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Athlone Springs launches Volvo Ocean Race Schools Competition.

Friday 27th March 2009. On Wednesday 25th March the Athlone Springs Hotel hosted an information evening for schools in Athlone and surrounding area to take part in a competition involving the Volvo Ocean Race.

The Volvo Ocean Race which is the world's sixth biggest sporting event is coming to Galway with the leading boats due off the Aran Islands in less than eight weeks time. The Athlone Springs Hotel is teaming up with the Galway stopover organisers to offer primary schools in the greater Athlone area a chance to compete for a 'once in a lifetime school tour' prize.

The competition which extends to 5th and 6th year classes only, involves making a replica of the Irish entry the 'Green Dragon'. The replica cannot exceed 3ft in length and height. Entries are being processed by the Athlone Springs Hotel and the closing date for entries is 5th May 2009. All entries are to be submitted to the Athlone Springs Hotel.

The winning prize is an all expenses paid school tour to Galway during the stopover on an agreed day with VIP quayside access and a session with a Green Dragon crew member. There are also runner up prizes and a prize for the winning teacher.

The Green Dragon is currently lying in fourth position as the race heads for Rio de Janeiro. Ideas and photos for the competition with additional information on the race can be found on www.letsdoitgalway.com and www.letsdoitschools.com.

For schools who are still interested in getting involved and were not able to attend the information evening can contact Nicola Nestor, Events Coordinator at the Athlone Springs Hotel on 090 644 4444 or email events@athlonespringshotel.com

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Attached Photos: Green Dragon Photo (photo of the Green Dragon)
IMGP0786 (some of the supporters on at the Competition launch.
From left to right: Martin Daly – General Manager, Athlone Springs Hotel, Mary Mollen – St. Oliver Plunkett Boys National School, Joan Conway – Cornaffula National School, Yvonne Walsh – Attyrory National School, Laura Gilleran – Brideswell National School, John Murphy – letsdoitschools.com