



The following text was distributed to all affiliated clubs in December 2007 in advance of the publication of our new policy for boat competitions.

*Dear Club Secretary,*

*I am pleased to announce that our new policy for boat competitions has finally been drafted. It is in fact our first official policy on the subject.*

*The Executive Committee as discussed in the October newsletter have gone to great lengths to gain an understanding of the issues that are considered important within the context of drafting a policy. We are very grateful to the clubs who have contributed to the policy and to individuals who have on occasion provided us with information necessary to consider all the aspects of holding boat pike competitions.*

*Accompanying the policy document we have included a copy of the '14 steps to safe and enjoyable boating' by the 'Irish Water Safety' and also a sketch design of the required modifications to the current holding tank arrangement.*

*We acknowledge our clubs that already promote similar ideals when running competitions. We are confident that the incorporation of the policy into club rules for boat pike competitions will greatly enhance the safe release of all pike caught while promoting a greater understanding of environmental issues and in doing so set a new standard for the running of competitions throughout Ireland.*