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# First beach clean a success

The first in a planned series of beach clean-ups to get Galway ready for the Volvo Ocean Race took place at the weekend, when a group of volunteers gathered to clean up Dead Man's Beach.

The clean-up is being organised by Captain Bob Ellis, Galway Harbour Pilot, and Ger Moyles from the Galway Sail Sports Club, with help from The City Bin Co.

"It's great to see so many volunteers getting directly involved with the clean up and, thanks to the efforts put in over the weekend, Dead Man's Beach is in better shape and ready to be seen by the world," said Capt. Ellis.

"We're happy to see the clubs and businesses working together to look after our city's beaches. It's



Ger Moyles, Galway Sail Sports Club, Oisín Browne, The City Bin Co, and volunteer Jack Harty clean up Dead Man's Beach on Saturday. Photo: Joe Travers

fantastic to be involved in these clean-up activities and get Galway ready for the Volvo Ocean Race,"

said Niamh Bray, Operations Manager with The City Bin Co.

"With television and

news crews from all over the world planning to set up camp in Galway for the race, there's an important opportunity for Galway to give a positive impression to every country in the world that this is a place to come and visit. We are delighted with the involvement and dedication of our sponsors. An impressive job was done by The City Bin Co. on the day," said John Killeen, President of Let's Do It Global.

Many types of waste were collected on the day. Items included wrappers, tin cans, plastic, cutlery, discarded clothing and many other materials that were washed up with the tide.

With the Volvo Ocean Race just around the corner, this beach clean was the first of many beach clean-ups to happen over the coming month in a campaign to turn Galway into a great place to enjoy the race final.

## On the horizon...

**Bow Waves Galway Sailing and Powerboat School - 091-560560**  
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Mon 16 - Fri 20 July/Fri 20 - Mon 23 July/Mon 6 - Fri 10 August/  
Mon 13 - Mon 20 August  
info@bowwaves.com

**Galway Dive School - 087-9569771**  
PADI Courses Leisureland and Palmer's Rock, Salthill (all levels)  
Every week  
Pre-booking essential - www.divegalway.com

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Sun 17 to Thurs 21 June/Sun 24 to 28 June  
Advanced Powerboat Course Sat 9 and Sun 10 June  
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