



Dear Member...

The Watersport Inclusion Games 2019 is being hosted by Kinsale Yacht Club on the 24th and 25th August 2019.

This is a free event celebrating sailing, rowing and canoeing for people of all abilities from the physical, sensory, intellectual and learning ability spectrums. Our Event Director is Donal Hickey who is well known for his involvement in KYC Sailability.

A taste of the event can be got here :

<https://www.sailing.ie/Events/Watersports-Inclusion-Games>

There are 450 participants registered and even more on the waiting list. It is a huge undertaking and preparations are well advanced at this stage. The event ambassadors are :

- **Bryan Dobson** - Irish Sailing Instructor and volunteer skipper
- **Oisín Freery** - Special Olympian Medalist, Canoeing Ireland
- **John Twomey** - 11-time Paralympian Sailor, Boardmember of Irish Sailing
- **Gina Griffin** - World Disabled Sailing Championships Sailor

We have many volunteers already but always need more - individual KYC Members can volunteer via event bright here :

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/watersports-inclusion-games-2019-volunteers-registration-tickets-56580486759>

KYC boat owners can volunteer to take participants sailing/boating by completing the registration form and leaving it in Mathilde's office downstairs marked "Watersport Inclusion Games" please follow the link here :

[https://www.kyc.ie/contentFiles/eventDocuments/Skipper%20Registration%201.1%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.kyc.ie/contentFiles/eventDocuments/Skipper%20Registration%201.1%20(1).pdf)

KYC are hosting a Disability Awareness Training day on Saturday 17th August 2019 - register here :

<https://www.sailing.ie/Shop/Details/catid/52/eid/5544/disability-awareness-training-cork-saturday-17th-august>

This is going to be a superb event and the level of interest show to date has been overwhelming.

All members are most welcome to attend and see KYC Sailability at it's best

See you there.

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