

RIVER RACE DRAWS THE CROWDS AS SWIMMERS THROUG CITY WATERWAYS



Rena and David Kral who took part in the Lee Swim. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Joan Lucey, Vibes and Scribes, sponsors; Deirdre Kearney, Limerick, winner of the ladies race, Cllr Michael O'Connell deputising for the Lord Mayor, and Kieran Harty, president Cork Lions Club.



BELOW: Sisters Valerie and Vivienne Fenton from Curraheen at the swim. Picture: Ger Bonus

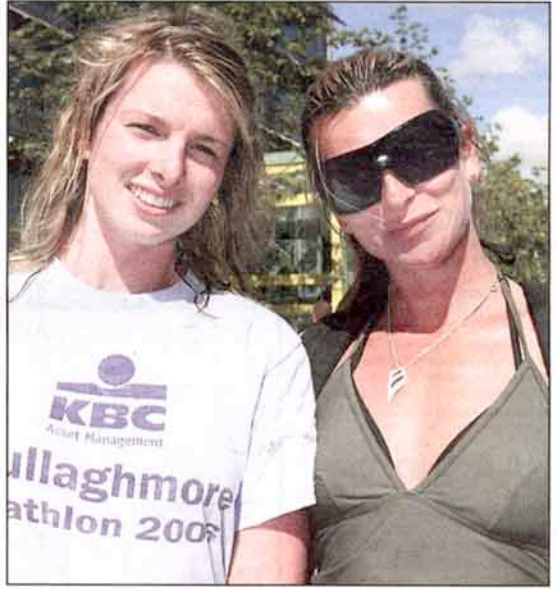


Alma Kelly and Stella Blad-Stahl after taking part in the Lee Swim. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

Thousands spur on competitors in Lee Swim

THOUSANDS of spectators lined the city quays to enjoy one of the most eagerly anticipated events on the city's sporting calendar. More than 230 entrants swam through the heart of the city for the Vibes and Scribes Lee Swim. Pat Murphy, one of the organisers of the swim, jointly sponsored by the *Evening Echo*, described the event as a great success, which was resurrected last year as part of the Cork 2005 celebrations. "The swim has really caught the imagination of Cork people with more than double the amount of entrants this year," said Mr Murphy. It was a sweet return to

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Cork for Dubliner Aidan Maguire, who won the race in a time of 24 minutes 50 seconds, after being beaten into second place last year. Limerick woman Deirdre Carney won the female race in a time of 27 minutes 50 seconds. She also won the Denis Ollivere Trophy for coming closest to the record time for the Lee Swim as calculated by organisers. "Credit must also go to all of the volunteers and various agencies including Cork City Council and our sponsors, the *Evening Echo* and Vibes and Scribes, for making the event such a great success," he added.



Jens Reinhard, Hugh Brennan and Neil Charleton at the start of the race. Picture: Eddie O'Hare



Loretta Dougan, Carmel Collins and Jane McGrath at the race. Picture: Eddie O'Hare

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