

Wednesday 10th October 2018

## CENTENARY DAY

**7.00a.m. sharp** LE Eithne departs for a visit to the site of the Leinster wreck and the laying of (eco-friendly) wreaths and flowers on the water. **BOOKED OUT**

Local church bells will ring out at the time the Leinster was first struck (circa 9.45am). Similar ceremonies are taking place in Holyhead. The Stena Ship sailing from Holyhead will sail close to Dún Laoghaire (circa 11.00am) and the ship's horn will be sounded 5 times in memory of the victims.

**9.30a.m.** Inter-Church ceremony in Dún Laoghaire. St. Michael's Church, town centre.

**11.00a.m.** Official State Centenary Event

at the LEXICON, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire.

*Organised by Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in conjunction with DLR County Council.*

**12.30p.m.** CENTENARY LUNCH; **BOOKED OUT**

**6.00p.m.** DUBLIN CITY LIBRARY, 138-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2.

Cumann le Seandacht Átha Cliath (The Old Dublin Society), in conjunction with Dublin City Council, presents a talk by noted historian James Scannell titled The Torpedoing of the Leinster.

Email: [olddublinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:olddublinsociety@gmail.com)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018

**11.00a.m.** DUBLIN'S PRO-CATHEDRAL, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1. On the same day in 1918, requiem service was held in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin City, remembering all those who lost their lives on the Leinster. Initiated by the Councillors of Dublin Corporation, the celebrant was William Joseph Walsh, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. One hundred years on, a special requiem service of remembrance of the Leinster - its crew, postal sorters and passengers, will take place in the same venue with Dr. Diarmuid Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin as the chief celebrant. The event is open to all. *Organised by the Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee in association with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin.*

## BUÍOCHAS:

*DLR County Council, Department of Culture Heritage & Gaeltacht, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, Relatives of people on the Leinster who have contributed financially, the yacht clubs and all our commercial sponsors; your assistance is greatly appreciated by the Families and Friends of the Leinster.*



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# MAIL BOAT LEINSTER

## Centenary Events



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THE 'LEINSTER'

*Comóradh céad bliain  
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**The Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee**

Families and Friends of the Leinster  
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## PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY

**DLR LEXICON**, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire during **September and October 2018**.

*During regular library opening hours. Admission free.*

These public exhibitions include: St. John Ambulance equipment and uniforms used in the rescue of people from the Leinster, Commissioners of Irish Lights exhibition, Dublin Docklands and the sinking of the ships Hare and Adela in 1917. The Des Branigan Exhibition, curated by Joe Ryan (Irish Coast Guard retired) tells the story of Des Branigan, a trade unionist, archaeological diver and maritime historian. He assisted with bringing the anchor of the Leinster to Dún Laoghaire in more recent years.

*Organised by DLR County Council in cooperation with Mailboat Leinster Centenary Committee.*

*Further information: <http://libraries.dlrcoco.ie>.*

**NATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM** - Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire. *Open daily 11a.m. to 4.00p.m.*

Exhibition includes: a scale-model of the ship (up to recent times this was displayed in the shop of Leinster survivor Tom Connolly in Patrick Street, Dún Laoghaire), family research facilities and there will be regular lectures taking place at various times during the centenary week.

*Visit [www.mariner.ie](http://www.mariner.ie) to see full list of Mailboat Leinster Centenary events Organised by Maritime Institute of Ireland / National Maritime Museum of Ireland.*

## AN POST

A postage stamp will be issued to mark the centenary. Leinster displays in Dún Laoghaire Post Office and the GPO in O'Connell Street, Dublin.1. Postal sorters were the first to be killed on the Leinster.

**SHOPS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN** have been invited to display Mail Boat Leinster themed windows.

## Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018

The Sinking of the Leinster - a talk by Cormac Lowth at Royal Marine Hotel

*Organised by Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society*

## Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

100 BOATS FOR 100 YEARS - a maritime tribute - from Dún Laoghaire Harbour to the site of the Leinster wreck and back. Social evening in Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club on Saturday evening 22nd September. Race entry information on [www.dymc.ie](http://www.dymc.ie).

*Programme hosted by Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club in cooperation with Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee. The flotilla departs Dún Laoghaire Harbour circa 10.30 on Sunday (4-6 hour race). Recommended best viewing time of the flotilla is from 10.30am to 11.00am (Weather permitting).*

## LEINSTER ANGLING TRIBUTE

The Holyhead Dún Laoghaire Link Association are organising commemorative angling competitions in both port towns, sponsored by Wild Atlantic Leisure, Louisburgh, Co. Mayo. Details are as follows;

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018

**3.00p.m. to 5.30p.m.** at the Bandstand at the West Pier, Dún Laoghaire Harbour.

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**2.30p.m. to 5.30p.m.** at the Breakwater, Holyhead.  
*Presentation of all prizes at circa 6.00p.m.*

## MENS' SHED

### TRIBUTE TO OUR LEINSTER DEAD

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Loughlinstown Mens' Shed - Mail Boat Leinster row on the Liffey followed by the unveiling in the Mens' Shed of a mural tribute to the victims of the Leinster.

*Sponsored by Premier Business Consultancy.*

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**9.00 to 11.00p.m.** Dún Laoghaire Motor Yacht Club, West Pier, Dún Laoghaire. Sea shanties performed by The Sick & Indigent Song Club. Remembering the Leinster through music and song. Entry €10 per person. For further information and ticket purchase telephone: 086-4089611 or log onto [www.leinster2018.com](http://www.leinster2018.com).

*Organised by Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee.*

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Family Day at DLR LEXICON, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire organised by DLR County Council incorporating a Living History element on the Mail Boat Leinster.

*Participating; Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society, Irish Great War Society and Lord Edward's Own Public Group, James Shields of Brick.ie (Irish Association of Adult Fans of Lego) Entry; Free. The Living History element organised with Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee.*

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**2.00p.m.** DEANSGRANGE CEMETERY:

Tour of the 11 Leinster graves and associated plaques, conducted by John McCann, DLR County Council, Cemetery Manager, followed by the official unveiling of a monument on the grave of Leinster hero, William Maher.  
*Organised by Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee with support of DLR County Council*

**7.30p.m.** CHRIST CHURCH & MARINERS,

Park Road, Dún Laoghaire (beside Peoples' Park) Centenary Concert sponsored by the British Royal Mail. A similar concert was held 100 years ago to raise funds for the dependants of those who died on the ship.  
*Tickets €10 each. Organised by Mail Boat Leinster Centenary Committee.*

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**7.30p.m.** The Dublin based Welsh Male Voice Choir in the National Maritime Museum, Moran Park.

*Organised by Maritime Institute of Ireland / National Maritime Museum of Ireland.*

**9.00p.m. to 11.00p.m.** JAZZ TRIBUTE in the Dún Laoghaire Club, 3 Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire.

*(The club has very strong connections to the Leinster). Organised by Dún Laoghaire Club.*

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 8.00p.m.

FÁILTE ISTEACH - in the Dún Laoghaire Club, 3 Eblana Avenue, Dún Laoghaire - a welcoming evening for all attending the centenary events. Traditional Irish music, reception on arrival: Tickets €15 each.