

# WICKLOW AND THE SEA

- The Maritime History of Wicklow



WICKLOW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GRAND HOTEL, WICKLOW  
SATURDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015

ONE-DAY CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE FEE: €20 (incl. lunch)  
9.30 - 15.30

In Memory of Our Friend and Founding Member Jimmy Cleary



JAMES JOHN CLEARY

JIMMY CLEARY

1937-2015

A Tribute

By

John Finlay

Chairman

Wicklow Historical Society

## Jimmy Cleary

In March this year Wicklow lost one of its favourite sons with the sudden death of Jimmy Cleary. A proud Wicklow man Jimmy was one of the founding members of Wicklow Rowing Club, a long time supporter of Wicklow Swimming Club and a founding member of Wicklow Historical Society in 1986.

His dedication to 'all things Wicklow', and especially its long maritime history, knew no bounds and was exceeded only by his love for his family. Highly respected by all who knew him, he spent his entire working life in Wicklow Press, first on the South Quay, and later on the Murrough and his expertise in this field was highly beneficial to Wicklow Historical Society in the publication of its annual historical journals. His numerous articles, mainly on maritime matters, were eagerly anticipated and he co-wrote and published a history of the harbour, aided by his good friend and fellow historian Andrew O'Brien, who sadly predeceased him. The publication entitled *Wicklow Harbour, a History* was very well received. Both Andrew's and Jimmy's love for the sea shone through and it was no surprise when they began to share this interest with the public during their Maritime Historical Walks which took place at the annual Regatta Festival. They entertained those present with their stories of Maritime Wicklow as they strolled in the Black Castle/Harbour area and their pride and love of Wicklow shone through.

A true 'gentleman', Jimmy will be sadly missed by his loving family, his numerous friends, and indeed all who made his acquaintance. Wicklow Regatta has, through his passing, lost one of its greatest supporters.

Go ndéana Dia trócaire ar a anam!

(This tribute was first published in the Regatta Festival Programme 2015)



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- 9.30 REGISTRATION
- 9.45 Stan O'Reilly,  
"Brigs, Schooners, Poetry and Old Maritime Memories"
- 10.15 Vincent O'Reilly, "Stories from a Coastline"
- 10.45 Ciarán Doyle, "The History of Wicklow Lifeboat"
- 11.15 TEA/COFFEE AND BISCUITS
- 11.30 Jim Rees, "The Remarkable Robert Halpin"
- 12.00 Cormac Lowth, "The Sinking of the Lusitania"
- 12.30 John Finlay, "The Development of Wicklow Harbour"
- 13.00 BUFFET LUNCH IN HOTEL RESTAURANT
- 14.00 Brian White, "Wicklow Coastline"
- 14.30 PLENARY SESSION  
- Questions and Answers, Contributions from the Floor
- 15.15 CLOSING ADDRESS

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## BOOKING FORM

(Please photocopy if required)

Conference fee of €20 includes all lectures, mid-morning coffee and lunch.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLACES REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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DO YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS? \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward completed booking form with €20 for each place booked before Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October to:

Geraldine Lynch, "Maison Jaune", Dunbur Road, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow.

Cheques should be crossed and made payable to : Wicklow Historical Society.

Early booking is advisable as places are limited.