



IRISH WATER SAFETY PRESS RELEASE

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Lions mane jellyfish has arrived in Dublin Bay.

The CEO of Irish Water Safety, John leech is urging the public to use the Local Authority manned lifeguarded bathing places to ensure that they avoid being stung by two of the most venomous jellyfish that visit our waters. The Lions mane Jellyfish has been spotted in Sutton.



The Lifeguards ensure your safety on our beaches and will be patrolling on their surf rescue boards and on the beaches to ensure that they do not pose a threat to members of the public.

The CEO is also alerting the public that due to the high temperatures in our waters, the prevailing westerly winds and the north Atlantic current, these potentially dangerous jellyfish are likely to appear on more of our beaches in the coming weeks. The Portuguese man o 'war jelly fish was reported on Bunmahon and Clonea strand in Waterford last Tuesday. Whilst earlier today in Barleycove in West Cork, a young girl was rushed to hospital after suffering an apparent allergic reaction to a sting from a Jellyfish

For those of you who will be using non-lifeguarded beaches then find information on jellyfish, including a photo ID card and First Aid treatment of stings visit <http://www.iws.ie/beach/jellyfish-safety.321.html>

In Marine Emergencies, call 112 and ask for the Coastguard.

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