

The Liffey Swim: The 1960's Decade – Part 3 1966 – 1967

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Introduction

The second half of the 1960's saw the emergence of a Liffey Swim child prodigy – Francis 'Chalkey' White – whose name became synonymous with the making of many newspaper headlines and the breaking of Irish swimming records. Other teenage swimmers whose names were now familiar to the public at large continued to blossom – Donnacha O'Dea and Anthony Brophy. Under-age swimming championships were introduced which greatly encouraged participation in swimming. The decade would close with the opening of a new Corporation swimming pool in Dublin, Linn Snámha Markievicz.

The 1966 Liffey Swim

The youngest competitor ever to face the starter at Guinness's Wharf, Watling Street Bridge (Rory O'More Bridge) in a Liffey Swim to that date was accompanied by six other swimmers off 1 min on 10 August, 1966 at 7.00 pm.²¹²⁻²¹⁴ Francis White (Guinness SC), nick-name 'Chalkey', of Benbulbin Road, Drimnagh, a pupil at Moyle Park College, Clondalkin, was probably unknown to most of his fellow competitors and almost all of the spectators lining the quays and the bridges that evening. By 7.30 pm he was to emerge from obscurity from the River Liffey waters to Liffey Swim fame, a name on the lips of everyone which would appear in the next day headlines of the morning newspapers.

'Chalkey' White had, however, been obtaining a striking reputation in under-age swimming championships, introduced that year by the I.A.S.A., which had escaped the attention of the public at large.²¹⁵ At the Otter SC open under-age championships he chalked up wins in under-12 freestyle and backstroke^{216,217} and did similarly at the Dublin SC annual swimming gala.²¹⁸ He won the Leinster under-12 Boys 33.3 m butterfly²¹⁹, 33.3 m backstroke^{220,221}, 33.3 m freestyle^{220,221}, and placed 3rd in the under-12 Boys 33.3 m breaststroke.²¹⁹ Chalkey also collected multiple wins at the Leinster Junior Speed competitions at Iveagh Baths in breaststroke, front crawl, butterfly and backstroke in the Boys under-11 category.^{222,223}

Seventy-seven entrants, divided into eighteen handicap sections, were vying for the *Independent Cup* and Gold medal.^{212–214} Six former winners were in the field, all hoping for that historic second win under handicap – Cyril Hardy (1957, Club Snámha Columcille, handicap 40 sec), Kevin King (1959, Crusade Aquatic Club, handicap 2 min), Anthony “Tony” Byrne (1962, Half Moon SC, handicap 1 min 15 sec), Colm O’Brien (1963, Half Moon SC, handicap 30 sec), David Page (1964, North Dublin WSC, scratch man), and Patrick “Pat” Kelly (the holder, Guinness SC, handicap 30 sec). Among the Liffey Swim ‘veterans’ were Ultan Kerrigan (North Dublin WSC, handicap 4 min 40 sec), Neil Kennedy (Dublin SC, limit man), Willie Kearney (Dublin SC, handicap 4 min 40 sec) and Jackie Kearney (Dublin SC, handicap 4 min 20 sec).^{212–214}

Four swimmers were off scratch at 5 min – David “Davy” Page (North Dublin WSC), Des Carney (Club Snámha Columcille), Dermot “Derry” Kelleher (Half Moon SC) and Séamus Hamilton (North Dublin SC). Among the absentees from the line-up were 17-year-old Donnacha O’Dea (Club Snámha Columcille) and 16-year-old Liam Mortimer (North Dublin WSC), both of whom were competing at the Catholic Students’ Games near Brussels.^{212–214} At the Catholic Students’ Games at Soignies, both O’Dea and Mortimer were suspended by Irish officials after the medley relay for a breach of discipline and took no further part in the Games.^{224–226}

Liam Mortimer had had a very successful open sea swimming season – winner of the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim off scratch at 6 min^{227,228} and 3rd in the Island swim from Ireland’s Eye to Balcadden Beach, Howth.²²⁹ He also clocked the fastest time in the Kilmartin Cup race at Bray in finishing in 10th place.^{230,231} Liam Mortimer went on to win five under-16 individual Irish titles, the 4 × 100 m freestyle relay with North Dublin WSC and the Junior men’s swimming pentathlon.^{232–238}

Donnacha O’Dea went on to retain seven of his eight individual titles at the Irish National Championships and won the 4 × 100 m medley, 4 × 100 m freestyle and 4 × 200 m freestyle relays with Club Snámha Columcille.^{232–237} He did not defend his 800 m title because his entry was received a week late.²³⁹

Some of contenders fancied by Liffey Swim cognoscenti included: Dermot Kelleher, scratch man, who placed 4th in the Island Swim at Howth²²⁹, 2nd in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim^{227,228}; David Page, scratch man, 3rd in the Plunkett–McAllister Cup open sea race at Clontarf^{240,241}, winner of the Half Moon SC Clarke Cup Swim at the South Wall^{242,243}; Séamus Hamilton, scratch man, 2nd in the Crusade Aquatic Club-hosted Westclox Trophy race at Bull Wall²⁴⁴; Patrick Kennedy (Half Moon SC, handicap 30 sec), winner of the men’s half mile race for the Plunkett–McAllister Cup^{240,241}; Don Rungay (Bray Cove SC, handicap 3 min 20 sec), formerly of Tullamore SC, who last swam the Liffey Swim in 1955, 6th in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim^{227,228}, 3rd in the Kilmartin Cup race at Bray^{230,231}; Paul Emmett (Half Moon SC, handicap 1 min), runner-up

in the Plunkett–McAllister race at Clontarf^{240,241}, 2nd in *The Connacht Tribune* Prom Swim at Salthill, Galway in the fastest time²⁴⁵, 3rd in the Clarke Cup swim at South Wall^{242,243}; Ultan Kerrigan (North Dublin WSC, handicap 4 min 40 sec), 2nd in the Bray Harbour to Bray Cove Baths race for the Kilmartin Cup^{230,231}; P. O’Boyle (North Dublin WSC, handicap 3 min), 9th in the Island race from Ireland’s Eye to Howth²²⁹ and 6th in the Kilmartin Cup race at Bray^{230,231}; and Colm O’Brien, Liffey Swim winner in 1963, 5th in the Westclox Trophy swim²⁴⁴, 3rd in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim.^{227,228}

Others mentioned in dispatches were Liam Lacey (Club Snámha Columcille), winner of the Westclox Trophy race in tough conditions²⁴⁴; D. Potter (Clontarf SC, handicap 40 sec), 6th in the Island Swim at Howth²²⁹, 5th in the Kilmartin Cup swim^{230,231}; K. Horlacher (Dublin SC, handicap 3 min), 5th in the Ireland’s Eye to Balscadden Beach race²²⁹, 5th in the Prom Swim for *The Connacht Tribune* Cup²⁴⁵, 2nd in the Half Moon SC South Wall swim for the Clarke Cup^{242,243}; Brian Sweeney (Half Moon SC, handicap 15 sec), 4th in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim^{227,228}, 2nd in the Westclox Trophy race at Bull Wall against a very heavy tide²⁴⁴; Frank Owens (Club Snámha Columcille, handicap 3 min 20 sec), 4th in *The Connacht Tribune* Prom Swim at Salthill²⁴⁵, 4th in the Bray sea swim for the Kilmartin Cup^{230,231}, Silver medallist in the Leinster under-16 boys 100 m butterfly and 100 m breaststroke²²⁰ and Gold medallist in the Leinster and All-Ireland under-16 boys 4 × 100 m medley team relay with Club Snámha Columcille^{220,221,236,237}; and D. Fitzpatrick (Club Snámha Columcille, handicap 30 sec), winner of the Kilmartin Cup swim at Bray.^{230,231}

The race that unfolded during the 46th Liffey Swim is cast in the annals of the swim as one of the most remarkable in its history.^{246–250} The early leaders were Joe Kyne (North Dublin SC), Brendan McEvoy (Half Moon SC) and Mick Fitzgerald (Half Moon). Starting 1 min behind the “go” limit men, ‘Chalkey’ White rapidly made ground on the leaders. Approaching Father Mathew Bridge (Church Street Bridge) with McEvoy still leading and Kyne in close attendance, ‘Chalkey’ White came into the reckoning swimming backstroke. Having assessed the opposition he turned over and sped away on a fast front crawl. By Capel Street Bridge (Grattan Bridge) he had a lead of 100 yards. Don Rungay came through to take 2nd, with Brendan McEvoy lying 3rd, Liam Dunne (Guinness SC) 4th and Joe Kyne 5th. From then on ‘Chalkey White’ simply went further ahead until he emerged from under O’Connell Bridge as the easy winner. At O’Connell Bridge Frankie Owens (Club Snámha Columcille) put on a spurt to take 3rd place.^{246–250}

At the presentation of the *Independent Cup* and Gold medal even more surprise awaited the onlookers. There were gasps of astonishment when it was revealed that ‘Chalkey’ White had also recorded the fastest time of 22:02.^{246–250} It should be borne in mind that an Irish Native record for the Liffey Swim of 22:00 had been held jointly by Cecil Young (Neptune SC, Belfast) in 1953 and Paddy

Arrigan (Curragh SC) in 1954^{251,252}, until it was lowered by Nicholas Smith (Dublin SC) in 1962 and Donnacha O’Dea (Club Snámha Columcille) in 1963 and 1965.^{253–260}



Winner of 46th Liffey Swim
11-year-old Francis ‘Chalkey’ White with *Independent Cup*
(Irish Independent, 11 August, 1966, pg. 1)

Francis ‘Chalkey’ White joined an elite group of Liffey Swim winners who had also achieved the fastest swim honours in their respective races. Only three other winners in the history of the Liffey Swim under handicap had accomplished this double at that time. In 1932 Leo Maher (Republican SC) won in the fastest time^{261,262}, in 1946 Jimmy Rafter (Half Moon SC) accomplished this double^{263,264} and in 1958 the winner Robin Power (Sunday’s Well SC, Cork) tied the fastest time with Gerard F. Callanan (Pembroke AC), the scratch man.^{265–267}

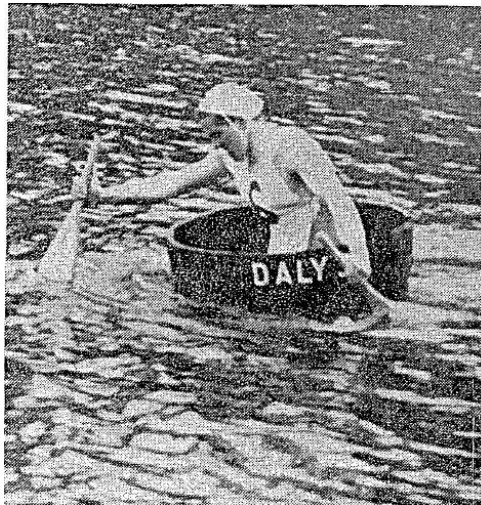
Top 10 finishers:^{246–250}

Place	Name	Age	Club	Handicap*	Nett Time
1	Francis “Chalkey” White	11	Guinness SC	4 min	22:02
2	Don Rungay	30	Bray Cove SC	3 min 20 sec	24:50
3	Frank Owens	15	Club Snámha Columcille	3 min 20 sec	25:02
4	Liam Dunne		Guinness SC	4 min	26:03
5	Joe Kyne	34	North Dublin WSC	5 min	27:15
6	Brendan McEvoy		Half Moon SC	5 min	27:28
7	Paul Emmett	21	Half Moon SC	1 min	23:32
8	L. Doran		Club Snámha Columcille	3 min 50 sec	26:28
9	P. Dolan		Clontarf SC	4 min 20 sec	27:02
10	Ultan Kerrigan		North Dublin SC	4 min 40 sec	27:23

*Time ahead of scratch man

Two swimmers were tied for the second fastest time of 23:08 – David Page (North Dublin WSC) and Des Carney (Club Snámha Columcille), both scratchmen who dead-heated for 12th place. The team trophy, the Independent Newspapers Shield, was won by Club Snámha Columcille – Frankie Owens 3rd, L. Doran 8th, Des Carney 12th and D. Fitzpatrick, place not reported.^{246–250}

One of the more amusing events in the River Liffey that year was the “Pub Tub Derby”.^{268,269} It was used by the Leinster Branch of the I.A.S.A. to raise funds towards the building of swimming pools in Dublin. The sponsors of the race comprised eleven well-known Dublin publicans. The tubs used for the event were formerly Guinness stout barrels and bore the names of the respective pubs on them.^{268,269} The course was between Capel Street Bridge (Grattan Bridge) and O’Connell Bridge. The winning pub received the Guinness Perpetual Trophy, presented by Arthur Guinness & Sons (Dublin) Ltd. Individual prizes were awarded to the ‘pilots’ of the first four tubs past the finish line.



Dónal McRandall (North Dublin SC), winner of the Pub Tub Derby
(Irish Independent, 12 July, 1966, pg. 5)

Terry Rogers, Dublin Bookmakers, opened an anti-post book. Ben Kealy (Half Moon SC) piloting Coles (Fairview), Kevin Page (North Dublin WSC) piloting O’Meara’s (The Irish House at Winetavern Street and Wood Quay, demolished to make way for the Civic Offices), and Bert O’Brien (Sandycove SC) piloting Red Hackle (Parliament Street near Essex Quay, now an Oxfam shop) were all 5/1.^{268,269} Dónal McRandall (North Dublin WSC) won the “Pub Tub Derby” in Daly’s (Eden Quay) tub.²⁷⁰

The 1967 Liffey Swim

The entry fee for the 48th Liffey swim was 2 shillings and 6 pence (2/6, half a crown or ‘half a dollar’ in Dublin slang), the same fee as in 1920.^{271,272} In the

interests of safety, the Leinster Branch I.A.S.A. retained the right to require trials over 880 yards for some entrants before being accepted in the race. In addition to the *Independent Cup* and Gold medal for the winner, there were prizes for places two through six and for the first, second and third fastest swims, as well as the team award.²⁷⁴

Four former winners were attempting to gain a second win: Tony Byrne (1962, Half Moon SC, handicap 2 min 15 sec), Colm O'Brien (1963, Half Moon SC, handicap 1 min), winner of the 5th annual Half Moon SC sea swim at Poolbeg, South Wall²⁷³; Pat Kelly (1966, Guinness SC, handicap 45 sec) and Francis 'Chalkey' White (the holder, Guinness SC, scratch man off 5 min).²⁷¹ The biggest talking point was the youthfulness of the winners over the previous years and whether or not a further 'water babe' would reach the finishing barge, moored near Butt Bridge, ahead of older competitors.^{274,275}

The start line-up included such well seasoned swimmers as Ultan Kerrigan (North Dublin WSC, limit man 5 min), Joe Kyne (North Dublin WSC, limit man 5 min), Willie Kearney (Dublin SC, limit man 5 min), Jackie Kearney (Dublin SC, handicap 4½ min) and Don Rungay (Bray Cove SC, handicap 3 min), who were all well known regulars at open sea events over many years.^{274,275}

Off scratch was to have been Donnacha O'Dea (Club Snámha Columcille), holder of the Irish Native record for the Liffey Swim of 20:00.^{274,275} The all-comers record of 19:02 set in 1949 by the Scottish swimmer Jack Waldrop (Motherwell SC) was felt to be under threat if the conditions were right.^{275,276} By the closing date 86 entries had been received. The highest numbers of club entries were from Half Moon SC and Dublin SC.²⁷⁴

The race was potentially given the flavour of a "Rumble in the River" – the mighty midget, 12-year-old 'Chalkey' White, a 'flyweight' water whippet at 4 ft 10 in (1.47 m) weighing in at 77 lbs (34.9 kg) versus the all-conquering 'Thorpedo' of his era, 18-year-old Donnacha O'Dea, a light middleweight Irish international at 5 ft 10 in (1.78 m) weighing in at 154 lbs (69.9 kg). 'Chalkey' White had placed 2nd to Donnacha O'Dea in the 1,500 m Irish championships.²⁷⁷ Anthony Brophy (now Club Snámha Columcille) had also been in the limelight in sea swims. Thus, a three-way swim-off might have been on the cards.

Donnacha O'Dea, now an 18-year-old who was studying Economics at U.C.D., had virtually ruled the roost in open sea swimming that season – winner of the Kilmartin Cup swim over the Bray Harbour to Bray Cove course in the fastest time off scratch^{278,279}, having won the 800 m freestyle Irish championship the previous evening in Cork, winner of *The Irish Times* Cup for the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim in the fastest time off scratch^{280,281}, winner of *The Connacht Tribune* Cup for the Prom Swim at Salthill, Galway in the fastest time off scratch²⁸²⁻²⁸⁴, and 2nd by some 10 yards to Anthony Brophy in the Island Swim from Ireland's Eye to Balcadden Beach, Howth, both swimmers credited with same nett time.²⁸⁵⁻²⁸⁷ To this success can be added his eight individual National

swimming titles – 100 m (Irish record), 200 m (Irish record), 400 m (Irish record), 800 m, and 1500 m freestyle, 100 m and 200 m butterfly, and 400 m individual medley – and three relay titles with Club Snámha Columcille – 4 × 100 m freestyle (Irish record), 4 × 200 m freestyle (Irish Record) and 4 × 100 m medley (Irish record).^{277,288–294} He later added the Irish pentathlon swimming title.²⁹⁵

Anthony Brophy, now a Senior Freshman student at T.C.D., had also had excellent open sea swimming performances. He won the Island Swim from Ireland's Eye to Howth, retaining the Kelly Cup and winning a second *Irish Independent* Gold medal^{285–287}, placed 2nd in *The Connacht Tribune* Cup swim in Galway^{282–284}, was 5th in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Swim^{280,281}, and 6th in the Kilmartin Cup swim at Bray.^{279,280} At the National Swimming Championships at Grove Baths, Belfast, he retained his 100 m (Irish record) and 200 m backstroke titles and, as with O'Dea, gained three relay titles with Club Snámha Columcille – 4 × 100 m freestyle (Irish record), 4 × 200 m freestyle (Irish Record) and 4 × 100 m medley (Irish record).^{288–294}

However, despite the newspaper publicity and hype concerning the Liffey Swim, the head-to-head between Donnacha O'Dea, Anthony Brophy and 'Chalkey' White was not to be. A week before the Liffey Swim Donnacha O'Dea and Tony Brophy were both selected as members of the Irish Swimming team for the Norway–Ireland match in Frederikstad, south of Oslo.^{296–298} In early July four Irish international swimmers – David Page (North Dublin SC), Liam Ball (City of Derry SC), Malcolm Bown (Wellington SC, Belfast) and K. Jenkins (Alliance ASC, Belfast) – had been suspended for three to six months for breaches of training discipline in connection with the international match against Wales at Neath.^{299,300} Both Donnacha O'Dea and Anthony Brophy scratched from the Liffey Swim to focus on intensive training at the Crystal Palace Pool in London in preparation for the international match in Norway and the National Championships.³⁰¹

It is unclear whether a code of conduct issued to team members prior to their travel to Norway, but which was a directive unauthorised by the I.A.S.A., influenced or impacted on these swimmers' decisions not to participate in the Liffey Swim.³⁰² Other absentees were Kevin Page (North Dublin WSC), Dermot "Derry" O'Rourke (Club Snámha Columcille), and Owen Corrigan (Club Snámha Columcille), who had also been selected for the Irish team going to Norway.^{296–298} That said, Liam Mortimer (North Dublin WSC), 3rd in 1963 Liffey Swim, who swam the 100 m freestyle in Frederikstad, was the back-marker with 'Chalkey' White in the 48th Liffey Swim.^{274,275}

Aside from the hullabaloo surrounding 'Chalkey' White, newer names had registered on the sea swimming circuit. Up-and-coming swimmers included: Michael Chaney (Club Snámha Columcille, handicap 2 min 35 sec), winner of the North Dublin WSC's open swim from Clontarf Yacht Club slipway to Clontarf Baths for the Plunkett–McAllister Cup^{303,304}, winner of the I.A.S.A. under-15

Speed Tests in breaststroke and front crawl³⁰⁵ and selected for Ireland in the Junior International against Wales³⁰⁶; D. Maguire (Dublin SC, handicap 1 min 45 sec), 4th in the Kilmartin Cup race at Bray^{278,279}, 4th in the Plunkett–McAllister Cup race at Clontarf^{303,304}, 2nd in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Race^{280,281}; Brian Sweeney (Half Moon SC, handicap 2 min 35 sec), 2nd in the Plunkett–McAllister Cup race at Clontarf^{303,304}, 3rd in the Westclox open mile swim at Bull Wall³⁰⁷, 4th in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Race^{280,281}, 4th in the Kelly Cup Island Swim at Howth^{285–287}; Jimmy Skehan (Marian College, handicap 2 min 30 sec), winner of the Westclox Bull Wall swim³⁰⁷; and Dermot Kelleher (Half Moon SC, handicap 1 min), 6th in the Kilmartin Cup Bray Swim^{278,279}, 3rd in the Dún Laoghaire Harbour Race^{280,281}, and 3rd in the Kelly Cup Island Race at Howth.^{285–287}

Perennials who had scored in the annual sea swims were Paul Emmett (Half Moon SC, handicap 1 min 45 sec), 3rd in the Kilmartin Cup from Bray Harbour to Bray Cove^{278,279}, 9th in the Plunkett–McAllister swim at Clontarf^{303,304}, 2nd in the Westclox Bull Wall swim³⁰⁷; Michael Fitzpatrick (Half Moon SC, handicap 4½ min), 3rd in the Half Moon Clarke Cup sea swim at Poolbeg, South Wall²⁷³, 7th in the Westclox Trophy 1-mile swim³⁰⁷, 6th in the Plunkett–McAllister Cup swim^{303,304} and 12th in *The Connacht Tribune* Cup Prom Race at Salthill.^{282–284}

Bert O'Brien (Half Moon SC, handicap 4½ min), who placed 2nd in the Half Moon SC sea race at South Wall over the Poolbeg mile course²⁷³, caused quite a stir at the annual Kilmartin Cup race from Bray Harbour to Bray Cove.³⁰⁸ Fear and trepidation were aroused when only 29 of the 30 competitors crossed the finishing line, Bert O'Brien being the missing swimmer.³⁰⁸ While a flotilla started searching from Bray Harbour, Bertie appeared on the beach having swum ashore and walked back to Bray, much to the relief of everyone. Using the Cross on the top of Bray Head as a landmark, he had inadvertently swum out to sea about half a mile off the course during the race.³⁰³



Bert O'Brien (Half Moon SC)
Missing swimmer at Kilmartin Cup swim at Bray
(*Irish Independent*, 14 August, 1967, pg. 7)

The weather conditions for spectators of the 48th Liffey Swim were ideal, which brought out throngs of followers along the quays and on the bridges, but the river was described as cold and choppy.^{309,310} Off scratch 5 min after the other 75 swimmers, 'Chalkey' White proceeded to gradually plough his way through the field. By the time he reached Capel Street Bridge (Grattan Bridge) he had overtaken a third of the swimmers. At the Ha'Penny Bridge (Metal Bridge), Bert O'Brien (Half Moon SC) was leading from his club-mate Michael Fitzpatrick. 'Chalkey' was now 7th, and receiving increasingly enthusiastic support from onlookers. From this point on he pressed the accelerator to take the lead going under O'Connell Bridge. He then surged away from his pursuers to win by 50 yards clear water. He also clocked the fastest time of 21:44, as he had the previous year.²⁴⁶⁻²⁵⁰ 'Chalkey's' older brother, Pat White (Guinness SC, handicap 1 min 15 sec) finished in 11th place.³⁰⁹⁻³¹³



'Chalkey' White (Guinness SC) being hoisted aboard the finishing barge on winning the 48th Liffey Swim
(Irish Independent, 15 August, 1967, pg. 12)

The second man home was Bert O'Brien, while 3rd place went to a well known, staunch supporter of the Liffey Swim, Mick Fitzpatrick. Mick had suffered a stitch along the Bachelor's Walk stretch and had stopped momentarily, but then continued on to claim the remaining podium position.³⁰⁹⁻³¹³

The 48th Liffey Swim was momentous in the history of the race. Francis White became the first swimmer to chalk up two wins in the classic 1¼-mile (2 km) race under handicap conditions and the first to win the race in back-to-back years. Only two other swimmers have since won the race twice – Arthur "Art" Dunne (Half Moon SC) in 1981 and 1982^{314,315} and Bert O'Brien (Sandycove SC) in 1988 and 1995.^{316,317} 'Chalkey' White is the only double winner of the Liffey

Swim to have won on each occasion in the fastest time. Neither Dunne nor O'Brien achieved their Liffey swim wins in the fastest times.³¹⁴⁻³¹⁷ Only one other 12-year-old, Anthony Byrne (Dublin SC) in 1962, has won the Liffey Swim.³¹⁸⁻³²²



Presentation of the *Independent Cup* to 'Chalkey' White, Winner of the Liffey Swim 1967, by Mr Patrick Burns, Independent Newspapers Ltd. (left) and Mr Liam Byrne, President Leinster Branch I.A.S.A. (*Irish Independent*, 15 August, 1967, pg. 9)

The prize for the 2nd fastest time went to Brian Sweeney (Half Moon SC) who placed 5th, while 3rd fastest swimmer was Michael Chaney (Club Snámha Columcille), in 8th place.³¹³

Top 10 finishers:³⁰⁹⁻³¹³

Place	Name	Age	Club	Handicap*	Nett Time
1	Francis "Chalkey" White	12	Guinness SC	Scratch	21:44
2	Bert O'Brien		Half Moon SC	4 min 30 sec	27:01
3	Michael "Mick" Fitzpatrick		Half Moon SC	4 min 30 sec	27:08
4	Brian Sweeney	31	Half Moon SC	1 min 35 sec	24:15
5	William "Willie" Finney		Half Moon SC	1 min 45 sec	25:58
6	H. Corrigan		Club Snámha Columcille	1 min 15 sec	26:35
7	Brian Stynes		Half Moon SC	5 min	27:57
8	Michael Chaney		Club Snámha Columcille	3 min 25 sec	24:35
9	G. Browne		Metropolitan SC	3 min 15 sec	26:15
10	Richard Bushell		North Dublin SC	2 min 15 sec	25:15

*Time ahead of scratch man

Half Moon SC claimed the team prize, the Independent Newspapers Shield, filling the next four places after 'Chalkey' White – Bert O'Brien 2nd, Mick

Fitzpatrick 4th, Brian Sweeney 4th and Willie Finney 5th.³⁰⁹⁻³¹³ The 'Moonmen' team's score of 14 place points remains the 2nd lowest team score recorded to date since the team competition was inaugurated in 1934, equalled by Half Moon SC in 1985. The best score of 10 pts was achieved by North Dublin WSC in 1941.³²²

The presentation of prizes took place at the Tara Street Baths. Mr Patrick Burns, Assistant Features Manager of Independent Newspapers, did the honours with Liam Byrne, President of the Leinster Branch of the I.A.S.A.^{309,310}

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