

## MISSION STATEMENT

Forming a strong club open to all members of the New Orleans area community.

Providing the community at large with educational information about the part that currachs play in Celtic heritage. We will develop a group of members who will give talks about the currachs and the exploits of Irish seafarers to local schools, scout groups and other groups that may be interested.

Training club members to supervise, teach, and in turn train other club members in the safe handling, rowing, storage, repairing, and transport of the currachs.

Organizing teams in all race classes to race in local regattas and other regattas as finances permit as well as in the Celtic Nations Heritage Festival World Cup Regatta.

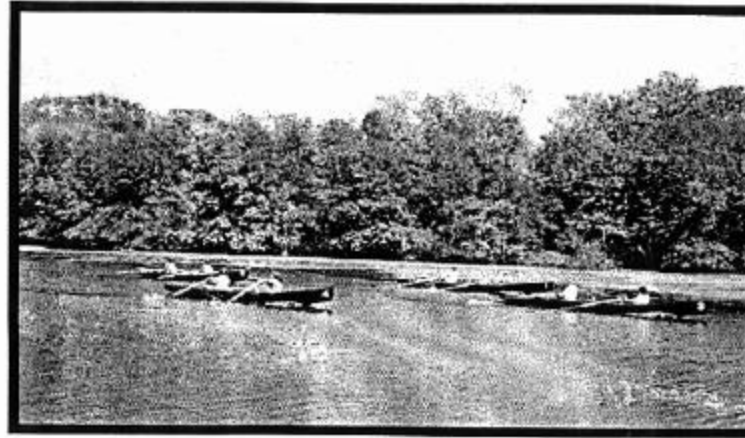
Support and sponsor the Regatta at the Celtic Nations Heritage Festival.

Operate at all times in the safest and most responsible manner, adhering to all marine laws and plain old common sense.

To promote Celtic marine heritage by having Irish boatwrights build four person currachs for the club.

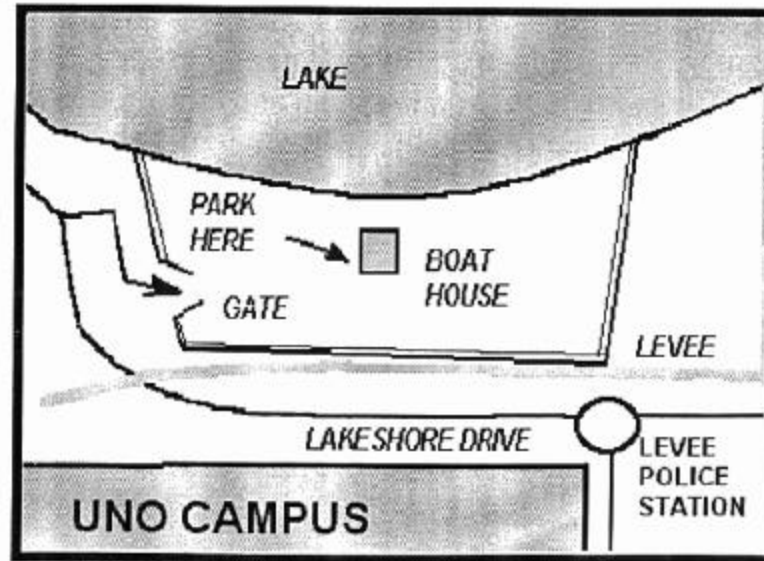
Continuing to evolve into a dynamic club meeting the changing needs of the club members, welcoming children and adults of all races.

Promoting family memberships in the club.



*Our currachs racing at the Celtic Nations Heritage Festival World Cup Regatta in New Orleans.*

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Margaret Currach Club  
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Our team that raced in the Chageil Regatta in Galway County, Ireland in 1998. Youth, men and women's teams competed in the traditional regatta.



We invite you to join the youth, women and men of New Orleans in rowing and learning about the maritime history of the Celtic People.



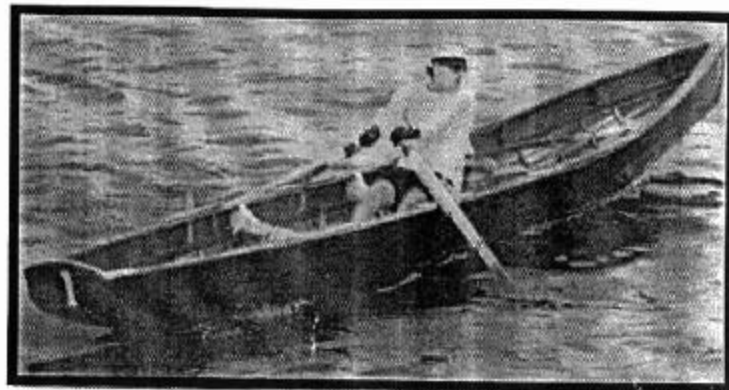
We are the only currach club in the southern United States.

The Margaret Currach Club is dedicated to promoting and preserving the colorful maritime history of the Celtic people. The club is dedicated to the memory of Margaret Haughery, who dedicated her life to feeding and caring for the poor and orphans of the city of New Orleans. **In the spirit of Margaret, our club is open to all.**

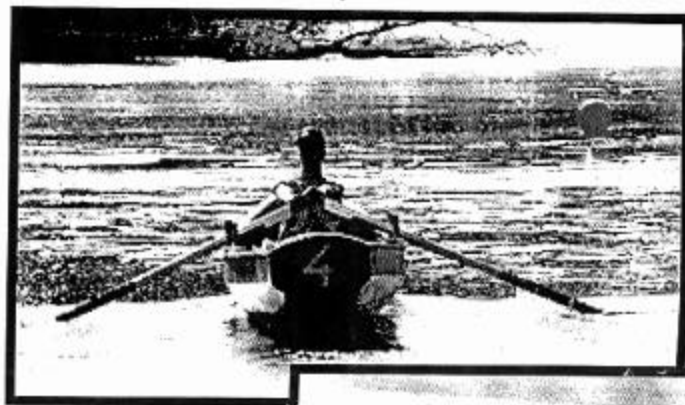
A currach is a wood framed rowing vessel, traditionally covered with canvas and tar. It's construction and design are unique to the western coast of Ireland. One currach type vessel recreated the medieval voyage of St. Brendan and crossed the Atlantic under sail and oars in the late 1970's. At present, the club has access to five ,three person currachs and eventually hopes to acquire several larger currachs.

Although there are various levels of membership, anyone can take part in the club's activities. We will sponsor several rowing regattas each year involving teams of men, women and mixed teams, including children. Also, we hope to go to school and civic groups to share information about the Celtic seafarers and their unique watercraft.

The highlight of the club's yearly activities is the Celtic Nations Heritage Festival of Louisiana held in New Orleans City Park. During the two day festival we will be holding a large and spirited regatta with teams from around the United States and Irish teams competing in various categories.



Danny O'Flaherty doing a solo row across Lake Pontchartrain from Old Pontchartrain Beach in New Orleans to the 1997 Wooden Boat Festival in Madisonville, Louisiana. A distance of approximately thirty-one miles. He did it "from the heart".



Pictures of the currachs racing at the World Cup event in New Orleans!

