

Message from the Chairman

You are all once again welcome to the 13th running of our annual stream rehabilitation competition on Lough Sheelin. The proceeds from the competition will once again be primarily used in funding stream rehabilitation and habitat improvement. You, as our competitors and supporters are an essential part of this important work. I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your past support and look forward to your continued support and help.

Please note that this year's competition is being held on **Saturday 6th October**. This is a change since last year so bear in mind Saturday 6th October. The entry fee is once again set at **€90 per angler**. One of the hallmarks of our competition is the array of great prizes that are offered. This year is no exception. We believe that the prizes on offer are the best you will get in any one day competition in Ireland. We will also be awarding the Denis O'Keeffe memorial trophy for the LSTPA angler who has been most consistent during the year.

Wild Trout angling continues to be under threat. Pollution and lack of clear national strategy on habitat and game angling development are serious threats. IFI have discontinued chemical analysis of Lough Sheelin despite them having clear evidence of ongoing and serious threats to the lake. Anglers need to be vigilant and continue to support our national bodies in lobbying for a change in national policy.

Because of a booking difficulty with the local hotel we will be serving a hot meal on the shoreline during and following the weigh in. Prizes will be presented immediately after the weigh in.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the local fishery staff for all their efforts in keeping Lough Sheelin a **Wild Trout Fishery**. We would like to thank IFI for working with us in the past and we look forward to developing a rolling five year development plan for the lake which will identify streams and rivers in need of development or further ongoing remedial work. **The LSTPA believe that river and stream development, in conjunction with good water quality, are the principal means of maintaining Lough Sheelin as a Wild Trout habitat.** Any other development work is secondary to this. I would like to acknowledge the assistance and help of the local community and landowners who facilitate Wild Trout habitat and rehabilitation work in the Lough Sheelin Catchment.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to all of our sponsors without whose support we could not run our competition. Please support them in whatever way you can. Give the fishing tackle shops a chance before you buy online. You will get equally good value and you can talk to fellow fishermen. You can't do this online. I look forward to meeting you all on the 6th October and I hope you have an enjoyable days fishing.

Kenneth O'Keeffe
Chairman

Your Safety on the Lake is Important.

All anglers must wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid.

Anglers must also wear eye protection and a hat.

Please ensure that before you go out on the lake that you check your boat and make sure you have all the necessary items to ensure a safe days fishing. It is essential that all boats have a functioning set of oars. Ensure that the engine is working properly and that you have enough fuel for the day.

All operations of the boat should be governed by the conditions on the day. Take into account the wind and wave conditions.

Make sure that the kill cord if available is attached to your clothing if you are operating the engine.

One person at a time should change seats.

If a person falls overboard get them alongside the boat and proceed slowly towards the shore or shallow water. Be aware of the propeller and move slowly.

If you fall overboard always stay with the boat. If there is more than one person in the water you should all stay with the boat until help arrives.

Use common sense at all times to avoid danger.

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The LSTPA would like to acknowledge the help and support of all those who sponsored prizes.

Please support our sponsors in every way.

For Accommodation or boat hire contact our website

www.lstpa.ie



**LOUGH SHEELIN
TROUT PROTECTION
ASSOCIATION**



Stream Rehabilitation Competition

13th Annual one day Boat Competition
at Kilnashard Pier, Lough Sheelin, Co. Cavan.

Saturday 6th October 2018

Fishing from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

All proceeds in aid of stream enhancement and rehabilitation.

The LSTPA would like to acknowledge the assistance of IFI and all of the community and landowners who facilitate Wild Trout habitat and rehabilitation work in the Lough Sheelin Catchment.

€9,000 in Prizes

**First Prize: 19ft Sheelin Boat
+ Paddy Sheridan Memorial Cup**

Official Entry Form

Name (please PRINT).....

Full Address

Telephone

Email

Name of boat partner

Cheques and postal orders made payable to the LSTPA.
No entries accepted without Name address and telephone number.

Entries to:
Éamonn Ross
Ardlougher
Ballyconnell
Co. Cavan
086 661 9834 / 049 952 6602
Please do not send cash through the post.

**Closing date for entries is
Friday 28th September 2018.**

Entry Fee €90 including hot meal provided on the pier at Kilnahard.

Competition Rules

Fly fishing only maximum 4 flies.
All prizes will be for the heaviest fish. In the event of there being a tie for weights the longer fish will be declared the winner.
Competitors to arrange their own boats and engines.
Fish must measure 16 inches from tip of nose to middle of fork of tail.
All lighter fish should be returned in the interest of conservation.
All fish killed must be weighed in. 2 fish bag limit.
Any competitor found in possession of an undersized fish will have his/her entire catch disqualified.
Any competitor found trolling lures or flies will be disqualified.
No boat may fish within 100 yards of the boat in front or cut in on the drift of another boat.
Only Brown trout will weigh in.
Boats, bags, and gear may be inspected at any time.
Boats must be inside the markers by 6.00pm.
All fish must be handed in by 6.15pm.
Each competitor must hand in his/her own fish, labelled and strung, for weighing.
All competitors fish at their own risk. The organising committee and the LSTPA will not be responsible for any accident or loss.
All entrants who are not members of the LSTPA will be enrolled as members of the Club for the duration of the competition.
Any competitor found discarding litter in boats or at landing points will be disqualified.
All competitors must wear life jackets, eye protection & hat.
No fish finders allowed.
Any disputes will be referred to a disputes committee who will adjudicate following consultation with all relevant people.
The decision of the disputes committee is final. All entries are accepted subject to this condition.
All prizes must be collected on the night of the competition.
Fishing from the shore is not allowed.
All competitors must sign in before start.
In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances the committee may at its discretion hold a lottery of all paid entrants to distribute all the prizes. The committees decision in this regard will be final.
All entries are accepted on the basis that the above rules are fully accepted by the entrant.

All entries must be received by the closing date.

Competition Prizes

- 1st** Sheelin Boat + Paddy Sheridan Memorial Cup + Tackle to the value of €350
- 2nd** 6hp Engine + Boat Seat + Fly Line + Fly Reel
- 3rd** Fly Rod Electric Engine + Boat Seat Life Vest + Fly Line
- 4th** Electric Engine Life Vest + Boat Seat
- 5th** Fly Rod + Fly Reel + Fly Line + Tackle Voucher
- 6th** Life Jacket/Vest + Boat Seat + Fly Line + Fishing Tackle
- 7th** Like jacket/Vest + Fly Line + Fishing Tackle
- 8th** 2 Nights BB + Boat Hire Crover House + Fishing Tackle
- 9th** Fishing Tackle to the value €150
- 10th** Fishing Tackle to the value of €100
- 11th** Fishing Tackle to the value €80
- 12th** Fishing Tackle to the value €75
- 13th** Fishing Tackle to the value of €70
- 14th** Fishing Tackle to the value €60
- 15th** Fishing Tackle to the value €50

Denis O'Keeffe memorial cup for most consistent LSTPA angler over the year.
The committee reserve the right to change prizes to ones of equal value.

Anglers who have difficulty in arranging a boat should contact (after 6pm)
Thomas Lynch Secretary LSTPA
and Boat Manager
at 087 913 2033