

An aerial photograph of a tall, cylindrical lighthouse with a white body and a dark top section, situated on a small, dark, rocky island in the middle of the ocean. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water is a deep blue with some white foam from waves crashing against the rocks.

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BALLYDEHOB
SCHULL
GOLEEN
CROOKHAVEN

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Here I go out to sea again
The sunshine fills my hair
And dreams hang in the air
Gulls in the sky and in my blue eyes
You know it feels unfair
There's magic everywhere

From *WONDERFUL LIFE* by COLIN VEARNCOMBE



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Every Sunday. The finest of local produce and crafts available every Sunday from April to September and Christmas.

25th - 29th May. Join the throngs of filmmakers, fans and distinguished guests at this year's Fastnet Film Festival in Schull.

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
March	Schull Drama Group Production	Schull
	Fastnet Duathlon	Schull
	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Schull
	International Schools Team Racing Championships	Schull
	Ballydehob 10k	Ballydehob
	Mizen Head Visitor Centre <i>opens daily</i>	Goleen
	Road Trotting Races	Ballydehob
April	Schull Sunday Market <i>from Easter</i>	Schull
	Ballydehob Trad Festival	Ballydehob
	Irish Schools Team Racing Nationals	Schull
May	Schull/Le Guilvinec Twinning	Schull
	Ballydehob Jazz Festival	Ballydehob
	The Fastnet Film Festival	Schull
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
June	Schull/Le Guilvinec Twinning	Schull
	Fastnet Triathlon	Schull
	Fastnet Maritime & Folk Festival	Ballydehob
	Ballydehob Country Music Festival	Ballydehob
	Sailing Courses begin	Schull
July	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
	Art in Schull	Schull
	Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival	Schull
	Fastnet International Schools Regatta	Schull
	Schull Agricultural Show	Schull
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull

Keep right up-to-date with all the latest events in Schull and the Mizen:
schull.ie/whats-happening

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
August	Calves Week Sailing	Schull
	Schull Vintage Regatta	Schull
	Cross-Harbour Swim	Schull
	Ballydehob Summer Festival	Ballydehob
	Yawl Rowing Championship Regatta	Schull
	Goleen Summer Festival	Goleen
	Route to Crook	Goleen
	Schull Harbour Sailing Club Weekly Races	Schull
September	West Cork Yoga Festival	Ballydehob
	Fastnet Kidathlon	Schull
	Schullture – Culture Night	Schull
	Last Sunday Market of the season	Schull
October	Schull/Le Guilvinec Twinning	Schull
	Harvest and Old Time Threshing Festival	Ballydehob
	Hallowe'en Festival & Ball	Schull
November	Mizen Head Visitor Centre <i>open weekends only</i>	Goleen
December	Schull Welcomes Santa & Street Lighting Ceremony	Schull
	Christmas Craft Fair	Goleen
	Christmas Market	Schull
	Schull Community College Christmas Production	Schull
	Christmas Day Swim in aid of COPE	Schull



2nd - 5th August.
Calves Week



6th - 7th August.
Schull Vintage Regatta

LOCAL SERVICES

Fire Brigade Schull 999 or 112

Bantry Hospital Accident & Emergency 027 50133

Doctors

Mizen Medical Practice 028 28311

SouthDoc 1850 335 999

Dentists

Schull – Seamus O’Donoghue 028 27636

Pharmacy

McCarthy’s Pharmacy 9.30-13.15 & 14.15-18.00 028 28108

Garda Siochana (Police)

Schull Barracks 028 28111

Post Office Open Monday - Saturday (half day) 028 28110

Business & Computer Services

MCS – Printing, Copying, Faxing, PC Maintenance 028 28211

Credit Union Schull 028 28666

Tue & Fri: 09.30-12.30 & 13.30-17.00, Sat: 09.30-13.00

Banks

AIB - Mobile Bank in Schull Brosnan’s Car Park
Mon, Tue (Jun-Aug only), Thu, Fri 10.45-12.30 & 13.30-15.30

AIB - Mobile Bank at Ballydehob Community Hall
Mon, Tue (Jun-Aug only), Thu, Fri 09.45-10.30

Allied Irish Bank – Skibbereen 028 21388

Bank of Ireland – Skibbereen 028 21700

Permanent TSB – Skibbereen 028 21950

Library (Corner of Upper Main Street)

Tue, Thu & Fri 14.30-17.30, Wed 9.30-13.00 & 14.00-17.30

Sat (except Bank Holiday Weekends) 09.30-13.30. Internet available.

Petrol & Diesel at Lowertown Co-op, O’Meara’s of Goleen and Camier’s of Ballydehob

Taxi & Mini Bus

JP Taxi 086 121 2999

Betty Johnson’s Bus Hire 028 28410 or 086 265 6078

Luke Nolan Hackney 028 28215 or 086 833 7504

Ballydehob Hackney 086 854 3631

West Cork Rural Transport (see timetable p.61) 027 52727

Auto Breakdown & Recovery Service

O’Callaghan’s Garage, Schull 087 624 6735/086 352 5697

Leslie Roycroft, Ballydehob 028 37214

Veterinary Surgeon Timothy O’Leary 028 37180

Tourist Info Main Street, Schull 028 28600

Mizen Information & e-Centre, Goleen 028 35000

Parking

From June - September there is very limited parking on Main Street, Schull. Please avoid parking in this area.

There is designated **FREE** parking located at Ardmanagh Car Park, Pier Road Car Park and East End Car Park.

See the Schull Village Map on page 70.

Please park legally and with consideration.



on
Main Street,
Schull

RUBBISH DISPOSAL & RUBBISH RECYCLING

The Cork County Council Public Dump at Derryconnell is between Schull and Ballydehob where you can avail of glass, paper, cardboard and plastic recycling. You may also dispose of non-recyclable waste.

€3 ENTRY plus **LARGE BLACK BAG DISPOSAL €4** each.

Opening Hours:

Tue & Thu 09.00-12.30 & 13.30-16.30, Sat 09.00-13.00

Under no circumstances should anyone dump rubbish.

Glass and can recycling also available at Schull Pier and Ballydehob Community Hall. The Little Way Charity Shop in Schull will take clean unbroken items. Schull & District Community Council has a recycling centre at the rear of the Catholic Church.

The residents and the associations of Schull and the Mizen work hard at keeping their areas tidy. We ask our visitors who enjoy our lovely villages and countryside of West Cork to keep it tidy as well.



Church Services

Catholic Services www.mizenparish.com

Church of Ireland www.kilmoeunion.com

Catholic Services

Mass times may vary - please check Church noticeboards

Schull on Monday & Friday at 9.00am, Sunday 10.30am

Bank Holiday Mondays at 11.00am

Ballydehob on Wednesday at 10.00am, Sunday 9.30am

Lowertown Vigil Mass on Saturday 8.00pm

Goleen on Tuesday & Thursday at 9.00am, Sunday 12 noon

Fr. Alan O’Leary, P.P. Schull – 028 28898

Church of Ireland

Schull on Sunday at 10.00am

The Altar, Toormore on Sunday at 11.30am

Crookhaven on Sunday at 8.30pm July - August

Ballydehob on Sunday at 11.30am

Rev. Trevor Lestor – Toormore/Schull 028 28249

Rev. Steve McCann – Ballydehob/Aughadown - 028 37117



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WHAT TO DO

Schull is the place many people head for when seeking respite from hurried city lives to rest and recreate with long active days in the salty air: Sailing, surfing, diving, whale watching, island-hopping, bird watching, kayaking or just messing about in boats in the picturesque harbour.

The whole coast echoes with history: ancient sites, ruined castles, coastal forts and copper mines. There's something restorative about the temperate West Cork climate that allows sub-tropical plants to flourish where they have no business growing. There's edge-of-the-world drama too: climbing up to a mountain pass through ever-changing weather; crossing the bridge to the end of Mizen Head with the Atlantic crashing below; visiting the islands in Roaringwater Bay, five of which are inhabited.

Here are some suggestions of places to go and people to see for getting the best out of Schull and the Mizen.

WATER-BASED ACTIVITIES

BOAT HIRE

Schull Watersports, The Pier, Schull
Atlantic Boating Services, Skibbereen

028 28554
028 23420

DIVING

Diveology, Schull diveology.com

028 28943 or 086 837 2065

ISLAND TRIPS

Cape Clear/Fastnet/Baltimore - Cailín Óir
Long Island/Water Taxi from Colla Pier - Maurice Coughlan
Heir Island/Sherkin Island from Cunnamore Pier heirislandferries.com

028 41923 or 028 39159
086 172 1254
086 888 7799

KAYAKING

SKS joffmac@hotmail.com
Atlantic Sea Kayaking atlanticseakayaking.com

028 28554 or 086 171 7700
028 21058

SAILING

Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre schullsailing.ie
Schull Harbour Sailing Club shsc.ie

028 28515

SEA ANGLING

Blue Thunder Charters

086 804 5351

SURFING

Barley Cove Surf Camp barleycovesurfcamp.com

087 153 2248

WHALE WATCHING

Whale Watch West Cork whalewatchwestcork.com

086 120 0027

WHAT TO DO

LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES

ARCHERY

West Cork Archery 086 089 0879
Archery Tag goleenharbour.ie 087 799 0607 or 028 27479

BASKETBALL

At Schull Tennis Courts

BRIDGE

Schull Bridge Club - Visitors welcome 028 28292

CYCLING

Quiet roads on Mizen Peninsula and The Sheep's Head Cycle Way
Bike Hire goleenharbour.ie 087 799 0607 or 028 27479

GEOCACHE TREASURE HUNTS

goleenharbour.ie 087 799 0607 or 028 27479

FITNESS

Schull Harbour Hotel Leisure Centre schullharbourhotel.ie
028 28801

Schull Outdoor Gym along the harbour foreshore walk
Fitness Classes & Personal Trainer
Deirdre Ni Challanian fitbones.ie 086 240 4709
Outdoor Bootcamp – Caleb Cairns 087 356 6280
Pilates – Caroline Cumming 087 928 1582

GARDENS

Bantry House & Gardens bantryhouse.com 027 50047
Glebe Gardens, Baltimore glebegardens.com 028 20232
Carraig Abhainn Gardens, Durrus 027 61070
carrigabhainngardens.com
West Cork Garden Trails westcorkgardentrail.com

GOLF

Bantry Bay Golf Club bantrygolf.com 027 50579
Skibbereen skibbgolf.com 028 21227

HIKING & WALKING

Several walking routes in this guide centre pages
Fastnet Trails – see tourist office for information
Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709

HORSE RIDING

Dunbeacon Equestrian Centre - Lessons only 027 61532
Ballycummisk Riding Sch. 087 765 5993 or 086 731 6299

ORIENTEERING

Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709

SUMMER CAMPS

Adventure - Schull & Fitbones fitbones.ie 086 240 4709

Art/Sport/Dance - Ballydehob Playgroup 028 37771
goleenharbour.ie 087 799 0607 or 028 27479

SQUASH

Schull Community College 028 28292

TABLE TENNIS

Goleen Community Centre *all ages welcome* 083 137 2013

TENNIS

Schull Tennis Courts & Ballydehob Tennis Courts

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

BEACHES

Barley Cove (Blue Flag beach) beyond Goleen;
Ballyrisode Beach, nr. Toormore; Galley Cove, nr. Crookhaven; Trá an Oileáin, Cadogan Strand, Schull and lots of coves, piers and strands for swimming.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Atlantic School of English & Active Leisure 028 28943

MIZEN HEAD

Signal Station & Visitor Centre mizenhead.ie 028 35225

OUTDOORS

The Ewe Sculpture Garden, Glengarriff theewe.com 027 63840
Adventure Maze, Rosscarbery
smugglerscove.ie 023 884 8054 or 087 222 0467

PLANETARIUM

At Schull Community College 028 28552

STARSHOWS: Starting June 29th (*see ad at back of guide*)

PLAYGROUNDS Schull, Ballydehob and Goleen.

WET DAYS

CINEMA

Bantry Cinemax cinemaxbantry.com 027 55777

FOOD

Durrus Cheese guided tours durruscheese.com 027 61100

HERITAGE CENTRE

Skibbereen Heritage skibbheritage.com 028 40900

HISTORIC HOUSES

Bantry House & Gardens bantryhouse.com 027 50047

KIDS' INDOOR PLAY CENTRE

The Treehouse, Skibbereen thetreehouse.ie 028 51699

POTTERY

Dunbeacon Pottery 027 61036

SWIMMING POOLS

Schull Harbour Hotel Leisure Centre
schullharbourhotel.ie 028 28801
West Lodge Hotel, Bantry westlodgehotel.ie 027 50360
Baltimore Pool baltimorepool.ie 028 20622

WHERE TO STAY

The discerning traveller will find the perfect accommodation in Schull, from the traditional elegance and comfortable surroundings of a guest house, the intimate and cosy welcome of our many B&Bs or the varied and exciting locations of self-catering cottages. If you have brought your own accommodation, be mindful of where you pitch your tent or park your camper, most farmers are welcoming – please check with them first.

WHERE TO STAY IN SCHULL

Hotel

Schull Harbour Hotel, East End, Schull schullharbourhotel.ie 028 28801

Bed and Breakfast

Glencairn B&B, Ardmanagh Drive, Schull (Susan Malone) 028 28007

Harbour Command, South Schull (Betty Griffin) harbourcommandsouthschull.com
086 1694705 or 028 28335

Rock Hill House B&B, Colla Road (Cornelia O'Keeffe) rockhillhouse.com 087 2704534

Rookery Cottage, Air Hill, Schull (Rita Nyhan) rookerycottageschull.com 086 2334492

Seaview B&B, Schull (Noreen Levis) seaviewschull.com 086 0763045 or 028 28373

Stanley House, South Schull (Nancy Brosnan) stanley-house.net 028 28425

Water's Edge, Coosheen (Nuala Morgan) watersedgeschull.net 087 6485896

Vary's Guestroom, Colla Road, Schull (Vary Finlay) [f VarysGuestroomSchull](https://www.facebook.com/VarysGuestroomSchull) 086 6018608

Self Catering

Sheila Barnett Holiday Homes, Schull 028 28153

Centre Park, Schull 085 122 7771

Colla Pier Cottages, Colla, Schull 028 28122

Holidaymakers, Mizen (D&M Collins) schull-holidaymakers.com 028 28350

Marian Hegarty, Schull 028 28446 or 086 1729328

The Moorings, Schull (Catherine Kelleher) themooringschull.com 028 28699

Quarry Cottage, Schull (Nancy Brosnan) 087 9416641

West Cork Rentals, Schull westcorkrentals.ie 028 28122



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WHERE TO STAY NEARBY

Bed and Breakfast

An Carraig Ard, Ballydehob (Christina Hickey) 087 2673141

Carraig Mor House, Toormore (Betty Johnson) carraigmorhouse.com 028 28410

Fortview House, Toormore (Violet Connell) fortviewhousegoleen.com 028 35324

The Heron's Cove™, Goleen (Sue Hill) heronscove.com 028 35225

Seafront Guesthouse, Toormore (Margaret Whitley) 028 35364 or 086 1657991

Self Catering

Blairscove Apartments, Durrus blairscove.ie 027 61127

Cape Clear Holiday Cottages (Mary O'Driscoll) 028 39153

Cashelfean Holiday Houses, Durrus (Eleanor O'Regan) cashelfean.com 027 62000

Fortview House, Toormore (Violet Connell) fortviewhousegoleen.com 028 35324

The Heron's Cove™, Goleen (Sue Hill) heronscove.com 028 35225

Molly Cottage, Glaun (Robin Wells) niborwells@gmail.com 028 27592 or 086 3199761

Hotel (seasonal)

Barley Cove Beach Hotel, Mizen Head. barleycovebeachhotel.com 028 35874

Hostel

Cape Clear Holiday Hostel, South Harbour, Cape Clear. capeclearhostel.com 028 41968

Camping

Summerfield, Colla Road, Schull campinginschullsummerfield.com 086 725 2031

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK IN SCHULL

An Tigín, High Street. <i>The only pub within the ancient Schull boundaries</i>	028 28830
Auspicious House, Main Street. <i>Chinese restaurant</i> auspicioushouse@163.com	028 28000
The Bunratty Inn, Main Street. <i>Extensive bar food all day</i>	028 28341
Casa Diego, Main Street. <i>Tapas</i>	086 397 8364
Café Cois Cuan East End. <i>Homecooked food & gourmet coffee</i> cafecoiscuan.ie	028 27005
Hackett's Bar, Main Street. <i>Bar food</i>	028 28625
L'Escale, The Pier. <i>Fish menu and pizza</i> normandyireland.com	028 28599
New Haven Restaurant, Main Street. <i>Dinner and pizza</i>	028 28642
Newman's West, Main Street. <i>Café Bar, breakfast, lunch & dinner</i> tjnewmans.com	028 27776
TJ Newman's Corner House Bar, Main Street. <i>Traditional pub</i>	028 27776
O'Regan's Bar, Pier Road. <i>Craic, ceoil agus ol</i>	028 48272
Paradise Crêpe, Main Street. <i>Crêpes</i>	087 743 7427
Schull Harbour Hotel, East End. <i>Breakfast, lunch and dinner</i>	028 28801

WHERE TO EAT & DRINK NEARBY

Along the Way Café, Goleen. <i>Teas/coffees, ice cream and home baking</i>	086 4092547
Blairscove, Durrus. <i>Dinner served Tuesday – Saturday</i> blairscove.ie	027 61127
Cotter's Bar, Cape Clear <i>Daytime bar food and evening meals</i>	028 39153
The Crookhaven Inn, Crookhaven. <i>Home-cooked bar food</i>	028 35309
The Heron's Cove™, Goleen. <i>Children's, dinner and à la carte</i> heronscove.com	028 35225
Mizen Head Café, Mizen Head Signal Station. <i>Meals and snacks</i> mizenhead.ie	028 35115
Nottages, Crookhaven. <i>Irish and global cuisine</i> nottagesrestaurant.ie	028 35963
O'Sullivan's Bar, Crookhaven. <i>Bar food</i> osullivanscrookhaven.ie	028 35319
Sean Ruas, North Harbour, Cape Clear. <i>Meals and drinks all day</i> seanruasrestaurant.com	028 39099
Three Castle Head Café <i>Opens May to September</i> threecastlehead.ie	028 35760

For **Ballydehob** places to eat and drink, see

Pages 38-39

Discover more: schull.ie/where-to-eat



WHERE TO SHOP IN SCHULL

Anna B's Bookshop <i>Books, coffee and cake</i> annabs.com	028 27606
M&H Barnett <i>Clothing, boots, shoes, raingear, bags, beachwear, household linens</i>	028 28286
Barry Butchers (Hegarty) <i>Local butcher, locally sourced meat</i>	028 28438
Blue House Gallery <i>Paintings and sculpture by local artists</i>	086 061 8035
Brosnan's Centra <i>Supermarket, newsagent, off-licence, bakery, Banklink</i>	028 28236
Brosnan's Hardware <i>Everything from screws to white goods</i>	028 27724
Courtyard Crafts <i>Craft ceramics, textiles, knitwear, cards, candles, etc.</i>	028 28209
Divecology <i>Diving supplies/air fills</i>	028 28943
East Meets West Emporium – <i>furniture, jewellery, textiles and treasures</i>	086 601 8608
Enibas <i>Designer jewellery made on premises and accessories</i> enibas.com	028 28868
The Fish Shop <i>Local fresh fish, shellfish, fish pies, fishcakes at Schull Pier</i>	028 28599
Harbour Bay Flowers & Garden Centre <i>Full wedding florist service</i>	083 138 6035
Heron Gallery <i>Art prints/originals, cards, ceramics, jewellery and handmade furniture</i>	028 27506
Little Way Charity Shop <i>General charity shop supporting local charities</i>	086 408 7097
M.T. McCarthy Pharmacy <i>Pharmacy supplies, prescriptions and photoprint machine</i>	028 28108
Mizen Computer Services (MCS) <i>Computer accessories</i>	028 28211
Pebbles <i>Fashion, scarves, knitwear</i>	028 28165
Post Office <i>Full postal services, Lotto, cards and Tom Newman's photography</i>	028 28110
Present Company <i>Toys and gifts</i>	087 235 0605
Fr. Raja's Charity Shop <i>supporting Indian children's charity – books, clothing, bric-a-brac</i>	
Roaring Water Health & Wholefoods <i>supplements, toiletries, organic fruit & veg</i>	028 27834
Schull Watersports <i>Sailing chandlery, rope, wetsuits, etc.</i>	028 28554

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Those who like to browse quirky, interesting and stylish shops will find Schull a treat. Our busy Main Street has a super selection of boutiques, cafés and shops where you can find unique designer goods, handcrafted treasures, everyday essentials and all your catering needs. So when the weather is not perfect, stroll through the village and take home something special.

Please also support our local artists, craftsmen and food producers, many of whom you will find at **Schull Country Market** every Sunday (see page 38).

Discover more: schull.ie/where-to-shop

HEALTH SERVICES

Mizen Primary Care Centre, Ardmanagh Road, Schull

All clinics are **by appointment only**, please call **028 28311**.
mizendoc.com

The family doctors of the Mizen Peninsula. We provide a range of medical services for the community and visitors to pristine West Cork. Mizen Medical Practice is located in The Mizen Primary Care Centre, Ardmanagh Road, Schull, as well as in Goleen Village, and Ballydehob Village. Mizen Medical Practice, first established by Dr. Brian O'Connell in Goleen village in 1988, is now a two-partner practice since 2007, when Dr. Helen Finlay joined us. Dr. David Hurley attends.

Mizen Primary Care Team:

Public Health Nursing	028 27352 or 028 27353
Diabetes Prevention Service	028 27384 or 087 131 2890
Physiotherapy	028 27375 or 086 787 1588
Occupational Therapy – Colette O Flynn	028 40400
Community Dietician – Melissa Byrne	087 969 6267
Speech & Language Therapy – Paediatric & Adult	028 40400
Community Welfare Officer – Ann Hunt	028 27365 or 028 21047
HSE Dental Service	028 27369

Private Therapists providing a service at the Mizen Primary Care Centre:

Physiotherapist – Caroline Cummings	087 928 1582
Counsellor & Psychotherapist – Joan Giller	086 360 9702 or 086 840 6945
Podiatrist – Emily O'Toole	087 956 4921
Reflexology – Anne Ryan	087 146 8968

Additional Services at the Mizen Primary Care Centre:

Child Development – appointments are arranged through the Public Health Nurse.	
Chiropodist – by appointment only. Medical card holders can contact	028 40429
Home Help Coordinator – Deirdre O'Brien, tends Schull on Wednesdays	028 40574

In the event of a **medical emergency**, please inform our secretary of the patient's name, location and your contact telephone number. You will be transferred to a doctor or we will return your call promptly. Mizen Medical Practice operates a strict **no interruption policy** during standard surgery hours (except in the case of a medical emergency) to ensure that the patient receives an uninterrupted consultation with their GP or Nurse.



If you suspect a stroke or heart attack
Medical Emergency Dial 999

Out of Hours Emergencies
SouthDoc 1850 335 999

Mizen Medical Practice Surgery Times

All clinics are **by appointment only**, please call **028 28311**. mizendoc.com

	SCHULL	BALLYDEHOB	GOLEEN
MONDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 12.00	15.00 - 16.30
TUESDAY	11.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		10.00 - 12.00
WEDNESDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		
THURSDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00		
FRIDAY	10.00 - 12.00 15.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 12.00	15.00 - 16.00
SATURDAY	11.00 - 12.00 Urgent cases ONLY		

Schull Community Hospital

Telephone **028 28120**. Fax **028 28831**

21 bedded care of the older person providing Continuing Care, Respite Care, Convalescent Care, Rehab Care and Palliative Care for Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen area.

Medical Officers – Dr Brian O'Connell, Dr Helen Finlay

The construction of the *Fastnet Lighthouse* represents the zenith of lighthouse construction in Ireland and it is arguably Ireland's most recognisable lighthouse. Completed in 1904, the Fastnet Lighthouse is a monument to the vision, workmanship and perseverance of those involved. Predictably, the weather delayed the final completion. A storm in October 1903 washed away part of the light apparatus. The remaining apparatus had to be returned to England for repair and it was May 1904 before the new light was in place.

In the early 19th century, Ireland had only three sea lights on its southwest corner: Loophead at the mouth of the Shannon River, the Old Head of Kinsale and the third on the highest point of Clear Island. It was the location of the Clear Island light that led to the building of a lighthouse on the Fastnet Rock.

The first Fastnet Lighthouse was a cast iron tower designed by George Halpin. It was started in 1849 and finished in 1853 and was built because the old light on Clear Island was too far inside outlying danger and at so high an elevation that it was frequently obscured by fog.

The cost including shore dwellings was £20,000. During a gale in November 1881 the glass was broken by the sea and one lens was damaged.

The Fastnet Rock is approximately 9 miles from Schull and 4½ miles south-west of Clear Island. The tide rises 12 feet and currents round the rock at spring tides can flow at 3 knots. It is a very rare occurrence for the water to be sufficiently smooth to enable people to step out onto the rock from a boat.

In 1891 it was decided that the old lighthouse was not powerful enough and as the Fastnet Rock was the principal landfall light on the south-west coast, it should be made as powerful as circumstances would permit. So in 1896 preparations started for the foundations of the new tower. The second lighthouse consists of 89 courses, 2074 stones and weighs 4,633 tons. The tower was erected in sections of 6-8 courses at a time in the contractors yard in Cornwall and inspected before being shipped out to Rock Island in Crookhaven

Harbour, where they had built an office, stores, carpenters and blacksmiths shops and a barrack for the workmen, together with dwellings for the lighthouse keeper and magazines for cotton powder, charges and detonators.

There was a specially-built steamer for landing the materials on the Fastnet, named *The Ierne*, at 126 feet long, she could carry 90 tons loaded.

The masonry was completed in one week under 4 years. There is a central water tank, which holds 3,250 gallons of fresh water in the base of the lighthouse. Above this tank are 8 rooms topped off by the optical apparatus and lantern. The lantern had a single flash recurring every 5 seconds and the power of the beam at maximum intensity was equivalent to 750,000 candles. The cost of mantles etc. was about £45 per annum and the ammunition for the fog signal was on average £260 per year. The lighthouse was completed on 16th July 1904 for approximately £90,000. There was a staff of 6 keepers; 4 at a time on the rock and 2 ashore. Reliefs were made twice monthly, if the weather allowed, so they had one month on and 2 weeks off. The lighthouse keepers performed all the signalling and telegraphy duties and Lloyds Insurance of London paid £200 per year to cover the costs of these duties.

They kept a one man watch by day; two were on duty at night and the other to signal and look out for fog. As soon as fog was seen another man was called to work the fog signal.

The annual cost of maintenance and repairs to the station was about £1,000 not including the travelling expenses of the keepers.

In October 1969, the Fastnet became the first Irish lighthouse at which normal scheduled relief was carried out by helicopter. Principal Keeper, Edward Hickey, was returned to his station at Castletownbere and the Assistant Keeper, Flan Egan, went ashore on liberty. This was a milestone in the use of helicopters in Ireland and in the history of Irish lights. Since 1989 the lighthouse has been unmanned and now operates on an automatic basis.

So now, there are no watchful eyes on '*Carraig Aonar*'. Carraig Aonar, meaning lonely rock, is the Irish name given to the Fastnet Rock. It is also known as the 'Teardrop of Ireland' as it was the last thing emigrants would see as they left.

The Fastnet Lighthouse



#DiscoverSchull



Goleen, Crookhaven and Mizen

The Mizen Peninsula, at Ireland's most south-westerly point, is renowned worldwide for the beauty of its rugged landscape and ancient heritage. A tour of the Mizen Ring gives you a chance to immerse yourself in the various strands that make the Mizen unique, from geology, fauna, birds and flora to the influence of man and his history on the landscape. Travelling west from Schull you drive along the bog road built originally in the 18th Century to carry butter to Cork for export to the new colonies.

Goleen

Travelling on through the townlands of Kealfadda, Ballyrisode and Ballydevlin you arrive in Goleen. This village was built during the 19th Century at a crossroads where a cattle fair was regularly held. You will notice the extremely wide road winding through the village and all the houses were originally built as shops. Falling away left of the village is the hidden harbour form which the village takes its name. 'Góllín' (little inlet) is easily recognisable once you venture down the lane. Although the harbour dries at low tide, giving great feeding

for a variety of wildlife including a fox and a pheasant, there is a deepwater quay at the entrance to accommodate fishing boats and yachts.

Crookhaven

Crookhaven Harbour is as picturesque today as it was useful in its heyday, being a large and sheltered harbour. You pass the old Roadstone Quarry on the side of the mountain, which provided metalling for the roads of Wales until 1945. There are a number of Bronze Age field monuments scattering the hills surrounding



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Crookhaven. The Ordnance Survey Discovery Series Map 88 will indicate the whereabouts for you. The village of Crookhaven has a distinguished history as the last port of call for ships journeying to America. Over the centuries, ships stocked up with provisions here before tackling the Atlantic Ocean. All the shipping lines had agents located here to tell the ships in which port their cargo had been sold. At the start of the 20th Century it was said you could cross the harbour on the decks of boats. 700 people lived and worked in the village as opposed to the 29 permanent inhabitants today. Marconi came here to try to send his first radio message across the Atlantic and he fitted the first telegraphic equipment to the Fastnet Rock Lighthouse to communicate with the numerous passing ships.

Barley Cove

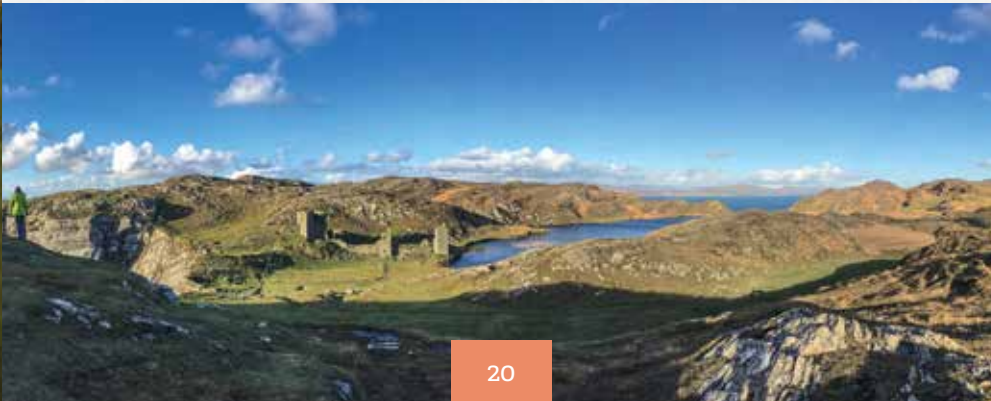
Barley Cove is a large sand beach backed by sand dunes, these dunes were thrown up in the tidal wave which swept Europe after the earthquake in Lisbon in 1755. Today the dunes have been partially eroded but are protected, like much of the coastal area here, as European

Designated Special Areas of Conservation. The road goes to the east of the beach across a causeway bisecting Lissagriffin Lakes and at the T-junction you turn left to Mizen Head.

Mizen Head

Mizen Head Visitor Centre has been developed by a local tourism co-operative. The signal station was built in 1905 to protect shipping from the cliffs during fogbound journeys. It is a spectacular location with its folded rocks and high cliffs. The signal station is on an island joined to the mainland with a fine example of an arched bridge. If you have plenty of puff you can return up the 99 steps, but there is an easier path for the less energetic. Well worth a visit! Another gem of the Mizen Peninsula is Three Castle Head, with three Tower Houses with curtain walling. Built in the 15th Century on the site of a Bronze Age Promontory Fort, the Castles stand sentinel beside a cliff top lake. Access is restricted at the moment due to the unstable state of the castles.

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Cape Clear – Oileán Chléire



Clear Island (often called Cape Clear or just Cape) is Ireland's southern-most inhabited island, 3 miles long by 1 mile wide and lies just 8 miles off the West Cork mainland – a 45 minute boat journey from Schull.

Cape's wild romantic scenery, its sparkling harbours, its cliffs, bogs and lakes, all contribute to the island's unspoilt charm. Heather, gorse and wild flowers cover the rugged hills. Myriad stone walls create a patchwork effect on the varied landscape dotted with Megalithic standing stones, a 12th Century church ruin and a 14th Century O'Driscoll castle.

Saint Ciarán, the island's patron saint, is allegedly the earliest of Ireland's four prepatrician saints.

The Catholic church lies in the centre of the island with the island's Heritage Centre alongside, this opens every day during the summer. Oileán Chléire is Gaeltacht. Most of the island's 140 inhabitants speak Irish and English, so if you wish to practice your

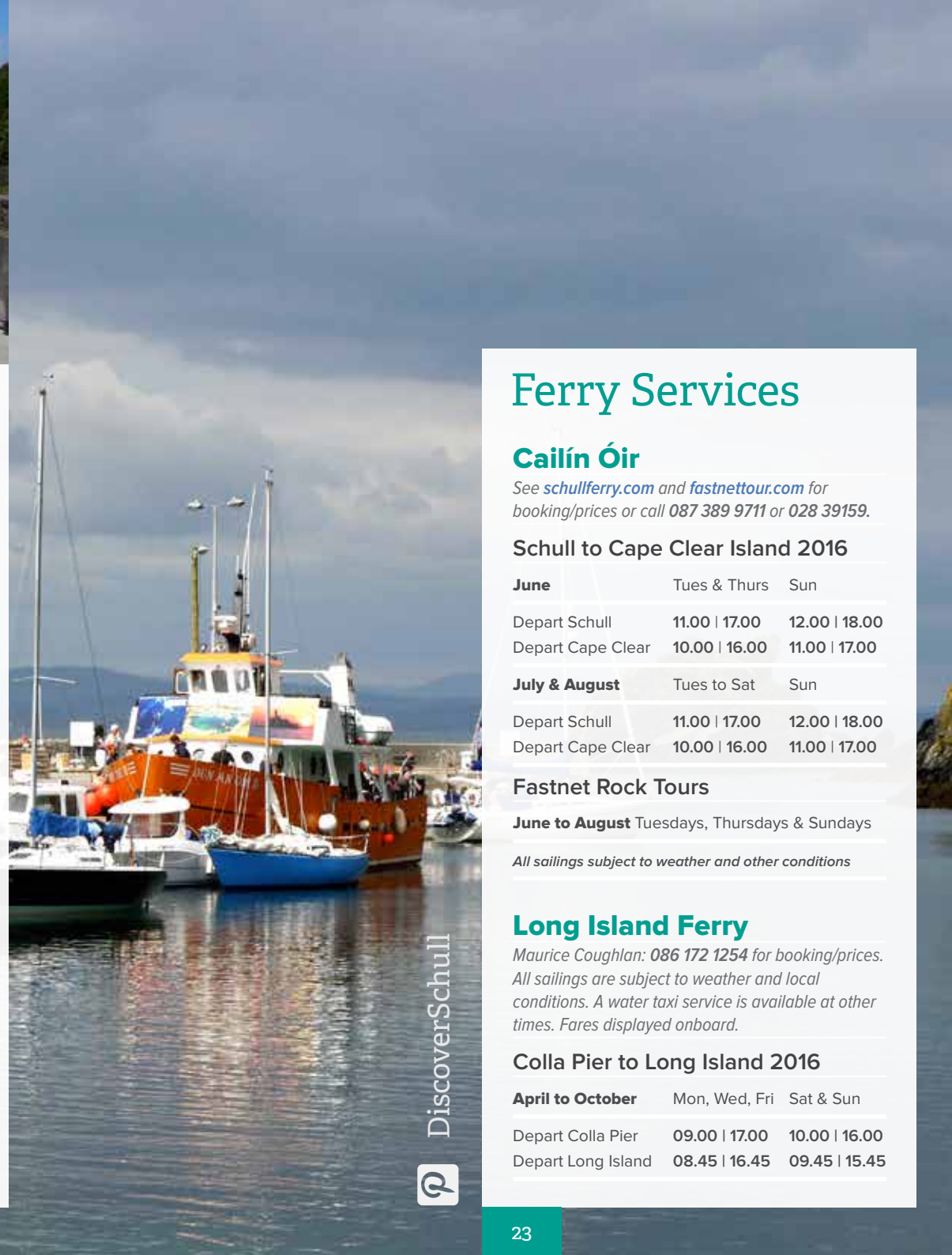
'cúpla focail' they will willingly help you to do so.

From June to August, students come to perfect their Irish and participate in cultural and outdoor activities. Cape's remoteness coupled with its proximity to the continental shelf, makes it the foremost centre for birdwatching in Ireland.

There was previously a Church of Ireland, from which, after its demolition in 1933, the Cornish Stone was transferred to Schull to be used in the construction of what is now the former AIB Bank at the top of the town.

Before the famine of the 1840s, the population of Cape Clear was about 1200. Every house had its hand-quern for grinding wheat. The islanders raised sheep, grew flax and fished.

Tagann agus imionn na fáinlleóga agus cuairteoirí eil an tsamhraidh, scoláirí, turasóirí, ceoltóirí, lucht na mbád gach bliain. Tagann siad ina sluaite agus is aoibhinn leo saol an Oileán Chléire atá ag athrú de shíor agus beidh fáilte roimh an Chuariteoir, samhraidh nó geimhreadh.



Ferry Services

Cailín Óir

See schullferry.com and fastnettour.com for booking/prices or call 087 389 9711 or 028 39159.

Schull to Cape Clear Island 2016

June	Tues & Thurs	Sun
Depart Schull	11.00 17.00	12.00 18.00
Depart Cape Clear	10.00 16.00	11.00 17.00

July & August

	Tues to Sat	Sun
Depart Schull	11.00 17.00	12.00 18.00
Depart Cape Clear	10.00 16.00	11.00 17.00

Fastnet Rock Tours

June to August Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sundays

All sailings subject to weather and other conditions

Long Island Ferry

Maurice Coughlan: 086 172 1254 for booking/prices. All sailings are subject to weather and local conditions. A water taxi service is available at other times. Fares displayed onboard.

Colla Pier to Long Island 2016

April to October	Mon, Wed, Fri	Sat & Sun
Depart Colla Pier	09.00 17.00	10.00 16.00
Depart Long Island	08.45 16.45	09.45 15.45

Archaeology & History of the Area

The area around Schull has been a popular destination from the earliest times! Few traces of the original foraging-fishing people remain, but we know they were here from about 8000BC. Once farming started about 4000BC (the Neolithic period) our ancestors became more settled, clearing trees, growing crops and herding cattle. They built stone monuments some of which have survived to this day, such as the portal tomb at Aderrawinny, east of Schull. Around 2500BC copper artefacts appeared, farming intensified, and wedge-shaped tombs were built: an excellent example can be seen at Altar, near Toomore.

During the Bronze Age, from 2000BC, Schull became the centre of a copper mining industry based around Mount Gabriel. A climb up the eastern slope may reward you with glimpses of ancient mines, where the green copper ore was extracted using fire and stone hammers. Many interesting monuments date from this

period including stone circles, aligned towards sunset/sunrise at a solstice or equinox: there is a splendid example in Dunbeacon, over the hill from Schull towards Durrus. Tombs were marked by huge boulders: find one on the water's edge at Dunmanus East. Scattered through the area are examples of rock art (enigmatic carvings on rock outcrops consisting mainly of cupmarks and cup-and-ring marks), while standing stones and stone rows dot the landscape.

Bronze technology was gradually replaced by iron beginning about 500BC. Iron Age people constructed ring forts, actually farmhouse enclosures rather than forts. Look for the little red circles on the OS map - there are lots to investigate.

Ring forts and stone forts (cashels) continued into the Early Medieval period, which marks the arrival of Christianity and the start of the historic period. There are traces of early monastic sites near Schull, but the Medieval period is really the era of the tower house, or castle. Built by the great Irish family of O'Mahony, these striking ruins dominate the coast. Rossbrin Castle

was a renowned centre of learning in the 15th Century. Dunmanus Castle and Ardintenant are relatively intact and each is an easy bicycle ride from Schull. Or take a drive out to Three Castle Head and hike to one of the most spectacular ruins in Ireland. Look out for the signal towers too, a reminder of the threat of invasion during the Napoleonic era.

Schull and the surrounding area was devastated by the Great Famine of the 1840s. Many victims were buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church on the Colla Road. The austere ruins of the old Workhouse just outside Schull are another sombre reminder of the misery of this period. Finally, for a delightful trip down memory lane, try the Gortnagrough Folk Museum, near Ballydehob.

Want to learn more? *Iverni: A Prehistory of Cork*, by William O'Brien is recommended.

OS Discovery Series Map 88, stout boots and you're ready to explore!



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DUNBEACON STONE CIRCLE



THREE CASTLE HEAD



BALLYCUMISK RINGFORT

Magic of the Mizen

by Roaringwater Journal

It's about as far away as you can get from the administrative centre of the Republic, and this is the reason it has kept its magic! We're talking about the Mizen Peninsula, which is the most south westerly part of Ireland. It has now been put on the 'map' of the Wild Atlantic Way, but you're in danger of passing by the really magic places: take yourself off that route, explore the network of tiny boreens (mostly single track) and do it preferably on foot or bike... Then you'll discover a land that time forgot: the deepest rural roots of a wild country, overflowing with history still writ large on the ancient landscape, and legends still fermenting from half-remembered times.

The Mizen proper surely starts at Ballydehob; it's a rugged peninsula with golden beaches and a coastful of inlets, many of them hiding secrets. Every townland has a story to tell. There are stories of clan chieftains who had their strongholds here: striking white-rendered tower-house castles set out along the coast

defying invaders and - often - the law. Stories of pirates and smugglers, and the English settlers who co-operated with them to further their own commercial interests. Stories of fishing ventures, mining operations and, from the 1950s onwards, an invasion of artists and craftspeople seeking out the 'rural idyll'... Now, there are more artists per capita in West Cork than there are in London or Paris!

People have lived in this wild western peninsula since Neolithic times. They began to farm the land, discovered precious metals, and made enigmatic marks on the rocks. The Bronze Age arrived and brought with it traders from Cornwall, Brittany and Iberia. Spectacular copper, bronze and gold objects were probably made here: certainly, such artefacts have been left behind in hordes - and leave us wondering at the technologies which were used to fabricate them.

The Mizen can also show off some examples of the earliest human constructions: 5,000 year old portal tombs, wedge tombs, boulder burials - slightly younger - and megalithic monuments. There are stone forts, fairy forts (they might still



be inhabited!), fine country houses, colourful villages and farms nestling in the hills.

In more modern times there have been enterprises to capture our imaginations - a light railway line running into Schull on a seemingly insubstantial 3 foot gauge trackway which ran partly along the main road. What a tourist attraction that would be today! Sadly, it closed in 1947, but the iconic 12-arched viaduct is an essential feature at the approach to Ballydehob.

Life in the heyday of that railway has been immortalised in the writings of Somerville and Ross: *The Irish RM* - late nineteenth and early twentieth century times when Anglo Irish society rubbed shoulders with the very resourceful descendants of the old clans and got along well, on the whole - and still do.

At Brow Head - the most southerly point of mainland Ireland and just above Crookhaven - you can see Marconi's telegraph station where the earliest attempts to send wireless messages across the Atlantic were made: there's more on that in the visitor centre at the Mizen Head Signal Station.

Roaringwater Bay is said to contain 'a hundred islands': to see them all in one magnificent view, make your way to the top of Mount Gabriel. Ferries to some of the inhabited ones can be taken from Schull, Colla Pier, Cunnamore Pier and Baltimore.

The Mizen communities are thriving today. There are still many pubs which seem to reflect simpler ways of life, but are perfectly up to date: and festivals enough to keep you awake several nights in a row. You'll find traditional Irish music on offer, jazz, heavy metal, scóríocting, storytelling, travelling theatre groups and a world class film festival - the Mizen is bubbling over in the summer months, but still ticking over out of season. There are regattas, too - and Gaelic games... Being West Cork, there is also excellent food: not only can you eat it, but you can see it being produced in natural settings. The cows here busy themselves making the best butter and cheese for you - it's also exported around the world!

For more Mizen Magic, see: www.roaringwaterjournal.com



Mizen Head Signal Station

Ireland's most south-westerly point

The Mizen Head Signal Station Experience

At the end of the Mizen Peninsula, the cliffs of Mizen Head rise high above the Atlantic Ocean, where the currents meet from the west and south coasts and waves from the mid-Atlantic crash into the land. In all weathers, the Mizen is spellbinding. Expect an exhilarating and satisfying visit.

Mizen Head Signal Station is 3 experiences in one exciting package. First you can visit the Visitor Centre near the car park, then go down the path across the new Mizen Bridge to the Signal Station and the lights at the most south-westerly point of Ireland. Along the way you can take detours along new pathways to see the views of Dunlough Bay and the Sea Arch near the underwater wreck of a 1798 French frigate.



The dynamic visitor centre by the large car park is where Mizen Café, Gift Shop and washrooms are for your comfort, free of charge.

There is a charge to continue through to the Signal Station. First you can see the display halls with a 'navigational aids simulator' that shows Mizen Head from the sea, Fastnet Hall,

the geology of the Mizen, the Fastnet Rescue Tide Clock, a tidal mural, an historical tour of the Mizen Peninsula, and the story of the building of the old and new bridge.

A cliff walk to the Signal Station (fully protected with fencing) with new paths to the viewing platform for the 'Sea Arch' and two others on the cliffs overlooking Dunlough Bay with views up the coast to Sheep's Head and Beara, the famous 99 steps, across the iconic Mizen Bridge amid stunning scenery with the possibility of seeing seals, kittiwakes, gannets and choughs. One of the best places in the world to see minke, fin and humpback whales and dolphins, the Mizen is an ever-changing experience.

Mizen Head Signal Station and Lights Keepers' Quarters in the former Irish Lights Signal Station; the Engine Room with Marconi Radio Room and The Workman's Quarters with the Mizen Map Collection, birds, whales and dolphins, wrecks and CIL Ships displays.

New Mizen Bridge

The famous arched bridge was originally built in 1910. It had given great service. Until 1993 it was used solely by the Commissioners of Irish Lights personnel – light keepers, tradesmen dignitaries and guests. The general public were not admitted unless they had written permission from CIL. In 1994 Mizen Tourism (the local community co-operative) took a lease on the



path across the Bridge to open the Signal Station as a visitor experience. The centre has gone from strength-to-strength, but a problem was looming. In 2005 engineers RPS condemned the bridge and a temporary scaffolding was put in place to enable visitors to access the Signal Station. The scaffolding had a life of 3-5 years. The bridge had to be replaced. An expensive job! After five years of negotiations, the job started before the October holiday weekend in 2009. The Commissioners of Irish Lights, Cork County Council and Fáilte Ireland joined forces to fund the new bridge. It looks just like the old one, but it is wider. It is constructed in concrete reinforced with stainless steel. It is guaranteed for the next 150 years. The contractors were Carillion Irish Enco; the engineers, RPS. The bridge was completed by January 2011, but Cork County Council applied for and was granted further funding from Fáilte Ireland to do some repair work on one of the Signal Station buildings and to develop four more paths to enhance the visitors' experience.

In November 2011 the Mizen Foot Bridge project was awarded Engineers Ireland Project of the Year, given a Commendation in the Heritage category by the Institute of Structural Engineers, which is based in London and was on the shortlist for three LAMA Awards (Heritage, Best Tourist Attraction and Civil Engineering). In April 2013 the bridge won the Irish Concrete Society Infrastructural and Overall Awards.

Mizen Head Signal Station is now one of the best visitor attractions in the country.



Walks Around Schull

Make up your own walk up and down the laneways around Schull by following the small roads on our map (centre pages) or use the local Ordnance Survey 'Discovery Series' map no 88. 'Google Earth' and www.osi.ie also have useful aerial photography to help you explore. Anyway, you will hardly get lost with the harbour (south) and Mount Gabriel (north) as your compass points. The following suggestions all include a green road or off-road element. Sections are likely to be muddy, especially in wet weather.



Walk 1 - The Foreshore Walk

Long (2.5km) Short (1.5km)

This route is now marked with distinctive yellow 'Slí na Sláinte' signs. There is a map of the route on a post in the car-park opposite the hotel. You go via the tennis courts, cross over the pier (head up to the Colla Road here on the short route) and the sailing centre, passing several sheltered rocky coves. The last one is the 'dog hole' a favourite swimming spot in the summer. Head up to the graveyard by the ruined church before returning to the village along Colla Road.

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Walk 2 - Colla Ring

Long (5km) Short (4km)

Starting at the ruined church on Colla Road, continue south for 2kms to Colla Pier along the coast road with spectacular views over Long Island. For the short route, turn right just after the 'Colla Pier Cottages'. This is the old road to Schull. It passes uphill through a farmyard and becomes a track. At the top turn right rejoining the long route.

Alternatively for the long route, continue on past the pier, keep right and arrive at a T-junction after 1km. Turn right and follow the road over the hill, where the short route rejoins, with excellent views down over the harbour. Turn right at the T-junction and arrive back at the ruined church.

Walk 3 - Derryconnell – Barnacleeve/Schull or Ballydehob

Long (11km) Short (6.5km)

Either get dropped at Derryconnell Cross by car or walk the 3km from Schull via the old Ballydehob road (see start of walk 4). Take the small road across the marsh heading north and turn left after 300m onto a gated track just before the first house. Follow the track bearing right around the farmhouse and keep right through a gate and onto a tarred road. Turn left and take the next right (just after a cream coloured cottage) onto a green road which winds its way uphill to the east of Barnacleeve Gap with stunning views. Pass the water tanks and continue down to emerge onto the Letter Road through a gate and a farmyard.

Option A: Turn left and left again at the T-junction (2km) to bring you to the top of Barnacleeve Gap with a marvellous view over the harbour. Continue down to a Y junction, bear left and finally joining the main Ballydehob-Schull road at the old workhouse. Turn right and walk with care 200m to the first turn on the right. Follow this small road through the townland of Cooradarrigan, keeping left at any tarred junction. It is quiet and beautiful and it is hard to imagine you are so close to the village. Soon you arrive back on the main road at Cadogan Strand.

Option B: Turn right and continue towards Ballydehob, reaching the Durrus road after 2km, turn right for the village (1km). Enjoy a well-earned refreshment and arrange a lift back or time your walk to return by bus.



Walk 4 - Old Butter Road – Dereenatra – Schull

Long (10km) Short (6.5km)

Start at Trá na Oileáin (Cadogan Strand). Walk along the beach and join the small road heading east. (If the tide is high use the main road and take the first right). After 400m, turn left on a gravel track just before the old mill house. This is the old Schull-Ballydehob green road which is very quiet and beautiful. You pass alongside a small river finally crossing it by stepping stones, pass through a farm and climb gently with fine views behind you over Schull Harbour. Pass another farm and the track soon arrives at a tarmac road. Turn left here to Derryconnell Cross if continuing onto Walk 3. If taking the short-cut, turn right here and keep right at 2 forks in the road and this will bring you down to the large farmyard on the Rossbrin-Schull Road. Go straight across to rejoin the main walk. However, for those wishing to take in Dereenatra, continue straight ahead on the green road. At present this section is very muddy in wet weather, however the Community Council plan to improve it and continue the route on towards Ballydehob.

Turn right at the next tarred road, go straight across the next junction and arrive at the very picturesque harbour of Dereenatra after 2.5km. Turn sharp left to pass the pier. A lovely place for a swim in summer! Continue straight ahead and turn left at the old farmers' creamery building after 1km. Walk a further 1km and you pass a large farmyard on your right (the short-cut rejoins here). Turn left just after here then right and right again down a steep section of road, turn left and it is then 1km back to your starting point.

Fastnet Trails

The Butter Road Walk is part of the newly established *Fastnet Trails*, and it has a trail head at both Schull and Ballydehob. Additional trail heads on the Fastnet Trails include Kilcoe Trail Head and Lisheen Trail Head. The trails are a mix of looped and linear walks, visiting some beautiful quiet lanes in West Cork, and are very much worth exploring. Leaflets for the Fastnet Trails can be found at the tourist information office in Schull.

Cadogan Strand and Trá na Oileáin

Walk 5 - Mount Gabriel

(8km)

There is no right or wrong way up Mt. Gabriel and it can be accessed from all sides. **REMEMBER:** even on a warm day it will be considerably cooler on top - so dress for the weather. It is invariably wet underfoot. Below is a route walkable from the village but there is no proper track - once you are on the open hillside it is cross country all the way!

Coming from the village, turn right at the Bunnratty Inn at the top of the town. After a 600m road walk turn right onto a narrow tarmaced road. It bends sharply to the left after 500m, then after another 200m take a right turn. Walk 700m on a tarmac road ending at a house. Go through the gate (if closed, ensure you close it behind you) then immediately right through another gate - you are now leading onto the hillside. Follow a vague track for a few hundred metres, then veer off left onto another track. Follow where it becomes a stony track until you reach a flatish boggy section. Veer off to the left, go through fields of rough pasture with old stone walls, aiming to the right of an old stone ruin.

Now the real climb starts! Head up and best foot forward!

Halfway up the steep climb one crosses a linear marsh from where you can look across right to the radar domes at the summit. Keep going straight up crossing another area of flat marshland. When you reach the ridge near the end of the climb turn right towards the summit keeping to the ridge. On the far side of the ridge there is a large flat marsh with a fence running through it. Drop down to the marsh and follow the fence, climbing a little to a small mountain lake. Head over two small hills towards the radar domes.

Keeping the first radar dome to your right go over a low collapsed fence to the surfaced road between the domes. Half way along, a track to the right takes you to the Trig Point.

Now take a breather and enjoy the views - Mizen, Roaringwater Bay, almost the whole of West Cork, Dunmanus and Bantry Bay all the way to the Macgillycuddy Reeks in Kerry!

One can return the same way, aiming for the western side of Schull harbour as a rough guide.

The public garden at Trá na Oileáin has been a huge success as an addition to the facilities Schull has to offer visitors and locals alike. Rarely does a day pass that picnickers cannot be seen taking full value from this pleasant amenity.






A rough field overlooking a well-used beach has become a focal point, designed by gardening celebrity, **Diarmuid Gavin**, it has gained the popular local name '*Teletubby Land*'. It is maturing into its location to a point where people can hardly remember a time when it wasn't there.

The great deal of local effort from people who have worked tirelessly and generously to make the garden has been well recognised.

Awards have been the ultimate mark of success for the inspiration, and perspiration, behind the creation of Trá na Oileáin. First prize in their category, Community Tourism Initiative, in the Pride of Place all-Ireland competition and runner-up in the Muintir na Tire, Pride in your Community Awards for Best Social Inclusion Project.

The garden has become an important feature of the village and every effort is made to keep Cadogan's Strand clean and a few devoted locals, in association with An Taisce and the local Cork County Council, ensure that the whole area is maintained and remains pleasing to the eye. As part of this effort the Coastcare group have regular litter pick-ups and organise informative beach teach-ins for the National School children which helps to create, at an early age, an awareness of nature, the environment and the roles they can play within it. It is hoped that this aspect will be ongoing annually to involve children now and in the future of the responsibilities they are inheriting.

If you are interested in becoming part of this group, email committee@schull.ie

-  Walk **1 Foreshore Walk** (2.4km)
-  Walk **2 Colla Ring** (Long 6.7km & Short 4.5km)
-  Walk **3 Derryconnell – Letter – Barnacleeve Gap** (12km)
-  Walk **4 The Butter Road (Old Ballydehob Road) – Dereenatra Walk** (9.3km)
-  Walk **5 Mount Gabriel** (4km)



Ballydehob

Set in an idyllic rural scene and snuggled in the embrace of the sheltering Mount Gabriel, Ballydehob derives its name from the Irish 'Béal Atha Dá Chab' or mouth of the two rivers. The modern Ballydehob, a place of beauty and peace, was founded in the 1600s and in times gone by was a thriving mining town.

Coming into Ballydehob from Skibbereen, the striking 12-arch railway viaduct spanning the river on your left is a relic from the days of the West Carbery Tramway & Light Railway, built in 1886. The railway closed in 1947, and the viaduct is now pedestrianised. This small village boasts a dozen pubs and eateries, and some shops – far fewer than in days long gone by when the copper mining was in full swing and the boats from the inhabited islands offshore would come up river to stock up with supplies from the village. The Gortnagrough Folk Museum 5km north up the N71 is well worth visiting.

These days, the colourful and lively village hosts many music, sport, and wellbeing festivals from

spring to autumn – as well as those celebrating local agricultural and maritime traditions. Where the main street divides, stands a bronze statue of local hero Danno O'Mahony, the legendary World Heavyweight Wrestling Champion 1935-6. Behind this, two plaques are worth a read – one commemorating the three young ladies who bought tickets in Ballydehob for the ill-fated voyage of the Titanic in 1912. All three survived by boarding the last lifeboat launched as the ship sank. The other plaque celebrates Anna Parnell's speech to 4000 people in the village in 1881: "A month ago I did not know there was such a place as Ballydehob, but now I know there is such a place, I think it is the grandest place in the world!"



Shops and Services in Ballydehob Village

Aisling Gallery <i>Many local and guest artists (above Rosie's Bar)</i>	087 2258836
Camier's Garage <i>Gala convenience store, service station, fuel, tyres</i>	028 37414
Catriona's Beauty Salon <i>Health and beauty</i>	028 37602
Eco Stoves <i>Locally-made woodburning stoves</i>	087 277 1113
Hair of the Dog <i>Dog grooming, plus dog daycare</i>	086 356 1449
Hudson's Wholefoods <i>Wholefoods, bakery and café</i>	028 37565
J R Motors <i>Vehicle servicing, tyres and batteries</i>	086 3238054
My Beautiful Launderette <i>Launderette and hardware</i>	–
The Overmantle <i>Antiques</i>	–
Patrick Roche <i>Goldsmith</i>	028 25837
Post Office <i>Post, cards, stationery</i>	028 37110
Living Stone Sculpture Studio <i>Original sculpture, jewellery, art, photos</i>	086 3530210
Martin Swanton <i>Auctioneer, Valuer, Estate Agent</i>	086 8073182
O'Sullivan's Crash Repairs <i>Bodywork, chassis alignment and welding</i>	086 1729267
Southwest Properties <i>Property sales and rentals</i>	info@irishstonehouses.ie
Wayne Lloyd Creative Hairdressing <i>Ladies and gents – award-winning salon</i>	028 25944
Whizzer Scissors <i>Ladies and gents hair salon</i>	028 37174

Pubs and Restaurants in Ballydehob Village

Antonio's Restaurant & Pizzeria	028 37139
Budd's Restaurant <i>Fine food, local produce & home baked cakes</i>	028 25842
Community Café <i>Food, coffee, community events</i>	–
Duggan's Restaurant & fast food take-away	028 37149
Irish Whip Pub <i>Traditional music regularly Saturdays</i>	028 37191
Levis' Bar <i>Traditional pub, varied original live music</i>	028 37118
O'Brien <i>Traditional pub and regular music</i>	vinmahony@gmail.com
The Porcelain Room <i>Restaurant, Thai & French Vietnamese cuisine</i>	087 9263255
Rosie's Bar <i>Traditional pub, live music</i>	087 2258836
The Sandboat <i>Traditional family-run pub, music regularly</i>	028 37471
Vincent Coughlan's Pub <i>Food, adult dancing and live music weekends</i>	028 25903

Schull Year Round

No matter when you visit Schull there is plenty to do and see on this spit of land that juts out into the vast Atlantic Ocean. Throughout the year we are blessed to have a relatively mild climate and there are often days in the deepest winter when the wind drops, the clouds part and the great outdoors is there for the taking...



On those other days, when it is pouring with rain, the village is still busy, most of the shops are open year round, as are the cafés. In the evenings there is music, from open sessions to classical concerts, table quizzes, classes, plays and much more to keep one entertained.

In the spring, when the countryside is waking up after the short and sometimes dramatic winter (the more dramatic, the happier local surfers are!), take time to explore the empty lanes, hilltops and rocky shores, revel in the explosions of wild flowers, and burgeoning greenery. We are perfectly placed on the migratory path so there are often flocks of birdwatchers gathered to spot an elusive species. As the days get longer, more and more activities are available. Suddenly the sea beckons, kayaks are dusted off, the yachts return to the harbour, rowers can be seen practising, tri-athletes too are swimming around distant markers.

The same can be seen on the roads as more and more people discover the pleasure of cycling the challenging hills and exciting bends, joggers enjoy training with stunning views and empty lanes. The village starts bustling, visitors mingle with busy locals, shopping in the boutiques, enjoying a pint in the sunshine, a plate of fresh Roaringwater crab, young children enjoy the park, the beach, the tennis courts, teenagers take advantage of the freedom, and the leisurely pace of the 'off-season' disappears.

Then the nights start drawing in and everyone takes a deep breath as they look forward to those comfortable evenings by the fire, those surprising gifts of sunshine and the luxury of having time doing what they love doing. Plans are made for new festivals, new drama productions, new ventures, new products, new ideas. Clubs meet, books are discussed, matches played, songs rehearsed and life in this vibrant village goes on.

So, no matter when you visit us, we welcome you and want you to explore this wonderful part of the world and share with us the feeling that here, almost anything is possible.



The Arts Scene

For a small village on the edge of Europe, Schull has a growing art scene, a wide range of visual artists have established studios here; painters, printmakers, ceramicists, photographers, textiles, and film makers. An equally broad range of musical talent is also evident here, traditional, instrumentalists, singer/songwriters, classical performers and a number of bands all call Schull home and are always happy to share their 'voices' in various venues around town.

In May, the **Fastnet Film Festival** is international recognised and is attracting huge interest. By July attention turns to the visual arts when the village becomes a gallery – **Art in Schull** will once again take centre stage. Throughout the year **Schull Drama Group** stage productions

both demanding and entertaining, **PlayActing Theatre** is a dynamic company whose emphasis is on creative and innovative work. There is also a strong tradition of street performances and community involvement, our **St. Patrick's Day parades** are getting bigger and more imaginative. **Hallowe'en** is growing into a very scary event, with a huge participation in the spectacular and very creative festivities that take place throughout the village. With the recent addition of new Christmas lights, there is another opportunity to join the community and take part in the 'official start of Christmas'.

Galleries in the Area:

The Blue House Gallery and Upstairs at Blue House, two exhibition spaces showing innovative art from April to September with a stimulating balance of West Cork and international artists. Showing painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, textile art and ceramics, both Galleries host

two-weekly exhibitions with openings on alternate Fridays, 6-8pm. "*The most exciting new gallery between Macroom and Boston, Mass*".

bluehousegallerieschull.com

The Gallery Castlepoint

Paintings, drawings and sculptures by Keith Payne who also curates an eclectic mix of other artists. gallerycastlepoint.com

Heron Gallery

Paintings and prints by Annabel Langrish as well as arts and crafts by other artists. herongallery.ie

Photographers' work on display:

John D'Alton, Corner House

johndaltonphotos.com

Sheena Jolley, Fine art prints of wildlife photography at The Mill House Gallery

sheenajolleyphotography.com

Thomas Newman, Post Office

thomasnewmanphotography.com

Theatre:

PlayActing Theatre was set up in 2004 to harness the theatrical talent and creativity in the West Cork area to produce theatre. In 2015, the group continued presenting the monologue 'Eileen' written and performed by Karen Minihan. *Eileen* also features in the comedy duo 'The Eileen and Marilyn

Experience' written and performed by Minihan and Terri Leiber. Throughout West Cork they have entertained audiences with their latest adventures in 'Eileen and Marilyn do New York', with Norman Collins, musician, an essential component in this comedy/cabaret show. 2016 will also bring a revival of 'May the Force' written and performed by Terri Leiber and directed by Karen Minihan.

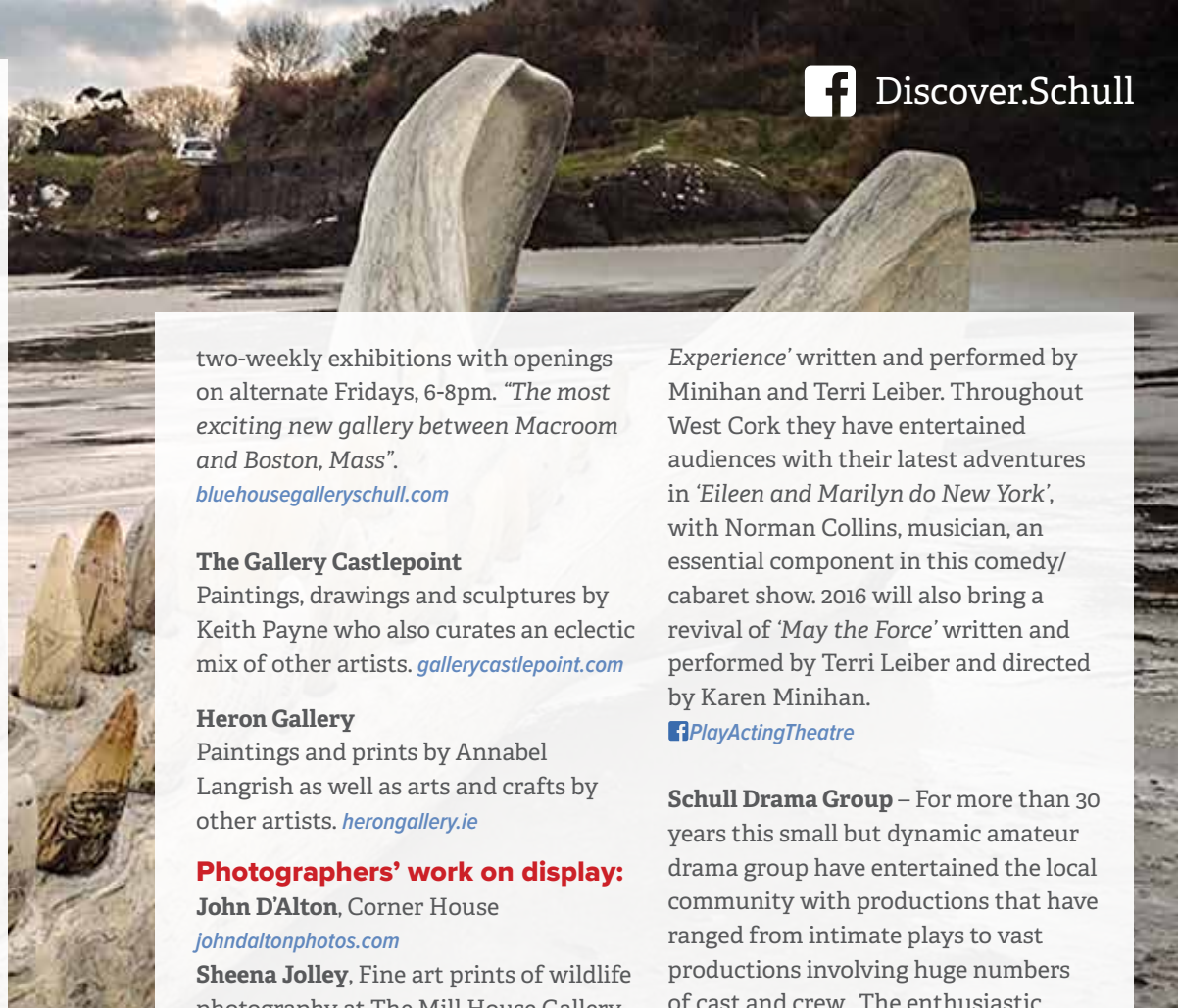
[f PlayActingTheatre](https://www.facebook.com/PlayActingTheatre)

Schull Drama Group – For more than 30 years this small but dynamic amateur drama group have entertained the local community with productions that have ranged from intimate plays to vast productions involving huge numbers of cast and crew. The enthusiastic members also participate in street productions, festivals and contribute to community-based events. New members are always welcome both, on stage or behind the scenes. Contact them at schulldramagroup@gmail.com

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8th Fastnet Film Festival 'Our Village is our Screen' Wed 25th – Sun 29th May 2016

Over 5 days at the end of May each year, we showcase the beautiful village of Schull. We endeavour to screen every film submitted to competition, and the workshops provide very high quality hands-on experiences for filmmakers. We concentrate on the craft of film, sharing of ideas where industry professionals and students share the same space.

We endeavour to promote, encourage, educate and develop the talents of young promising and established filmmakers, directors, producers and writers while providing great entertainment for all those who attend.

Distributed Cinema

"Distributed Cinema" is Schull's very own dedicated server to short films. Anyone with a smartphone, laptop or tablet can access past years' submitted films, archived workshops and Q&As, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year in the village of Schull. During the festival, our server is used alongside HD media players to screen shorts and features in a number of smaller venues throughout the locality. From a bookshop, to an art gallery, numerous local pubs and restaurants and The Long Island Cinema, to the refurbished village hall, for 5 days at the end of May each year, the town with no cinema has more than 15 cinemas. The venue names change to cinema names: 'The Adelphi', 'The Plaza', 'The Metropole' 'The Savoy' etc.

www.fastnetfilmfestival.com



Schull & District Community Council

Schull & District Community Council members are from Schull and the surrounding townlands, they are dedicated to working towards the common goal of improving the social, cultural and economic life of the community.

- Liaising with organizations (county and countrywide) to the mutual benefit of the wider community.
- Development and maintenance of the Butter Road pathway and the installation of a pedestrian bridge.
- Providing logistical support to the Tourist Office.
- Providing manpower for litter control and clean up after events.
- Publishing a monthly newsletter and managing our local Facebook page [f I-Love-Schull](https://www.facebook.com/I-Love-Schull)

This volunteer group has played a vital part in countless projects since their inception a few years ago, most recently:

- Fundraising for and facilitating in the installation of the CCTV system in the village.
- Supporting – both financially and with manpower – various community based events, St Patrick's Day, Fastnet Film Festival, Calves Week, Halloween Festival, Christmas Festivities.
- Liaising with the Cork County Council on matters pertaining to the smooth running of the village; parking, litter management, lighting, safety, and improvements of public facilities.

Future plans and endeavours include:

- Creating and mapping more walking/ trekking trails.
- Providing support for the inaugural Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival.
- Continuing to plan for a Community Amenity Building.
- Providing support for the Schull Harbour Development Plan.

Visit www.schullcommunitycouncil.ie for more information.

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Schull Twinned with Guilvinec, France

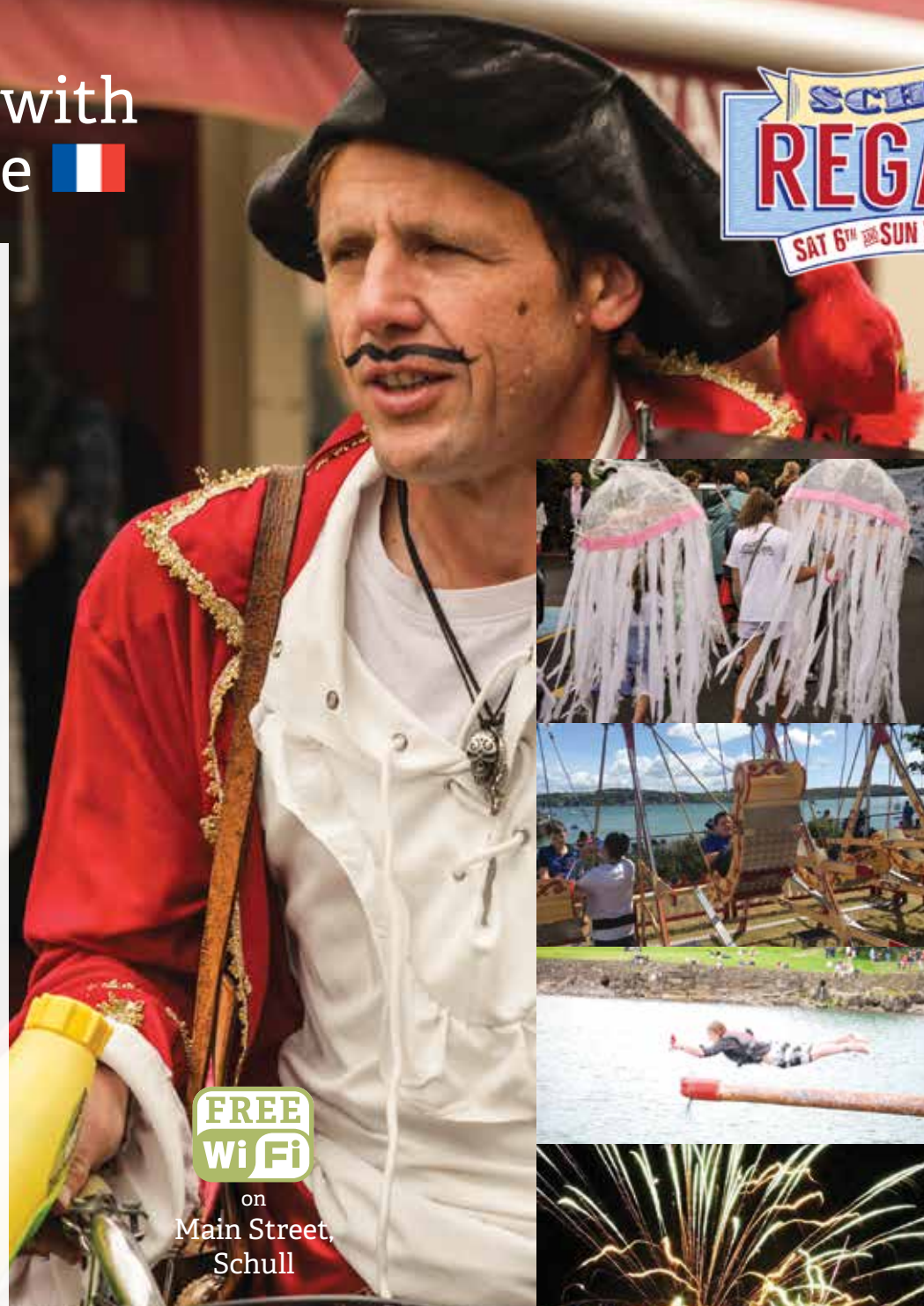
The Schull Le Guilvinec Twinning continues to gather momentum as two groups from the Brittany town will visit Schull this year.

April will see the first exchange of primary school students when a group of eleven children, ranging in ages from 5 to 11, will visit our town accompanied by 5 adults. Schull Mhuire primary school principle, Diarmuid Duggan, his staff and the parent's association have been very sup-portive of the visit, which will lead to opportunities for reciprocal visits from Schull to Le Guilvinec, for our primary school children, in the near future.

A group of ten Schull people visited Le Guilvinec last May and the French contingent are returning in September this year.

The Twinning groups from both towns are working to develop cultural links and tourism initiatives aimed at benefitting both communities. Both towns are situated on Atlantic facing coasts and there is potential in jointly promoting our locations.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Twinning, willing to help, or interested in joining please contact Jim Carrig (Chairman) 028 28361, or Linda Morgan (Secretary) 085 2444706.



Schull Regatta

6th & 7th August, 2016

With summer fast approaching, we are looking forward to Schull Regatta – August 6th and 7th 2016 – with another fun-filled weekend lined up. The revived Schull Regatta has been the highlight of the summer over the past 2 years.

We will have the usual exciting events plus many more new fun activities especially for 2016:

- Fancy dress
- Pig'n'pole
- Craft and food stalls
- Children's amusements
- Crab fishing
- Swimming races
- Tug o'war
- Fantastic street music with *Bog the Donkey* regatta party on the Pier Road Sunday August 7th
- Finishing with a super fireworks display.

The stage is set, come along and you will not be disappointed!

Look out for our posters locally, and join us on Facebook for updated information

 [schullregattarevival](https://www.facebook.com/schullregattarevival)



on
Main Street,
Schull

Schull Sunday Country Market



Every Sunday from Easter Sunday to the end of September – 10am to 2pm at the Pier Road car park. www.schullmarket.com

Established in 2000, Schull Country Market has all the enthusiasm of a young market while trading under ancient regulations – stipulating that most products are “produced on the kitchen table”.

Local producers run their own stalls so there is a lot of passion involved in their creations and, more importantly in these changing times dominated by imports and mass production, the rare opportunity for direct personal contact with the producer. Take this opportunity to talk to the stallholders; they know the most about their products because they made them!

Visit the market and wander round with a cup of coffee while taking your time to sample the fabulous homemade and homegrown foods on offer from a diverse variety of sources. Farmhouse cheeses, speciality meats, breads,

cakes, preserves, vegetables and lots more.

Having filled your shopping baskets with wonderful food, you can now concentrate on the lovely crafts available. Handcrafted jewellery, needlework, handmade cards, limited edition prints, photography, woodwork, pottery and painted glass to name a few. All uniquely beautiful and displaying a high quality of craftsmanship. Distinctive gifts can be found here alongside original artworks.

So drop down and experience the wonderful tastes and crafts of West Cork. Don't forget to bring your shopping basket and perhaps be prepared to linger longer than anticipated.

Please note: We would kindly request that all vehicles vacate the Pier Road car park by 7am Sunday morning during the trading season.



Schull Agricultural Show

Sunday 24th July, 2016

Schull Town Park, Corthna.

Classes for: Horses, Ponies, Arts & Crafts, Baking, Fruit, Vegetables, Jams, Flowers

Special Features include: Schull Country Market and BBQ, Sampling from the Slowfood Producers, Fun Dog Show, Pets' Corner, Vintage Machinery, Craft Displays, Music and Dancing. **A special day out for all the family.**

Please call Siobhan O'Donovan (Secretary) 085 115 7229

Show phone: 087 9320466 or 028 28421

Following its re-establishment in 2006, Schull Show has enjoyed wonderfully successful events and looks forward to another bumper family day out on Sunday 24th July this year from 12 noon onwards. The day is designed to bring you as much fun as possible and to introduce you to the very best of our agriculture and country skills.

The *Fun Dog Show* is always one of the great events of the day. Another major attraction for children, especially for any town children on holiday, will be the *Pets' Corner* showing animals from local farms. Schull Country Market will again relocate to the Showgrounds on Sunday 24th July, featuring local farm produce. We hope to see you at Schull Town Park for what promises to be a most enjoyable day!



Schull Tidy Towns

Spring marks the beginning of a new campaign for Schull Tidy Towns. We appreciate the great community involvement in helping to keep Schull clean and litter-free, making it a more pleasant, environmentally friendly and welcoming place to live, work or visit. We work with Schull Community Council on many projects and very much appreciate their support. We receive great co-operation from Sarah Sinnott Executive Engineer of Cork County Council and her colleagues on our many projects. We are a small group that beaver away and badly need help if you would be willing to adopt an area around the village or near where you live we would love to hear from you.

We would like to thank all residents/businesses and local groups/FÁS CE, TÚS (West Cork Leader) and Cork County Council for continued support.

We are very grateful to Schull Business & Tourism Association for their help. A special thanks

to Schull Harbour Hotel for sponsoring Schull Tidy Towns hi-viz jackets and the Schools Poster Prizegiving Awards event in 2015.

We urge all businesses to keep up the good work i.e. –

- Freshen up or paint premises, shopfronts, gable ends before competition time which commences in June-Aug.
- Brush at front and side entrances of premises, all debris should be picked up.
- Watch out for kerbside weeds, cigarette ends and chewing gum.
- Colour the streets with floral displays.

Each year Schull Tidy Towns Committee achieves a little more in its efforts to make Schull an attractive, clean, tidy and pleasurable place for its residents and visitors. Whether it is new signage, the painting of street furniture, planting at the approaches to the village, the maintenance of floral displays,

clearing litter, encouraging environmental awareness in schools or the upkeep of the roadsides, this group of volunteers works tirelessly to maintain and improve the charms of Schull.



Calling all dog owners, please, please pick up after your dogs!

It only takes a minute and makes such a difference to the environment. Doggie-do bags will be made available in several venues and we hope to be able to provide a number of purpose built bins for the offending matter. **Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated!**

Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre

- Sailing Courses
- Fun Day Sails
- Powerboat Courses

The Fastnet Marine Outdoor Education Centre is just a few minutes' walk west along the shore from Schull harbour. Schull's sailing centre is a hive of activity during the summer months with lots of opportunities for learning to sail, improving on skills and just enjoying being out on the water.

Five day dinghy sailing courses run weekly throughout the summer, suiting all ages from 8 years upwards and are for all skill levels, from absolute beginner to expert sailor. The courses are run on the Irish Sailing Association (ISA) Small Boat Sailing Scheme and are taught by experienced and qualified instructors in a safe and fun environment. If you are only in Schull for a short time and don't want to commit to a five day course, we can also offer shorter courses.

For groups of adults (up to five), two and five day sailing courses are available on the centre's 1720 keelboat. Again, these courses are run on the ISA scheme above and cater for all levels of ability.

If you would like to explore the islands and the bay we also organise fun sailing trips for families or groups of up to six. These can be either a full or half day and are a great introduction to sailing, with an instructor on board explaining the basics of sailing and pointing out the local wildlife.

The centre also offers ISA National Powerboat training. The two day courses are run on selected weekends throughout the summer and can be taught either in your own or the centre's boat. Families are also welcome on the powerboat courses, however, 16 years is the minimum age for official certification.

Further information on each of the above is available on our website www.schullsailing.ie and by telephoning Lorna on 028 28515. Or just take a stroll along the shore walk and call in to see if we have an activity that suits.



Schull Harbour Sailing Club

Schull Harbour Sailing Club is a summer sailing club with cruiser races every Saturday afternoon from early May to the end of September.

The races start from a start line in front of the Fastnet Marine and Outdoor Adventure Centre, typically around 2.15pm. There are good vantage points to watch the sailing boats get ready and line up for the start, from Schull Pier and along the foreshore walk near the sailing centre. These race starts can be quite spectacular, especially in high season, as more than 20 boats jockey for position in the last few minutes to get the best start. The courses leave the harbour and loop around the islands in the bay and the navigational and sailing marks, including the Fastnet Rock itself. These exciting and picturesque courses test the skipper's local knowledge as to how close he or she can sail to the local natural hazards. Nothing like a nearby rock or sand spit to concentrate attention!

Additional crew, whether experienced or complete amateur, are always welcome. So, if you are interested in getting out on the water, come to the Schull Watersports Centre near the pier at 12 noon on Saturday where each week the skippers of the local boats meet to decide the course. It will normally be possible for a skipper to offer you a place on one of the boats.

On Saturday mornings a Junior Sailing Programme is run by the Club during July and August using the 5 Club owned Feva sailing dinghies, from the slipway at the Fastnet Marine and Outdoor Education Centre.

The high point of the sailing calendar in Schull is the annual GAS Calves Week Regatta, which in 2016 will take place from 2nd to 5th August. The Regatta has developed over 3 decades to become one of the biggest amateur cruiser boat regattas in Ireland. Over 60 yachts from around Ireland come to Schull for the daily races, followed by nightly prizegivings and entertainment on Schull Main Street. Many of the boats stay to take part in historic Schull Regatta on the following Sunday.

If you want to join in the fun on the water or if you have a boat and want to take part in the racing, you will find all the contact details and membership application forms on our website at www.shsc.ie.

Schull Yawl Rowing Club

Aside from the opportunity to get out on the water in beautiful Schull Harbour, training and competing with Schull Yawl Rowing Club gives you numerous health benefits: rowing exercises nearly all the muscles in your body, while improving cardiovascular fitness and stamina.

Founded in 1996 by Dave Galvin and Thomas Newman, Schull Yawl Rowing Club is celebrating its 20th anniversary and looking to add to its long list of successes at all levels, including several All Ireland Championships, as well as continuing its tradition of good fun.

New members are always welcome and full training is available from experienced Club members.

2016 Fixtures

22nd May	Rosscarbery
5th June	Galley Flash
6th June	Ring
12th June	Glandore
18th June	Kilmacsimon
19th June	Glandore
26th June	Sherkin Island
3rd July	Union Hall
17th July	Castletownshend
24th July	Kinsale & Dock
30th July	Courtmacherry
31st July	County Finals (Venue TBC)
7th August	Schull
12th-14th August	All-Ireland Championships, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal

For more information about joining the Club and taking part, please contact Cathy O'Sullivan on 086 847 8854.



Schull Triathlon Club

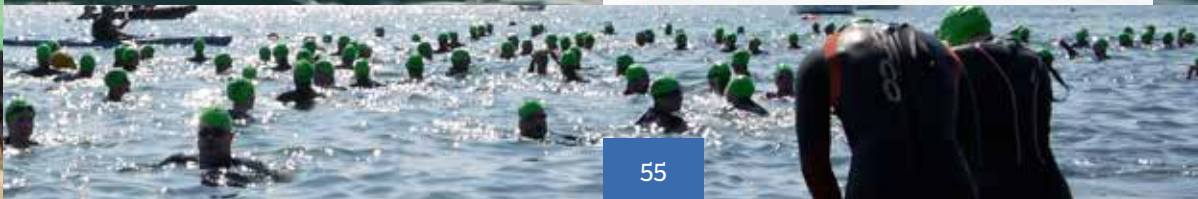
"Come for the race, stay for the craic."

In existence for 12+ years and hosting four events throughout the year, the Triathlon Club is very much part of Schull Village. The extremely popular and successful Fastnet Triathlon is a National Series Race which attracts top triathletes from all over Ireland. It also has a loyal following of participants who come back year after year, not only for the race but for the post race party. Fastnet Triathlon weekend is one of the busiest in Schull.

The club itself is made up of all abilities and welcomes anyone over the age of 18 to join them and take part in daily training events. While multi-sport events can be intimidating, the Schull Triathlon Club is happy to support and encourage anyone with an interest in all three disciplines or one. The club is friendly and welcoming and a great way to become part of Schull. From Saturday morning cycles and coffee, to European trips, Schull Triathlon Club is a warm, friendly group of people who like to swim, run and cycle their way through the year. It's a great way to make friends and get fit. If you would like to be involved with our club, please log onto our website www.schulltriathlonclub.com for more information and contact details.

Calendar of Events 2016

March 12th	Fastnet Duathlon <i>5km run, 16m cycle, 3km run</i>
June 11th	Fastnet Triathlon <i>750m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run</i>
T.B.A.	Cross Harbour Swim <i>See website and local notices.</i>
Sept. 11th	Kidathlon



Getting Out on the Water

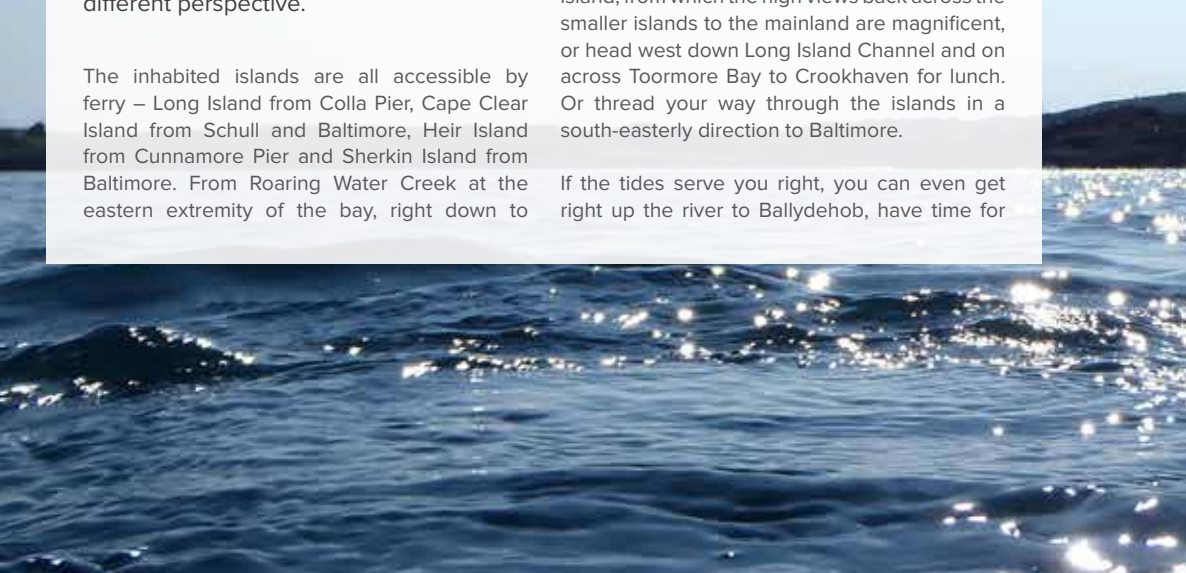
To holiday in this area and not get out on the water, that would be a pity indeed. So, whether you have a kayak or a RIB or a sailing dinghy, or a traditional punt with an outboard engine – or even if you have none and just take one of the various ferry services out to some of the islands – get out there whilst you are here and you will see this part of West Cork from an entirely different perspective.

The inhabited islands are all accessible by ferry – Long Island from Colla Pier, Cape Clear Island from Schull and Baltimore, Heir Island from Cunnamore Pier and Sherkin Island from Baltimore. From Roaring Water Creek at the eastern extremity of the bay, right down to

Crookhaven in the west, this island-studded coast offers a sort of paradise to anyone with a small boat who keeps an eye on the weather and is sensible on all safety issues.

Schull is ideally located for exploring the bay – so many choices of direction. Each island has its own *genius loci* and each destination its own rewards. Head south for Cape Clear Island's North Harbour and take a long walk round the island, from which the high views back across the smaller islands to the mainland are magnificent, or head west down Long Island Channel and on across Toormore Bay to Crookhaven for lunch. Or thread your way through the islands in a south-easterly direction to Baltimore.

If the tides serve you right, you can even get right up the river to Ballydehob, have time for



a pint there and then return downriver before the water drains away. Beware the shingle bank stretching from the east end of Horse Island northwards to the mainland – a bad place to run aground on a falling tide! Seals lounge on rocks halfway upriver to Ballydehob and the winding channel is well buoyed. Kilcoe Castle gleams pink-ochre at the mouth of its estuary. For contrast, on the right day, in the right craft, the Fastnet Rock can be inspected at close quarters – a more awesome encounter in reality than any photograph can convey.

Best have a chart (*BA 2129 recommended*), if you don't know the bay – and study it carefully! As the old fishermen's saying goes, "*I don't know where all the rocks are, but I know where they are not!*". There are incredibly few navigational marks and buoys, and this place is no playground for the careless. Night navigation is not advised. Only the approaches from seaward of Crookhaven, Schull and Baltimore harbours are lit, and the whole bay is otherwise seriously lacking navigation aids of any sort. Rocks are not your only hazard. Little coloured buoys marking strings of pots can appear out of nowhere to a fast-moving RIB. The grey bulk of the mussel farm barrels that have appeared in recent years are obviously to be given a

wide berth. The top end of the bay, east of Horse Island, is now largely given over to this aquaculture. Isolated farms further west are marked with mostly yellow pillar buoys.

For family outings, the beaches on the east end of Horse Island, and on the east side of East Calf Island, are favourites and wonderfully sheltered in a typical west wind. At low tide, there are some small sandy coves on the east side of Middle Calf Island too. Heading that way, you might thread your way through Carthy's Island group, where seals abound. The lagoon in the midst of the Carthy Islands is a nice spot to loiter for lunch – it can be entered from the east or from the dramatic narrow gap at the south-west end. Beware the reef blocking the approach from the north however! On the western tip there is a fine sea cave drilled out by the Atlantic swells over the centuries. Best not to land on any of these tiny islands as seabirds nest there - the greater blackbacked gulls defend with vigour!

Out on the water a variety of seabirds paddle and skim – gannets, guillemots, terns, fulmars, shearwaters and so on. In the water, you may see porpoises, dolphins and sometimes a harmless basking shark. Try feathering for mackerel and pollack if it takes your fancy – *good luck!*



Welcome to Schull Harbour

Visiting yachts and their crews are very welcome in Schull, a lively and popular harbour in West Cork. The following information may be of some help in allowing you to fully enjoy your visit.

Harbour Master There is no resident harbour master in Schull. For serious problems contact the area harbour master in Union Hall: **086 608 1944**.

Harbour Fairway The approach to the pier is marked by buoys with red and green flags in the summer season. Boats should not anchor in this area. Maximum speed of 5 knots in the upper half of the harbour.

Pier Access Yachts should heed the notices and not block the main steps on the north side of the pier, which are frequently used by ferries running to the islands. Priority berthing should be afforded to all commercial vessels.

Visitors' Dinghy Pontoon Yacht tenders may be tied up to the inner pontoon, but keep the 'Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone' clear at all times. Yachts may come alongside to transfer crew, but should not tie up. Watch the depth at low water.

Visitors' Moorings There are 12 "Visitors' Moorings" in the north-east of the harbour, which can be identified by the large (80cm) hard yellow floats. These moorings are only for genuine visitors who are staying on board. The €10 per night charge should be paid at Schull Watersports Centre. Please do not pick up a private mooring as the owner may be just out for a day sail and standards are very variable. Moorings are available

for rent locally for longer periods.

Rubbish Disposal There is a bottle bank near the top of the slipway for glass, food and drinks cans. Plastic/paper and general rubbish disposal (please separate) at Schull Watersports Centre for genuine cruising boats. **PLEASE DO NOT DUMP RUBBISH!** Full facilities are available at Derryconnell 2km away. Please do not discharge from boat toilets while in the harbour. Showers available at Fastnet Marine & Outdoor Education Centre. Monday to Friday only, subject to availability. Check at office before using.

Water & Electricity Pedestals Not currently operational. Ask at Schull Watersports Centre about availability of water.

Fuel The nearest filling station is 3km west at Lowertown. Fuel is also available at North Harbour, Clear Island. Large quantities of diesel can be delivered to Schull pier by arrangement.

PFDs (buoyancy aids and life jackets) Always wear a personal flotation device when in a yacht tender. It may save your life and it is the law!

Schull Community Inshore Rescue Service In case of difficulty locally at sea, there is a Rescue RIB based in Schull. Contact via the coastguards or phone: **086 236 0206**.



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SCHULL COMMUNITY INSHORE RESCUE SERVICE



Boat House and Rescue Co-ordination Centre with slipway and changing facilities.



Fully equipped 6.8m RIB with twin 90hp engines and qualified voluntary crew.



In Trouble? Call us!
Dial **999** or **112** and request
COASTGUARD
SCIRS Emergency
086 236 0206



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Since the service was inaugurated in 2005 and subsequently accredited by Irish Water Safety and Irish Coastguard in 2008, some €350,000 has been raised through voluntary subscription and local fundraising activity.

Infrastructure of the service now includes:

- Fully-equipped Boathouse & Rescue Co-ordination Centre and Slipway.
- 6.8metre fully-equipped Emergency Rescue Ribcraft (purchased 2013) powered by twin-90hp Suzuki engines.

Crew complement stands at 15 volunteer members. 7 fully-trained helmsmen and 10 trainee crews. Crew Training Modules include Powerboat Competency, First Aid, VHF Radio, Personal Survival Techniques, Navigation, Pilotage under the annual inspection of Irish Coastguard and Irish Water Safety.

Annual maintenance and running costs - €15,000.

Become a member and support this valued and essential Emergency Rescue Service.

Please forward membership cheque (€75) and/or donation to **SCIRS**, c/o MCS, **Main Street, Schull, Co. Cork.**
Don't forget to include your name and contact details so we can send you your 2015 car sticker.

Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th July, 2016

The Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival is a new exciting festival taking place in Schull this July.

The festival aims to promote the Wild Atlantic Way, the Fastnet Trails and the new trail being developed on Long Island, the *Schull - Baltimore Blueway Route* (for which a feasibility study is being launched) and the islands of West Cork.

This event possesses a unique blend of challenge and fun. Whether you are a novice or an expert, this festival will appeal.

Saturday's *Carbery Island Challenge* on 9th July will see kayakers navigate between some of the islands and coastline around Schull and Roaringwater Bay, visiting checkpoints on the islands and accessible spots on the shore. Kayakers will have four hours in which to get as many checkpoints as possible.

Saturday will also have a series of children's kayaking taster sessions in Schull Harbour throughout the day.

On Sunday 10th July there will be a family kayak and BBQ to the inhabited island of Long Island, whilst non-kayakers can still be part of it by taking the ferry. The thrill of kayaking to an island will be a first for many of the participants. Once on the island, visitors will be introduced to the new walk being developed on Long Island, they will also be given the opportunity to participate in a treasure hunt as a way of getting to know the island. The day will finish with a barbecue where local food will be on offer.

For the landlubbers there will be plenty of onshore activities to keep you amused and Schull is justifiably famous for its cuisine and hospitality. So, whether you are adventurous or not, make your way to The Schull Blueway Kayaking Festival 8th -10th July.

For further information on the festival, and with information on how to enter, check out www.SchullBluewayKayakingFestival.com or contact 086 2404709.



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Welcome to the “Discover Schull & The Mizen” 2016/17 Guide (the 39th edition).

This guide is produced by the Schull Business & Tourism Association, a volunteer body which exists to promote Schull and the Mizen to the outside world; to attract visitors to the area; to promote local businesses and support a viable and sustainable economy.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those businesses who have become members of the SB&TA and/or taken adverts in this year's guide. The more members we have, the stronger the SB&TA can become and the better we can realise the potential of this dynamic village. This guide and membership fees are the only income the SB&TA receives and without this support we would not be able to do the work of promoting the village and area. All of the money raised by the

SB&TA is put back into the community in the form of various locally based projects: the free wifi, christmas lighting, promotions, advertising, etc., and financially supporting many of the festivals and events that occur throughout the year.

This guide is produced as a handy reference to the area, providing relevant information for both visitors and locals alike - we hope you enjoy the experience! We are proud of what we have here and would love to share your experiences – on Instagram use the hashtag #discoverschull, check out our Tumblr site “Discover Mizen” discovermizen.tumblr.com, pin your images of Schull and the Mizen with DiscoverSchull on Pinterest, or share your stories on our Facebook page facebook.com/Discover.Schull.

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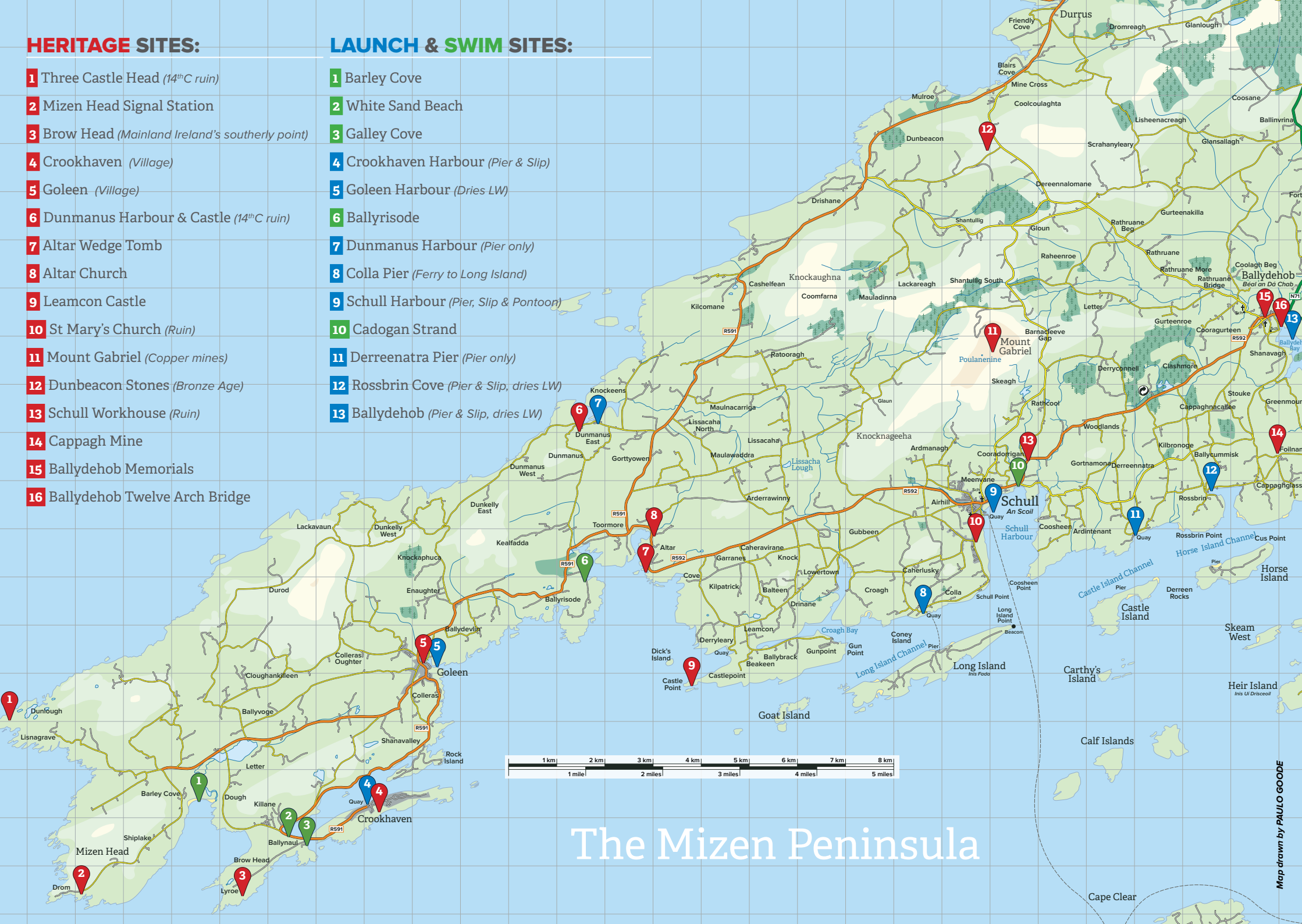
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