



WELCOME TO THE BLUE FLAG



The International Blue Flag Programme is organised in Ireland by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland with support from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and on behalf of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). The Blue Flag Programme in Northern Ireland is managed by TIDY Northern Ireland.

The Programme is now in its 22nd year in Ireland and I am pleased to introduce the beaches and marinas on the island of Ireland which have achieved this status.

Each location meets a range of environmental safety criteria which collectively represent a high level of environmental quality. The Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) would like to thank those who are responsible for achieving these standards.

Jan Eriksen
President of FEE

HOW THE BLUE FLAG PROGRAMME WORKS

The Blue Flag season for beaches in Ireland coincides with the bathing season which runs from the beginning of June to the end of August. The marina season extends until December. Each year the authority managing the beach or marina applies for the Blue Flag award, it is not automatically renewed every year. An International Jury then decides whether the beach is eligible for the award. During the season inspectors assess every Blue Flag beach and marina to ensure compliance with criteria. If there are problems they are reported to the authorities and either the problems are rectified or the Blue Flag is removed.

If you see a problem at a Blue Flag beach or marina, please contact An Taisce or TIDY Northern Ireland.



IRELAND'S BEAUTIFUL BLUE FLAG BEACHES



WHAT IS THE BLUE FLAG?

The Blue Flag is an International voluntary eco-label for beaches and marinas. The programme aims to raise environmental awareness and promote good environmental behaviour among tourists and local populations as well as best practice among beach and marina management and staff.

The Blue Flag award is based on compliance with 32 criteria covering aspects such as:

- Environmental information and education
- Water quality
- Safety and services
- Environmental management

All Blue Flags are only awarded one season at a time. For further information on these criteria please log on to www.blueflag.org



SOME OF THE BEACH CRITERIA ARE:

- Information about the Blue Flag must be displayed.
- Environmental education activities must be offered and promoted to beach users.
- Information about bathing water quality must be displayed.
- A map of the beach indicating different facilities must be displayed.
- The beach must fully comply with the water quality sampling and frequency requirements.
- The beach must fully comply with the standards and requirements for water quality analysis.
- Waste disposal bins/containers must be available at the beach in adequate numbers and they must be regularly maintained.
- Facilities for the separation of recyclable waste materials should be available at the beach.
- An adequate number of toilet or restroom facilities must be provided.
- Access to the beach by dogs and other domestic animals must be strictly controlled.
- All buildings and beach equipment must be properly maintained.
- An adequate number of lifeguards and/or lifesaving equipment must be available at the beach.
- First aid equipment must be available on the beach.
- At least one Blue Flag beach in each municipality must have access and facilities provided for the physically disabled.

For a full list of beach criteria please check out the blue flag website www.blueflag.org

SOME OF THE MARINA CRITERIA ARE:

- Information relating to local eco-systems and environmental phenomena must be available to marina users.
- The marina is responsible for offering at least three environmental education activities to the users and staff of the marina.
- The marina must have an environmental policy and an environmental plan.
- The marina must have facilities for receiving recyclable waste materials, such as bottles, cans, paper, plastic, organic material, etc.
- Bilge water pumping facilities should be present at the marina.
- Toilet pumping facilities must be present in the marina.
- All buildings and equipment must be properly maintained and be in compliance with national legislation.
- If the marina has boat repairing and washing areas, no pollution must enter the sewage system, marina land and water or the natural surroundings.
- Safety precautions and information must be posted at the marina.
- Facilities for disabled people should be in place.
- A map indicating the location of the different facilities must be posted at the marina.
- The water in the marina must be visually clean without any evidence of pollution, e.g. oil, litter, sewage or other evidence of pollution.

For a full list of beach criteria please check out the blue flag website www.blueflag.org

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BLUE FLAG BEACHES & MARINAS IN IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND 2010



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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

LOUTH

- CARLINGFORD
1. **Templetown**
- CLOGHERHEAD
2. **Port**
3. **Clogherhead**

DUBLIN

- DUBLIN CITY
4. **Dollymount Strand**
- PORTMARNOCK
5. **Velvet Strand**

WICKLOW

- NORTH WICKLOW
6. **Greystones**
- ARKLOW
7. **Brittas Bay North**

WEXFORD

- COURTOWN
8. **Courtown**
- KILMUCKRIDGE
9. **Morriscastle**
- CURRACLOE
10. **Curraclloe**

ROSSLARE

WATERFORD

- WATERFORD
12. **Bunmahon**
- DUNGARVAN
13. **Clonea**

CORK

- CORK
14. **Claycastle**

CORK

- CORK
15. **Redbarn**
- SHANAGARRY
16. **Garryvoe**
- BALLINSPIITTE
17. **Garrylucas**
18. **Garretstown**

CLONAKILTY

- CLONAKILTY
19. **Inchydoney**
- ROSSCARBERY
20. **The Warren**
21. **Owenahincha**

SKIBBEREEN

- SKIBBEREEN
22. **Tragumna**
- CROOKHAVEN
23. **Barleycove**

KERRY

- CAHERDANIEL
24. **Derrynane**
- BALLINSKELLIGS
25. **Ballinskelligs**
- CAHERCIVEEN
26. **White Strand**
27. **Kells**

- ROSSBEIGH
28. **Rossbeigh**

- INCH
29. **Inch**
- VENTRY
30. **Ventry**

- FENIT
31. **Fenit**

- ARDFERT
32. **Banna**

- BALLYHEIGUE
33. **Ballyheigue**

- CASTLEGREGORY
34. **Magherabeg**

- BALLYBUNION
35. **Ballybunion North**
36. **Ballybunion South**

CLARE

- KILRUSH
37. **Cappa Pier**

- KILKEE
38. **Kilkee**

- DOONBEG
39. **Doonbeg**

- MILTOWN MALBAY
40. **White Strand**

- LAHINCH
41. **Lahinch**

- BALLYVAUGHAN
42. **Fanore**

- KILLALOE
43. **Ballycuggeran**

- MOUNTSHANNON
44. **Mountshannon**

GALWAY

- LOUGHREA
45. **Loughrea Lake**

- GALWAY CITY
46. **Salthill**
47. **Silverstrand**

- INDREABHAN
48. **Trá Mhór, Coill Rua**

- AN CEATHRU RUA
49. **Trá an Dóilin**

- CILL RONAN, ARAN
50. **Cill Mhuirbhígh**

MAYO

- LOUISBURGH
51. **Carrowmore**

- MURRISK
52. **Bertra**

- MULRANNY
53. **Mulranny**

- CLARE ISLAND
54. **The Harbour**

- ACHILL
55. **Doega**
56. **Keel**
57. **Keem**
58. **Dugort**
59. **Golden Strand**

- BELMULLET
60. **Mullaghroe**
61. **Elly Bay**

SLIGO

- SLIGO
62. **Roses Point**

DONEGAL

- BUNDORAN
63. **Bundoran**

- ROSSNOWLAGH
64. **Rossnowlagh**

- LAGHY
65. **Murvagh**

- KILLYBEGS
66. **Fintra**

- NARIN
67. **Narin-Portnoo**

- ANAGARY
68. **Carrickfinn**

- DUNFANAGHY
69. **Marble Hill**
70. **Killahoey**

- FANAD
71. **Portsalon**

- FAHAN
72. **Lisfannon**

- CULDAFF
73. **Culdaff**

- STROOVE
74. **Stroove**

Marinas

WEXFORD

- 1 **Kilmore Quay Marina**

- 2 **Killinure Point Marina**

WESTMEATH

- 2 **Killinure Point Marina**

NORTHERN IRELAND

DERRY

- LIMAVADY
1. **Magilligan, Benone Strand**

- CASTLEROCK
2. **Downhill**
3. **Castlerock**

- COLERAINE
4. **Portstewart Strand**

ANTRIM

- PORTRUSH
5. **Portrush West Strand**
6. **Whiterocks**

DOWN

- DOWNPATRICK
7. **Tyrella Beach**

- KILKEEL
8. **Cranfield West**

Marinas

ARMAGH

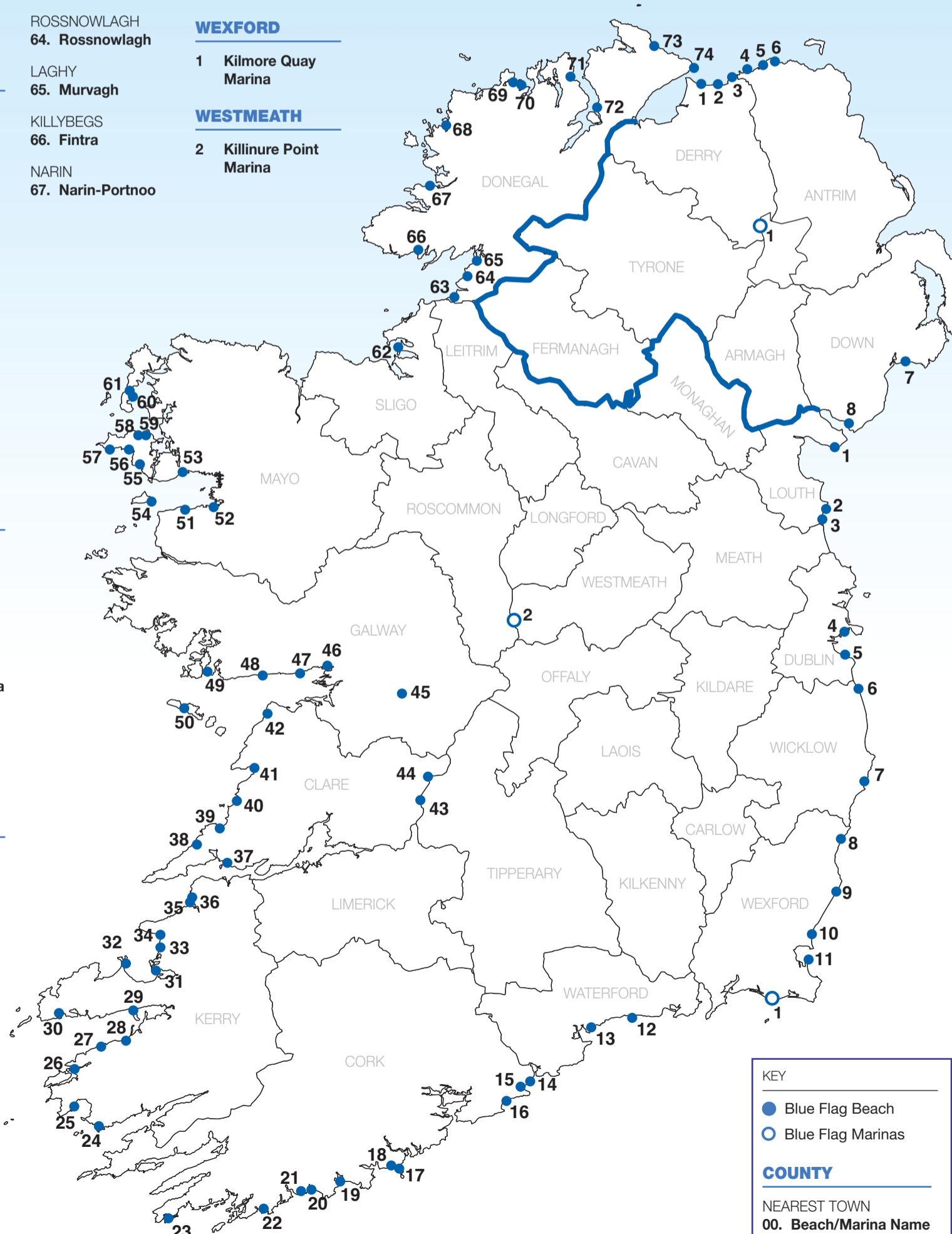
- MAGHERAFELT
1. **Ballyronan Marina**



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- Blue Flag Marinas

COUNTY

NEAREST TOWN

00. Beach/Marina Name