

Open water swimmers go that extra mile for charity

WEXFORD MASTERS Openwater Sea Swimming Club took to the sea for charity on Saturday, as they held a race that measured one nautical mile from Curracloe to Culleton's Gap and back again.

Thankfully conditions were favourable as the near 120 participants dived into action, with a number of swimmers arriving from Dublin and Wicklow swimming clubs to enjoy the

opportunity to swim at a new location and gain coveted points for the Swimmer/Club of the year.

All of the funds raised on the day went to the Tracie Lawlor Memorial Fund, which will go a long way towards helping people all over the country who are battling Cystic Fibrosis.

With three safety boats, eight kayakers and ample viewers on the shoreline, the swimmers were well observed. An

enthusiastic crowd gathered at the start/finish line to cheer on their fellow swimmers, friends and family, with a lot of the swimmers braving the 15°C water without even wearing a wetsuit!

All those taking part fared well, with some fantastic times being recorded ahead of the prize giving ceremony at Hotel Curracloe. The first man and woman past the post received perpetual cups and numerous prizes such as

wholesome hampers supplied by Karoo Farm Shop in Killinick were awarded.

The club would like to warmly thank all of those who were involved in making the day a success, particularly the numerous sponsors, JP from Hotel Curracloe, the dedicated club members especially Pat and Heike, Swim Ireland, the fab 120 swimmers, the safety personnel, the RNLI, the Red Cross, the Coastguard and boats.



Members of the Wexford Masters Openwater Swimming Club taking part in the Nautical Mile Swim at Curracloe.