

New defibrillator for Donegal Pier thanks to two local clubs

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Two Donegal Town watersports clubs came together to buy a life-saving defibrillator for the pier area of the town.

The purchase was made by Donegal Bay Rowing Club and Donegal Dragons.

Earlier this year, Donegal Bay Rowing Club saw first-hand how quickly a serious incident can take place. And they also saw what a difference it made to have life-saving equipment and trained users to hand.

During the All Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships in Ballyshannon, a rower suffered cardiac arrest. Thanks to the swift action of club members and on site Red Cross, the man's life was saved.

Club Chairman Seamus Maguire said: "Many people were involved in the incident this year that ultimately led to saving a man's life. We would like to thank all those heroes who rushed to assist, not least our own club members, other club members, the Irish Red Cross, medical volunteers and our boat rescue people.

"The best way we felt we could honour these brave people's actions was to purchase and fit the very piece of equipment in our local community that saved that rower's life on the day."

Pier

The defibrillator and AED cabinet will be installed at the pier. It will be ready for use shortly to the community, watersports participants, boat users and the many visitors to the area.

Anyone who needs to reach a defibrillator should call 112 or 999. They will be guided to the nearest one and given access details.

The Donegal Bay Rowing Club and Donegal Dragons would like to thank everyone for their support through the year. They also wish everyone a safe and happy New Year.
