters
- Make water safety your foremost concern this Easter
- Visually check all lifejackets and buoyancy aids for the following deficiencies
- Wexford hosts Junior Lifesaving Championships
- Waterford to host National Lifesaving Championships
- Angling & shooting enthusiasts: be mindful and avoid a water accident this season
- Weil's disease strikes canoeists
- Basic Life Support Manual launched at Examiner's conference
- Irish Water Safety Association receives Dept of Marine support for water safety drive
- Launch of Irish Water Safety Association's Lifeguard pack
- There is no such thing as safe ice
- Guard against hypothermia on your Christmas holiday swim
- Be safe if you are angling on New Year's Day
- Christmas day swims can be dangerous - a message from the chairman (Frank Nolan) of Irish Water Safety
- Irish Water Safety Association to receive International Olympic Committee award
- Think water safety this bank holiday weekend (May, June, August, October)



## ≡ The Marine Safety Working Group

As a member of the Marine Safety Working Group, IWS works with other water based agencies to promote water safety best practices.

The members of the Marine Safety Working Group are:

- Irish Water Safety Association
- Irish Coast Guard
- Department of Marine & Natural Resources
- Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Irish Sailing Association
- Health & Safety Authority
- Bord Iascaigh Mhara
- Waterways Ireland
- Department of Environment & Local Government
- Department of Tourism, Sport & Recreation

## ≡ Summer Water Safety Programme

The Irish Water Safety Association has an extensive summer and winter programme of courses. The winter programmes are concentrated in urban areas due to the locations of facilities. The summer programmes extend to rural areas with river, lake and beachfronts.

Courses are of two distinct groups – swim weeks and water safety weeks. As it suggests, swim weeks consist of instruction in swimming with water safety weeks developing skills in rescue, survival and basic life support.



RTE and Aertel are thanked for televising Public Service Announcements supporting the water safety campaign. Details of the Summer Water Safety Programme are also posted on the Association's website. The Association also conducted Water Safety Information Talks in various companies nationwide.

## ≡ International Committees

Irish Water Safety is a founding member of International Lifesaving. It has two Grand Knights of Lifesaving (Mr F. Nolan, Waterford and Mr. M. Somers, Carlow) bestowed by ILS.

At present, two members serve at International level on the European Regional Board. One is the senior Vice president and the other is Chairman of the European Rescue Commission. Both sit on the ILS (Europe) Board.

The Chairman is also Honorary Auditor of ILS and attended the headquarters in Belgium to audit their accounts. The Chairman was subsequently appointed a European Director of the World Board of ILS.



*International Olympic Council recognises the voluntary effort of IWS to promote water safety.*



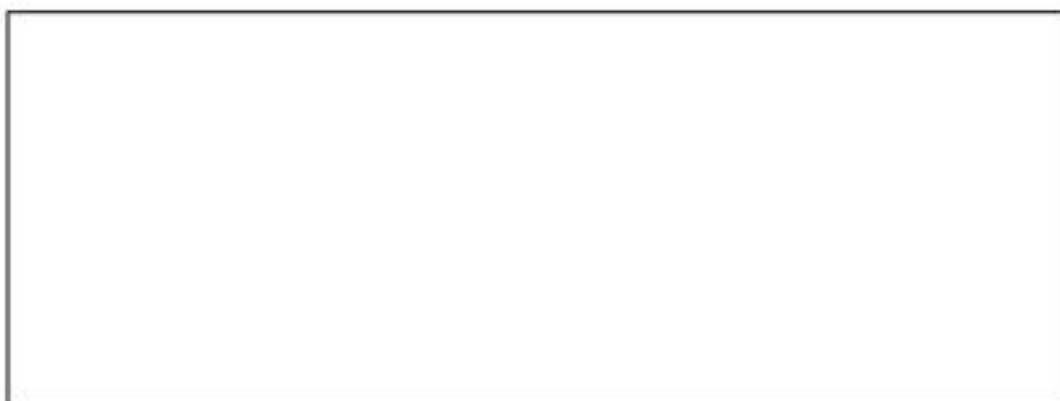


## ≡ Drowning Statistics

Regrettably...

Provisional figures indicate that 86 lives were lost as a result of accidental drowning in 2001. 73 victims were male and 13 were female.

A comparison with 2000 indicates a 60% increase in accidental drownings.



## ≡ Conferences

During the year the following conferences were held:

- Water Safety Development Officers Conference, Dublin, June
- Child Liaison Officers Conference, Tipperary, May
- Water Safety Examiner's Conference, Galway, November
- Chairperson's Conference, Dublin, June



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## Annual Awards Ceremony

Galway was the venue for Irish Water Safety's Annual Awards Ceremony in April.

### Life Governor

This award recognises personal contribution to Irish Water Safety and exceptional commitment to lifesaving and water rescue at both national and international level over many years.

The following were conferred with Life Governor status in 2001:

Dr. Klaus Wilkens, International Life Saving, Europe

### Long Service Awards

Long Service Awards were conferred on the following recipients in recognition of service to Irish Water Safety:

#### 50 years service

Mr. Michael Dalton	Donegal
Mr. Jack Egan	Offaly
Mr. John Hennessy	Waterford

#### 25 years service

Mr. Jerry O'Sullivan	Cork
Mr. Brendan Dalton	Donegal
Sr. Ursula Fox	Donegal
Mr. Seamus O'Neill	Donegal
Ms. Deirdre Barrett	Limerick
Mr. James McLoughlin	Mayo
Ms. Kathleen O'Hanlon	Monaghan
Mr. Noel Gaynor	Tipperary North
Ms. Ann Hoey	Wicklow
Mr. Kevin Hoey	Wicklow

#### 10 years service

Ms. Marion Korrane	Clare
Ms. Karen Browne	Cork
Mr. Paul Burke	Cork
Mr. Sean Corcoran	Cork
Ms. Elmar Nolan	Cork
Mr. Enda O'Leary	Cork
Ms. Rosarie O'Neill	Cork
Ms. Ann O'Sullivan	Cork
Ms. Eileen O'Sullivan	Cork
Ms. Kit O'Sullivan	Cork
Ms. Mary Terry O'Sullivan	Cork
Ms. Carmel Shanahan	Cork
Mr. Philip Keleghan	Kildare
Ms. Margaret McKay	Kildare
Mr. Phil Nolan	Kildare
Ms. Margaret Bell	Limerick
Mr. Alan Brady	Meath
Mr. Michael Kelleher	Tipp S.
Mr. Colm Dempsey	Wicklow
Mr. Kevin Desmond	Wicklow
Mr. Gerard Devin	Wicklow
Mr. Terence Molloy	Wicklow
Ms. Margaret O'Flaherty	Wicklow
Ms. Liz O'Grady	Wicklow
Ms. Marie Wynne	Wicklow



Mr. Michael Dalton, Mr. Jack Egan, Mr. John Hennessy

Mr. Jerry O'Sullivan, Mr. Brendan Dalton, Sr. Ursula Fox







## Annual Awards Ceremony

### International Lifesaving Citation Awards

Mr. Patrick Costello  
Mr. Jimmy Farrelly  
Mr. Geoff Livingston  
Mr. Frank Doyle  
Mr. Dave Courtney

### Seiko Just in Time Rescue Awards

This award kindly sponsored by SEIKO Ireland is awarded to members of the public who voluntarily, through their own individual safe actions successfully save the life of another person from the water.

Mr. Ollie Cahill  
Mr. Kieran McAllister  
Mr. Seamus Monaghan  
Ms. Siobhan O'Connell  
Corporal Tommy O'Neill

## Sponsors

IWS receives a large proportion of it's funding from the Department of Environment.

Local sponsorship coordinated by Local Area Committees plays a vital role in developing activities nationwide. Sincere thanks to all Local Area Committees for their fundraising efforts.

Special thanks to Local Authorities for their financial support of Irish Water Safety.

IWS also wishes to thank the following sponsors who have helped raise the profile of water safety by sponsoring various projects.

**The Irish Insurance Federation**  
**Radio Presenter, Mr Dave Fanning**  
**RTE / Aertel**  
**Seiko**  
**Department of Marine & Natural Resources**  
**RNLI**  
**Irish Coast Guard**  
**Health & Safety Authority**  
**Department of Education**  
**Supermacs**  
**VHI**  
**BUPA**  
**Galway Crystal**  
**Walkers Crisps**



## International Affairs

Members attended the following International Conferences

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents – U.K.  
Water Safety Congress

International Life Saving (Europe) Board meeting - Croatia  
International Life Saving (Europe) Commission meeting - Scotland



Three men in suits standing together, one holding a certificate or award. A banner in the background reads 'Irish Water Safety Congress 2001'.

## Competitions

### JUNIOR POOL & SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

VENUE: Wexford Town Urban District Pool and Rosslare Strand

#### RESULTS

##### OVERALL POOL & SURF COMBINED

	Boys	Girls
<b>1st</b>	Cork	Donegal
<b>2nd</b>	Wicklow	Dublin
<b>3rd</b>	Wexford	Wexford

##### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

<b>Pool</b>	Wexford	Wexford
<b>Surf</b>	Wicklow	Donegal
<b>Taplin</b>	Waterford	



Mr. John Leech, CEO Irish Water Safety presenting the Irish Title to Lucy Boyle, captain of the Mayo ladies' Lifesaving Team.





## Competitions

SENIOR POOL & SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001	
VENUE: Waterford Glass Pool and Main Beach, Tramore	
RESULTS	
PRESIDENTS TROPHY (for highest points overall):	
Waterford (women's team)	
2nd highest points overall:	Donegal (women's team)
3rd highest points overall:	Cork (women's team)
OVERALL SURF	
Men	Women
1st Clare	Donegal
OVERALL POOL	
Men	Women
1st Mayo	Waterford & Mayo
2nd Clare	Cork
3rd Dublin	Mayo




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## LoCall 1890 - 420 202

The new LoCall number has meant greater access for the public and has significantly increased the number of calls received at the National Office.

## Certificates

Thanks to the efforts of Local Area Committee Officers and Members, Water Safety Development Officers in Local Authorities, Examiners, Instructors and non-technical personnel, nearly 45,000 certificates were issued in the various categories of life-saving activity in 2001. This achievement reflects the dedication and commitment of all water safety personnel to whom appreciation is expressed.

Certificate	Total
Swim 1 - 5	21435
Safety 1 - 4	7861
Survival 1 - 3	1707
Resuscitation 1 - 4	8804
Rescue 1 - 4	3295
Instructor	72
Pool Lifeguard	543
Beach Lifeguard	75
Assistant Swimming Teacher	48
Swimming Teacher	28
Aquatics organiser	503
Aquatics Pool Assistant	66
Inshore Rescue 1 Day R.I.B.	9
Inshore Rescue 2 Day D Class	5
Inshore Rescue 3 Day D Class	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>44474</b>

## Deceased Members

During the year the Association lost a number of very active Water Safety Members who had contributed enormously to the advancement of lifesaving and rescue at local and national level. To their families and friends we extend our sincere and deepest sympathy.



## Irish Watery Safety

### **History**

- Irish Water Safety Association established in 1945 under the auspices of the Irish Red Cross Society where it remained for 26 years.
- It was at this time that the structure of examiners, instructors and other voluntary personnel was established.
- This period coincided with an increase in the use of Lifeguards around the coast of Ireland during the summer.
- The first Water Safety Manuals were published by the Irish Red Cross Society.
- In 1971 the Irish Water Safety Association was formed under the auspices of the Department Of Local Government and this saw an upsurge in membership.
- This resulted in an invitation to join both Federation Internationale de Sauvetage and World Life Saving, both international bodies dealing with water safety and rescue.
- In 1987 Government decided that the IWSA should be amalgamated with Fire & Road Safety under the National Safety Council.
- In spite of initial reservations, water safety went from strength to strength and the number of voluntary members continues to grow.
- In the national budget for 1998, the Government set aside the finance necessary to re-establish water safety as a singular organisation to be known as Irish Water Safety, a statutory body.

### **Membership**

- Water Safety Development Officers
- Instructors
- Trainee Instructors
- Examiners
- Trainee Examiners
- Class Organisers
- Staff

### **Publishing**

- Literature to promote water safety and to target at risk groups
- Manuals for Training & Examination
- Posters – e.g. Safe Boating, Safe Swimming & Always Wear A Lifejacket
- Leaflets – e.g. Cold Shock & Hypothermia
- Reports – e.g. Beach Safety Report
- Newsletters – Irish Water Safety News
- Website – and





## Irish Watery Safety

### **Certification**

- Swim 1-5
- Safety 1-4
- Survival 1-3
- Rescue 1-4
- Basic Life Support 1-3
- Instructor & Trainee Instructor
- Pool Lifeguard
- Beach Lifeguard
- Examiner & Trainee Examiner
- Assistant Swimming Teacher
- Swimming Teacher
- In-Service Teacher Aquatics Organiser / Aquatics Pool Assistant:
  - 260 participants per annum
- Summer Weeks:
  - 145 classes nationwide in 2001
- All certificates are Internationally recognised
- Number of certificates issued in 2001 = 44,474

### **Activities**

- Risk Assessments on bathing areas nationwide & areas at risk to the public
- Advice and assistance to local authorities and corporations
- Testing of national beach lifeguards for local authorities
- Coaching of national school teachers in water safety principles
- Training of all inshore rescue boat crews nationwide
- Training and VAT certification of coastguard inshore rescue boat crews
- The promotion of water safety with members of the Marine Safety Working Group & The Irish Marine Search & Rescue Committee
- Training & Examination of Pool Lifeguards for private leisure centres
- Swimming and Lifesaving courses for children and adults