

PIARAS A CHARA LAUNCHED AT PONTOON PIER

The Pontoon pier near Castletownbere saw the first boat launch in many a year recently when Neil Minihane's new boat was lowered down the slipway.



Family of Pearse Lyne with Neil Minihane at the launch.

A large crowd of well wishers had gathered as Neil's son David Minihane broke the traditional bottle of champagne on the bow and revealed the name of the boat as "Piaras A Chara". The name is in memory of the Minihanes close friend Pearse Lyne who tragically drowned in a boating accident last year. The Lyne family were present to see Pearse remembered in this moving tribute to a well loved local fisherman and friend to all that were at the launch.

The 19 foot open deck GRP boat was supplied by Roaring Water Marine who fitted out the basic hull manufactured by John Costello in Castleisland, Co Kerry.

The fitting out consisted of:

- Fitting of G.R.P. frames to hull
- Marine Ply floor was laminated on both sides and covered with dark battleship grey non-slip flocoat
- Fitting of Iroko hardwood gunwales
- Fore and aft G.R.P lockers made and fitted
- Fitting of stainless steel banding and an A frame aft.

- Stainless steel cleats fore and aft made at the yard
- Inside of hull finished in light aircraft grey flocoat, primed and antifouled

The Yamaha Outboard Engine supplied by Diarmuid Minihane of Atlantic Boating Services, Skibbereen was mounted and Bilge Pumps from C.H Marine installed to complete a well fitted out inshore craft. The boat was then surveyed by Noel O Regan from Promara Ltd before delivery to its new owner.

Speaking to the Skipper Neil Minihane said "I would express my thanks and gratitude to all the companies and individuals who worked on the Piaras A Chara". He then added "I must give a special Thank You to Pearse Lyne's family for attending the launch today and giving me the opportunity to honour the memory of a dear friend".

The Skipper team would like to take this oppor-

tunity in wishing Neil Minihane and his Family every success and Fair Sailing with the "Piaras A Chara"

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David Minihane & Liam Whooley (Roaring Water Marine)



David Minihane breaks the traditional bottle of champagne on the bow.



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Neil Minihane unveiling the name of the boat at the pontoon.