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Press release Erne Head of River, Enniskillen 2013

The Erne Head of River which will take place on Saturday 2nd March at 2:15pm and sponsored by Powerhouse clothing company and Chris Allen architects is delighted that the top eights in the country will meet at a Head of the River race first time in a long while in Ireland. It will give each of the crews a good test and indication of how their winter training has gone over the last few months. It will also be the first time since last years Irish Rowing Championships in July that they have all raced one another. Grainne Mhaol/ NUIG last years winners of the Erne Head and current Irish Senior 8 Champions are again looking to stamp their authority on the senior men's eights at the Head and will be chased down by strong eights from UCD, Trinity, Queens University and St Michaels RC over the tough 6km course.

The men's intermediate eights again dominated by the University crews over the years is going to be strongly contested between NUIG, Trinity, UCD, Queens University, St.Michael's RC and Coleraine Inst. This event will also be very tight with a lot of the universities seating ex junior internationals.

In the women's Intermediate eights Bann RC, Queens University and NUIG will have a tight battle together down the 6km course and it will really test who has put the work in over the last few months. All three eights will be looking to put in strong performances against UC DLBC two women's senior 8 crews as they look to get a good hard race in before they decide on their crews for their colours race against Trinity women in mid March.

The Men's Novice eights again with a strong entry from the universities with Three Novice eights entered from Trinity, showing the good structures they are putting into place and building for the future. Too close to call on who might come out on top in this event. The women's novice eights is an all Ulster affair with Queens going up against Belfast RC.

The Junior men's eights has five entries and with the Lagan Head winners Neptune RC from Dublin going off in front of the local school crew from Portora. Portora will be looking to try and match them on their home waters before they decide on their crews for the British School Head of the River race on Thursday 7th March in London.

The men's master eights sees David Porteus (Molesey BC) racing in his 56th Erne Head and with a combined crew age of 533 years of age between them really emphasis the great sport that rowing is.

Erne Head of River organisers 2013