

Heritage Boat Festival in Carlow Town, **May 2005**

During May 2005 the annual gathering of the Heritage Boat Association was held in Carlow Town. Below is a pictorial view of their visit. For further information on the Heritage Boat Association go to www.heritageboatassociation.ie During the festival RTE 1 Television broadcast a special show about the boats visit, go to www.rte.ie/news/2005/0523/nationwide.html



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76M, 4E & 31B & Cruisers
Moored along Carlow's changing and modernising river bank.

34B & 68M

The past meets the rivers future. Photo taken from the former Canal Stores, now Carlow Rowing Club which played host to the flotilla thirty boats.



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34B, 2, 76M & 4E

All moored at Carlow Rowing Club, formerly the Canal Stores. Such a view that hasn't been seen in Co. Carlow since the 1960s when the boats stopped trading.



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31B

Built c1910, was sunk in 1997 but lovingly restored and refloated in 2000 - '01. Currently owned by Mick Farrell.



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One Boat & her Dog!



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95B

While in the ownership of Tom Hughes this boat was the last to bring a cargo of beet into the Carlow Sugar Factory in 1962. Now in the ownership of Sean O'Reilly, former Chairman of the Heritage Boat Association. Seen here heading down river under the Graiguecullen Bridge.



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34B

Formerly owned by the Moore Family from Graiguecullen. 34B pictured heading up river just after coming through Maganey Lock.

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4B

During the early 1950s 4B made numerous trips along the lower River Barrow carrying timber. Photographed here arriving into Carlow Rowing Club.



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107B arriving back home

Operated for many years by Michael Fennell between Carlow and Dublin arriving back home for the first time since the early 1970s.

Notice on the right the works being undertaken by Waterways Ireland to install a marina.

107B moored again in Carlow

It is hopped in time to restore 107B back to her glory. She was brought home to Carlow by Gerry Gavin (right) who in 2005 had brought home another well known Carlow Boat 34B which belonged to the Moore Family.



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