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S WE APPROACH another sailing season, we hope that Welcome Anchorages will be a useful addition to your chart table or

Last year's third edition again proved very popular with visiting and home based cruising yachtsmen, the waterside hospitality industry, and the marine trade, and this new edition has much updated detail to help you make the best of your time in Scottish waters.

Please note that Welcome Anchorages does not provide navigational information, as this is

available in great detail and accuracy elsewhere (see adjacent panel). The Crown Estate's Marine Communties Fund again

Mike Balmforth Editor

contributed to the costs of this year's Welcome Anchorages. We are also grateful to RYA Scotland and the British Marine Federation for support and encouragement.

Welcome Anchorages is available at boat shows, marinas, marine trade outlets and also to download from our website-

www.welcomeanchoragesscotland.com.

Comments and updates are always welcome and can be sent to the Editor by email to mike@clydemarinepress.co.uk, or via the website. We want this guide to be as accurate and up to date as possible in

the future.

Fair winds and good sailing in 2011!

Alistair Vallance Publishe

Main picture: Bellanoch, Crinan Canal. Small pictures: (clockwise from top left) Glencoe, Kames, Kirkwall & Plockton.

#### **NAVIGATIONAL INFORMATION**

The Clyde and the southern West Coast of Scotland is well supplied with navigational information from club and commercial

Charts are available from the UK Hudrographic Office and from Imray, Laurie, Norie & Wilson, Both publish chart folios for Clyde and Southern West Coast designed for leisure use, which provide more detail relevant to small craft navigation.

Clyde and West Coast Sailing Directions were pioneered by Clyde Cruising Club, who published their first sailing directions in the Club journal of 1910. In 1923 they were published as the Clyde Cruising Club Sailing Directions, have since run to ten editions, and are now published in six sections. Imray's Yachtsman's Pilot series covers the West of Scotland in four volumes. Most skippers have both aboard to ensure the most comprehensive coverage.

Charts and pilots are available from chart agents, chandlers, and in some cases direct from the publishers. Contacts: www.ukho.co.uk: www.clyde.org; www.imray.com



## SAIL ACROSS SCOTLAND

From the majestic Caledonian Canal in the Highlands and picturesque Crinan Canal in Argyll and Bute, to the recently restored Forth & Clyde and Union Canals in the Lowlands, Scotland's 220km (137 mile) network of inland waterways offer visitors a breathtaking array of leisure opportunities.









## CALEDONIAN

The 96km (60 mile) Caledonian Canal is the quickest route from the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean and Irish Sea, passing through spectacular scenery and 45km (28 mile) of natural lochs including the world famous Loch Ness.

## **CRINAN**

Revelling in the title of 'Britain's most beautiful shortcut' the 14.5km (9 mile) Crinan Canal is one of the UK's most picturesque canals linking the Firth of Clyde with the West Coast.

## FORTH & UNION CLYDE CANAL CANAL

Re-opened in 2001. the 60km (37 mile) Forth & Clyde Canal strides the country from east to west linking the Firth of Forth at Grangemouth to the River Clyde at Bowling.

The Union Canal flows for 51km (32 miles) from the picturesque town of Falkirk to the heart of Edinburgh, allowing smaller craft to sail to the centre of Scotland's capital city.

The Falkirk Wheel, the world's first and only rotating boat lift transfers boats through the 30 metre height difference between the Forth & Clyde and Union Canals.

#### **CHANNEL DIMENSIONS**

Length 45.72m (150ft), Width 10.67m (35ft) Depth 4.11m (13.5ft), Max.mast height for through passages 27.4m (89.8ft)

#### **CHANNEL DIMENSIONS**

Length 26.82m (88ft), Width 6.09m (20ft) Depth 2.89m (9.5ft), Max.mast height for through passages 28.95m (95ft)

CHANNEL DIMENSIONS Length 20.47m (67ft), Width 6.35m (20.8ft), Depth 1.83m (6ft), Max. headroom 3.0m (9.8ft) Yacht masts require to be unstepped.

For your free skipper's guide and latest information on all the above canals visit www.scottishcanals.co.uk



The British Marine Federation (BMF) is the trade association for the leisure and small commercial marine industry, and all kinds of marine businesses around Scotland are members.

BMF demands high standards of its members, which is an assurance that when dealing with a member company you will get good and fair service. You can identify BMF members in Welcome Anchorages by the BMF symbol shown beside their entry.

BMF represents the interests of marine businesses, and also brings the voice of the leisure marine industry and its customers to the attention of governments in Scotland, Westminster, and the EU. Recent campaigns to minimise the adverse effects of legislation and regulation have been focussed on the Scottish and UK Marine Bills, with renewable energy a growing threat to some of our sailing waters.

These boating interests are well represented by the Scottish Boating Alliance.





Scottish waters offer stunningly beautiful scenery, some of the best sailing in the world and a wealth of marine wildlife.

Follow these top tips from The Green Blue to help safeguard these beautiful waters and habitats for future generations.

- · Keep your distance from wildlife. Do not chase but let them come to you. Use binoculars for a better view. The Scottish Marine Wildlife Watching code - www.marinecode.org - tells you all you need to know.
- · Be careful where you land, especially in the breeding season, taking care not to disturb nesting birds or seal colonies.
- Be careful not to spill oil and fuel and check your bilges before pumping out. One litre of oil or fuel can contaminate one million litres of wa
- Raw sewage from boats can be a powerful pollutant. Use shore-side toilet facilities wherever possible and particularly if you are anchored in water with restricted tidal flow or near shellfish beds.
- · Use only environmentally friendly cleaners below and on deck.
- · In the more remote parts of Scotland waste bins can be hard to find so plan to hold on to your rubbish and dispose of it properly, recycling as much as possible. Make sure no loose waste gets blown overboard
- · Minimise your use of fossil fuels, sail where possible and go with the tide. Use the free gym and row your tender rather than use the outboard!
- · Avoid excess noise and wash and take time to enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful coastline

The Green Blue is the joint environmental initiative by the British Marine ration and the Royal Yachting Association, supp









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THE CLYDE Estuary's numerous islands, many small towns and sheltered anchorages offer an attractive and safe place to sail, but the Clyde is also important as a base for wider cruising activity. The remainder of Scotland's west coast is accessible through the Crinan Canal, as is the east coast and Scandinavia via the Forth & Clyde and Caledonian Canals. Ireland and the northern Irish Sea is approximately a day's sail away.

Sailing in the Firth of Clyde splits into four areas, enabling the sailor to find water that is suited to his boat, level of experience, the weather, and crew ability. The east shore has the majority of the large marinas used for permanent berthing, good transport links and easy access from centres of population. The western areas generally offer destinations; places where sailors wish to visit, and they vary from secluded anchorages to harbours with pontoons and other village amenities. Upstream the River Clyde and its sea lochs are well suited to powered craft and smaller sailing yachts, with Glasgow City again turning its face to the river and seeking to attract more activity on the water. Berthing facilities which now exist close to Glasgow city centre will enable a cruising yacht to visit for a few days, or more.

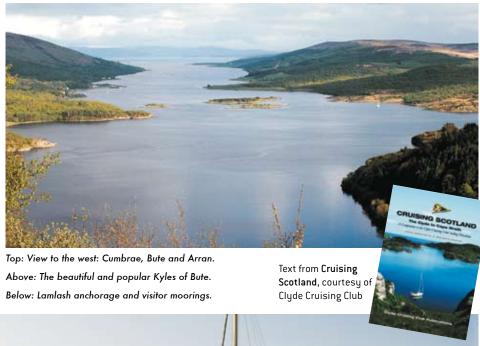
To the south is the North Channel and the seaways from Ireland, England and Wales. For many visiting cruising folk this is the routeway to Scottish cruising. With good havens on the mainland coast, and the grandeur of Ailsa Craig and Arran on the horizon, it is a splendid introduction to cruising in Scottish waters.

Cruising on the Clyde has many advantages over landbased touring, where, unless a ferry can be taken, long journeys around the heads of the lochs take up much of the time. On a yacht one can hope for a near-direct line. This a great source of satisfaction in itself and it soon becomes apparent why this region became so highly developed for industry and tourism long before road or rail travel was practicable.

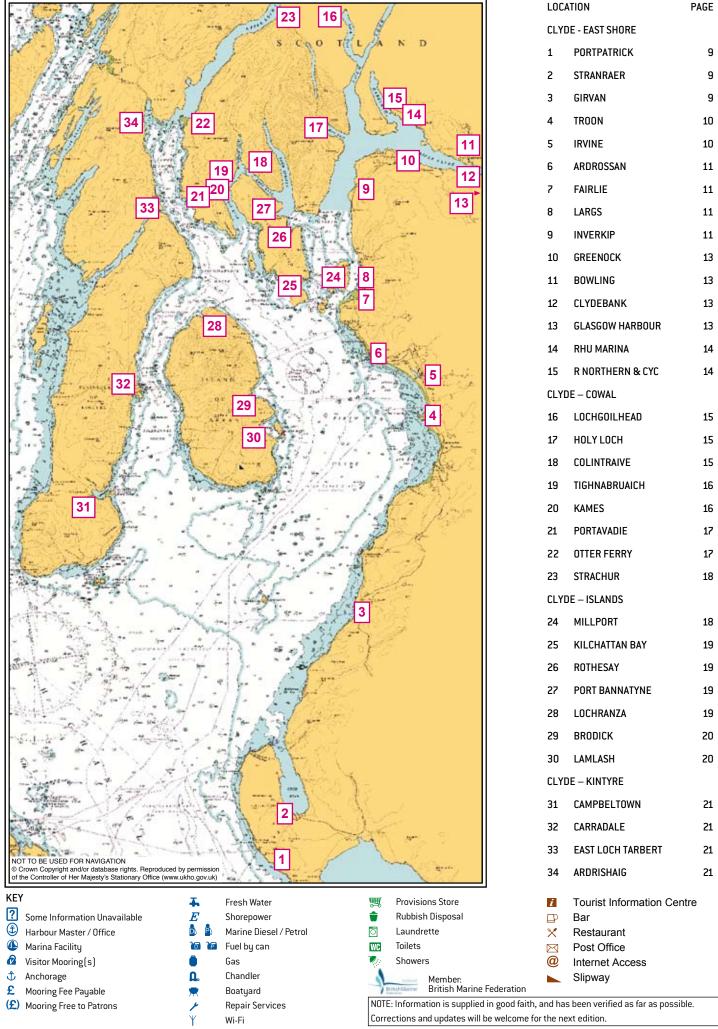
The Clyde offers a wide variety of sailing areas, ranging from long, narrow lochs extending north into the hills to the more open waters surrounding Arran in the south, with gentler passages around the Isle of Bute and the Cumbraes in between. Navigation is straightforward and hazards are well marked. Tidal streams are rarely significant and the shelter is such that in all but the most extreme weather conditions it is usually possible

to get some sailing, an important consideration for weekend sailors.

Cruising opportunities within the Firth are boundless and planning a two week cruise with a different anchorage every night is no problem. Perhaps the best advice is to allow extra time over and above a basic itinerary in case of poor weather or spontaneous stopovers at attractive places, and diversions to others. There is nothing worse than to be driven by a timetable that turns a holiday into a logistics exercise!







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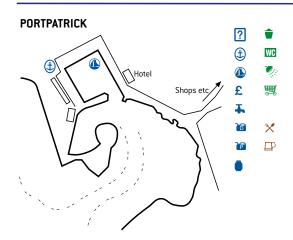
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#### **CLYDE – EAST SHORE**



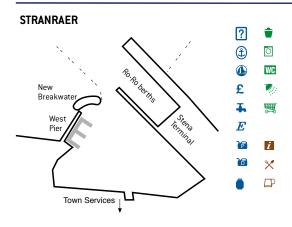
Portpatrick is a snug and friendly harbour in most conditions, overlooked by hotels and restaurants, and has several shops on its winding main street, however, pilot books advise that the entrance is difficult in strong winds between south-west and

Visitor interests include two golf courses, a bus service to Stranraer, and it is at the western end of the Southern Upland Way, which offers good walks along the spectacular coast to the north. The lifeboat station is at the harbour, and it has a small visitor centre.

Portpatrick has an interesting history, once the main link between Scotland and Ireland, and is still a characterful place.

Leisure Harbours Ltd Phone: 01776 810355 F-mail: None Website: None VHF: None





Stranraer is developing its leisure marine facilities, and the new breakwater and pontoon berths are now complete.

More developments are anticipated when the Stena Ferry moves to Cairnryan.

The town offers a good range of shops and visitor attractions, such as the museum and the Castle of St. John where the view from the roof is magnificent. Transport connections are good for crew changes.

Stranraer is a great centre for the serious walker and is skirted by the Southern Upland Way, or the visitor can enjoy 18 holes of golf at Creachmore. Loch Ryan Sailing Club is located at Wig Bay, a little north of the town.

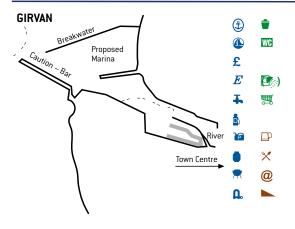
Stranraer Harbour (Dumfires & Galloway Council) Phone: 07734 073421

E-mail: None

Website: www.dumgal.gov.uk

VHF: 14 (Ferry VTS)





This traditional harbour is used by a mixture of fishing and pleasure vessels. Visitors raft on pontoons (due to be extended for the 2011 season) or the wooden screen jetty along with local yachts. The town has a good range of shops, pubs, restaurants etc, and a rail connection to Glasgow and Stranraer.

It is recommend that visitors call the mobile number prior to arrival

Harbour channel depth is usually 1m plus chart datum: ie 3m of water at half tide, and is not usually dredged to 2.6 metres + chart datum as shown on charts.

Entrance not recommended 2 hours either side of low water when there is possibly less than 2 metres

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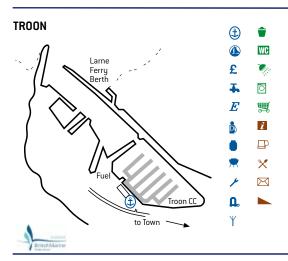


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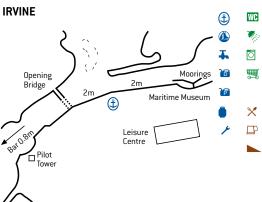
A 400 berth fully serviced marina boasting some of the finest facilities in the country, including an award winning bar & restaurant, and a luxurious new toilet and shower area.

Located close to the town centre of Troon with its large variety of shops and outstanding quality of restaurants, Troon Yacht Haven is your first port of call upon entering the Clyde.

The marina is less than 10 minutes from Glasgow Prestwick Airport, has excellent road and rail links with Glasgow and the south, as well as a direct fast ferry service to Northern Ireland - Troon is without doubt the most accessible marina in Scotland!

Troon Yacht Haven Phone: 01292 315553 E-mail: troon@yachthavens.com Website: www.yachthavens.com





Irvine offers numerous cafes, pubs and restaurants both in town and at the harbour area, including The Ship Inn licensed in 1754 and serving award winning pub food.

Within easy walking distance are the Magnum Leisure Centre, the Irvine Beach Park and the Scottish Maritime Museum.

The Harbour is not manned full time but the Duty Harbourmaster can be contacted on the numbers

The pontoons have limited visitor space available for day visits and overnight stops.

The charted depth at the entrance bar varies seasonally and annually, care should be taken in on-shore winds in excess of F4.

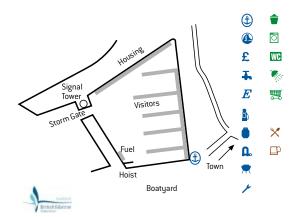
Irvine Harbour Company Duty Harbourmaster: 01294 314050 / 07958 500953 Scottish Maritime Museum: 01294 278283 Irvine Watersports Club: 01294 274981 Website:www.irvineharbour.com





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Clyde Marina is home of Sunbird International Yacht Sales, brokers and distributors of Beneteau yachts. Cruise the Clyde and West Coast from this well located, professional and friendly marina.

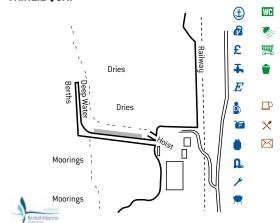
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#### **FAIRLIE QUAY**



Fairlie Quay is starting the development process to become a full service Marina and leisure craft service centre and currently boasts the largest marine hoist on the Clyde with lifting capacity of 80 tons.

Located at the village of Fairlie in North Ayrshire, Fairlie Quay Marina is within 30 minutes of Prestwick and Glasgow airports. Fairlie also provides the facilities of post office, ATM, general stores, B&B, train station and bus connections. All these factors combine to make Fairlie Quay Marina an outstanding base for cruising the beautiful Scottish west coast or to store your boat safely during the winter months. There are 24 fully serviced moorings, and diesel and gas sales 24

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Scotland's finest marina is perfectly situated in the Firth of Clyde for sheltered island sailing, just 40 minutes from Glasgow and Prestwick airports. It has sheltered access from the Largs Channel between the island of Great Cumbrae and the Ayrshire coast.

The Yacht Haven has an on-site bar and restaurant, coffee shop, sailing club and shops, including a chandlery. Shore services, which are open throughout the year, include a sailmaker, boat repairer, and engine, rigging and electronics specialists.

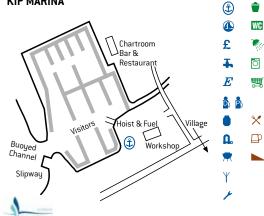
Yacht sales and brokerage companies complete the picture.

There are 750 berths, and boat facilities include a 70 ton hoist, 24 hour diesel, petrol, gas, sewage pump-out, and a slipway.

Largs Yacht Haven. Tel: 01475 675333 Night mobile: 07920 098 222 E-mail: largs@yachthavens.com Website: www.yachthavens.com VHF: 80/37/M2



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## Welcome to Clyde Waterfront

Just as "Clydebuilt" is synonymous with the Clyde's past, so Clyde Waterfront's regeneration symbolises its future.



For further info please see Firth of Clyde Marine Leisure Guide at www.clydeport.co.uk

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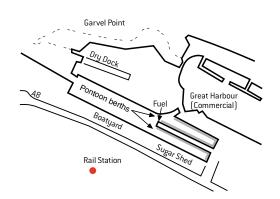
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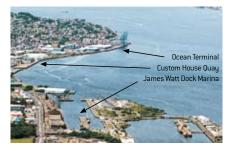
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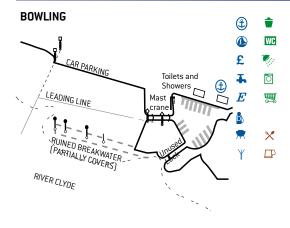


Based in the historic James Watt Dock, alongside the historic Victorian Sugar Shed this new marina is planned to open in May 2011 and is the first step in establishing an exciting new waterfront development only 23mls from Glasgow and 15mls from the Airport. An office and reception will be open from Jan 2011 and a toilet and shower facility will be in place by the spring. Within easy reach of Greenock's cinema, pool, ice rink, restaurants and shops, and with nearby train and bus connections the marina will be a great location for both visitors and regular berthers.

From 9th-12th July 2011 the Tall Ships will be visiting James Watt Dock.

CSM Scotland - James Watt Dock Marina c/o James Watt Dock LLP Suite G1, 22 Pottery Street GREENOCK PA15 2117 Tel: 07710 611117





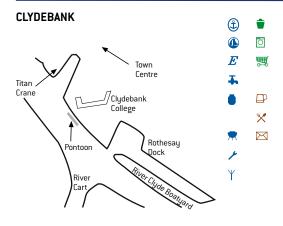
This attractive, historic basin is at the western end of the Forth & Clyde Canal, where it meets the River Clyde. The sea lock and canal dimensions are: length 20.47m; beam 6.35m; depth 1.83m and air draft 3.00m. Access is at 2 hours either side of HW, or as advised.

The basin and its surroundings have been completely refurbished, and now offer good shore amenities, pontoon berths, a de-masting crane for boats transitting the waterway, and convenient transport links. Car parking and landscaped surroundings complete the picture. Bowling has several shops and pubs.

More details of Bowling Basin and the Forth & Clyde Canal can be obtained by downloading the Skipper's Guide from the Scottish Canals website, see above.

**British Waterways Scotland** Tel: Bowling Sea Lock 01389 877969 BWS Canal Office 0141 332 6936 E-mail: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk VHF: Ch 16/74 "Bowling Basin" during sealock opening hours 2h-HW-2h only.



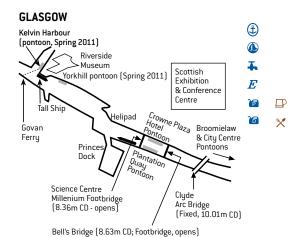


A new pontoon was opened in July 2009 at Queens Quay, immediately in front of Clydebank College, the Titan Enterprise Pavilion and the Titan Crane's visitor centre (open May to Oct Fri, Sat, Sun & Mon). This new pontoon ensures easy shore access for visiting craft not just to these adjacent facilities but also to the centre of Clydebank with its railway / bus stations and Clyde shopping centre nearby. It also provides a docking point for summer sightseeing cruises and potential waterbus services from Glasgow and Renfrew as well as some overnight mooring facilities for small private craft.

Contact for visiting yachts: Donna Leitch at Clydebank Re-built Tel: 0141 951 3420

E-Mail: Front.Desk@clydebankrebuilt.co.uk Website: http://www.clydebankrebuilt.co.uk





Pontoons are planned at the new Transport Museum; check with Glasgow City Council (GCC). for berthing arrangements.

Above Millennium Bridge the pontoon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel can be booked by calling SECC and at Plantation Quay by calling GCC.

Millennium Bridge is operated by the Glasgow Science Centre (0141 420 5030 or 07733-889056). Between 0900-1700 1 hours notice is required; 3 hours between 1700-0900.

Bells Bridge is now operated by Silvers Marine (01436 831222). At least 2 hours notice is required. The bridges cannot be opened in wind speeds of more than 20mph (17kts).

To go upstream of the Clyde Arc Bridge to the GCC pontoons at the Broomielaw and George V Bridge check air draft and tide height. Both have security.

Glasgow City Council, 0141 287 9028 (0800-1700) or 0141 276 1585 (1700-0800). Email: pontoon@glasgow.gov.uk Web: www.glasgow.gov.uk SECC: 0141 275 6270. Clydeport: 01475 726221 (H24) VHF Ch12 (H24)



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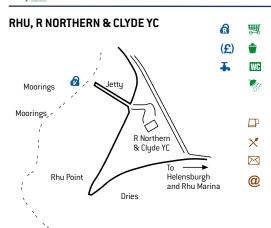


Rhu Marina is owned by The Crown Estate and is operated by Quay Marinas Limited. It is situated in first class sailing waters and a stunning location. Visitors are welcome at all times.

Over the past winter new floating breakwaters and berthing pontoons have been installed to provide a safe haven in all conditions. There are good transport connections to Helensburgh and Glasgow. Local attractions include fine walks, nearby Helensburgh Golf Club and Hill House, designed by Charles Rennie Macintosh.

Contact us for a copy of our 2011 Yearbook or visit our website for all our details and information. Rhu Marina is a member of TransEurope Marinas. Quay Marinas Ltd - Rhu Marina Harbourmaster: 01436 820238 Email: rhumarina@quaymarinas.com Website: www.quaymarinas.com VHF: Ch 80 / 37





This clubhouse is in a listed building in beautiful setting on Rhu spit.

The Club moorings are accessed from the Club jetty. Launch service on demand from 0900 to sunset every day from end of April to beginning of September – reduced hours earlier and later in season. Visitors are welcome to use the Clubhouse and bar and bar lunches are available every day – sailing suppers on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and evening dining on Fridays. Group visits, for musters etc. are welcome by prior arrangement and catering can be arranged for this type of function.

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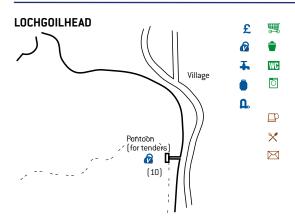




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#### **CLYDE - COWAL**



Lochgoilhead has sheltered moorings at the head of Loch Goil, an arm of Loch Long. These are located at the North East corner of the Loch, just off the pontoon for landing of tenders.

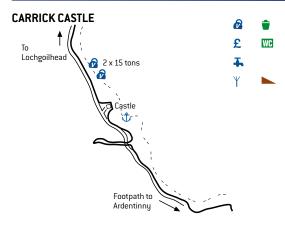
The Lochgoilhead area is rich in things to offer the visitor. Within the village there are shops, a post office, hotels, restaurants and a golf course and health club offering swimming, suana, and gymnasium facilties.

There are two restaurants, bars, and shops within five minutes walk. Gas is available (at PO), and water and public toilets are situated in the village. Diesel and water can be obtained from Lochgoil Cruisers, across the loch.

Lochgoilhead Jetty Trust Phone: 01301 703432

E-mail: cuthbertson367@btinternet.com Website: www.lochgoil.co.uk



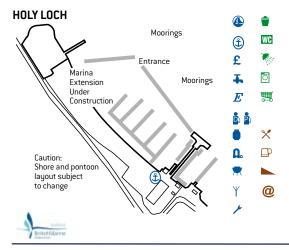


Yachts and other boats up to 15 tonnes visiting Carrick Castle can use the blue visitor's mooring buoys with yellow pick-up buoys, one cable north of the castle, serviced annually. Please note these pick up buoys are removed over the winter months. The visitor's mooring charge is £10.00 per night that can be paid for by using PayPal at www.paymooring.co.uk. There is free Wi-Fi available at the moorings or if no computer on board payment should be made within 14 days of use. Lunchtime stopovers are free between 1100 & 1400 only. Do not use any private moorings.

There is lots of information on the Carrick Castle Boat Club website, including directions for and photographs of several walks, and a lot more besides. You can access this information by WiFi from your boat.

Contact for visiting yachts: Jim Graham, Moorings Officer Telephone: 01301 703709 E-mail: Moorings@carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk Website: www.carrick-castle-boat-club.co.uk





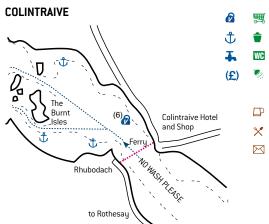
Holy Loch Marina is a family run business, at the gateway to the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park, on the Cowal Peninsula, where landscape meets seascape.

The marina offers ample facilities for yachts and boats and their crew, both at the marina and nearby. Holy Loch Marina is situated in Sandbank, near Dunoon, amongst beautiful scenery in a relaxing, established holiday area, and offers all the sailing and yachting facilities you would expect to find in a first class marina.

Loch Long and the Upper Firth of Clyde are just a short sail away, and it is 20 minutes by frequent ferry from Gourock to Hunter's Quay.

Holy Loch Marina Phone: 01369 701800 E-mail: info@holylochmarina.co.uk Website: www.holylochmarina.co.uk VHF: CH80: 0800-2200





The Colintraive Hotel welcomes all sailors to its moorings, and is open all year providing some of the best food and local produce in the area.

The restaurant is elegant, the bar is cosy with a log fire, and sells real ale and good malts.

Bar meals and restaurant meals are available every day for lunch and dinner, and feature fresh produce such as local langoustines, hand dived scallops, Isle of Bute lamb and local venison.

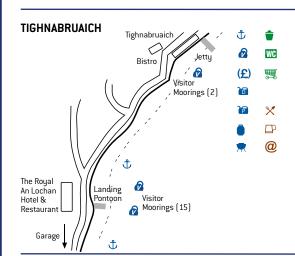
The hotel is very popular and therefore it is best to book a table in advance.

The village shop next door sells home baked bread, fresh dairy products, and newspapers, to name but a few. A shower room is available.

Colintraive Hotel & village shop Phone:01700 841207 E-mail: enquiries@colintraivehotel.com Website www.colintraivehotel.com:



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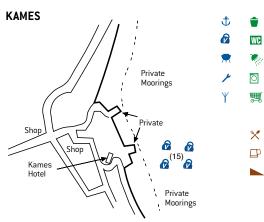
Tighnabruaich has a bistro, a hotel and bar, provisions store, post office, arts and crafts gallery, bank, and a café. There is a good dinghy landing jetty beside the RNLI boathouse.

Burnside Bistro is licenced, has bedrooms, and also offers two visitor moorings immediately off the village for the use of clients.

Just south of the village The Royal An Lochan, now under new ownership, provides 15 moorings for patrons and a dinghy landing place opposite the hotel. Its restaurants offer fresh seafood and game, fine wines, and the lively Shinty Bar is a popular watering hole.

Burnside Bistro: 01700 800739
The Royal An Lochan: 01700 811239
E-mail: info@burnsidebistro.co.uk
info@theroyalanlochan.co.uk
Websites: www.burnsidebistro.co.uk
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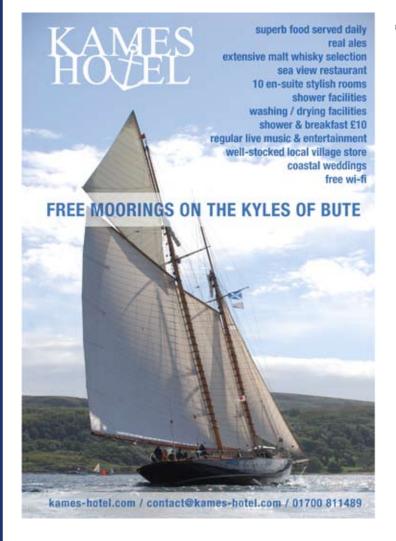


Kames Hotel offers a warm highland welcome, and is fully in tune with yachtsmen's needs with three bars and an outside seating area, lots of malt whiskies and real ales.

The owners serve good honest food and drink, with an emphasis on local seafood and game. The 9 bedrooms have stunning views of the Kyles. There is a gentle beach for landing outside the hotel, where you can safely leave your dinghy whilst enjoying a meal and a few drinks whilst overlooking your boat on one of the visitor moorings. Further south, Carry Farm is the home of Tighnabruaich Sailing School, and operates a weekend tearoom and craft shop. The anchorage is sheltered, and water, showers etc are available.

The Kames Hotel
Phone: 01700 811489
E-mail: contact@kames-hotel.com
Website: www.kames-hotel.com



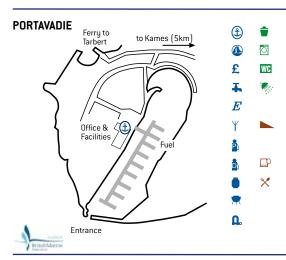




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#### **CLYDE - COWAL**



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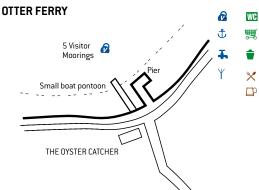
The 100 visitor berths are free during the day and in the facilities building you will find luxury showers, a family bathroom, a drying room as well as a critically acclaimed restaurant and bar.

Choose from shore side accommodation featuring luxury apartments, cosy cottages and new for 2011 a Lodge offering family and group accommodation. A must see is the new provisions, gifts and chandlery shop.

Bike hire is also available to all visitors.

Portavadie Marina Phone: 01700 811075 E-mail:info@portavadiemarina.com Website: www.portavadiemarina.com VHF: Channel 80





Otter Ferry is located on the East Shore of Loch Fyne, just north of Otter Spit. The Oystercatcher is a pub and restaurant right on the beach with an amazing beer garden overlooking the visitor moorings and pontoon. It is under new management by a keen yachtsman, so The Oystercatcher welcomes all boats and provide facilities suited to boating visitors.

A fabulous pontoon offers easy access by tender or small boat at all states of the tide. There are 7 swinging visitor moorings and free wireless internet to the moorings.

The Oystercatcher offers a free pickup service to visiting yachts by prior arrangement.

The Oystercatcher Phone: 01700 821229 E-mail: info@theoystercatcher.co.uk Website: www.theoystercatcher.co.uk





# The Royal an Lochan

At The Royal an Lochan we are taking a step back to take a step forward, back to a time when sailors were welcomed at the front door, to a time when food filled the plate and did not empty your wallet, to a time when staff were expected to laugh and joke with the guests. Come and see the changes for yourself.



Mouth watering food served all day, in the Shinty Bar and Deck Restaurant. Book ahead to avoid disappointment.

- Under new ownership.
- Fully serviced moorings for 2011
- A warm welcome awaits you
- Free wifi
- Real Ales & Malts
- Free use of moorings to all patrons of the hotel.







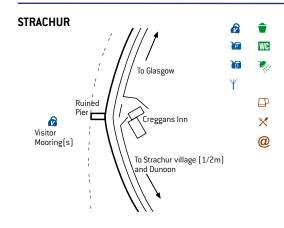
#### The Royal an Lochan

Shore Road, Tighnabruaich, Argyll PA21 2BE www.theroyalanlochan.co.uk email: info@theroyalanlochan.co.uk Lat - 55° 54′ 4″ N Long - 5° 14′ 16″ W

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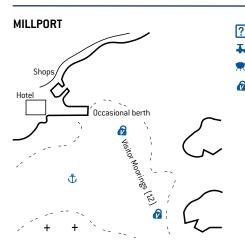
The Creggans' traditional cosy bar with log fire is a friendly and comfortable place to quench a thirst. Cask Ales, often from Fyne Ales, and a generous range of malt whiskies are stocked.

McPhunn's Bar is named after Archie MacPhunn who was hanged in Inveraray for sheep stealing, but when his body was collected by his wife to row home across the loch, it revived! By law he could not be hanged again, and lived in Strachur for many more years.

The restaurant adjacent to the bar serves a range of food from snacks to steaks. The menu is supplemented by daily specials, which allows us to offer the best fresh seasonal produce. We serve lunches between 12.00 & 2.30 and evening meals between 6.00 and 8.30.

The Creggans Inn Phone: 01369 860 279 E-mail: info@creggans-inn.co.uk Website: www.creggans-inn.co.uk





Millport is well served by shops including newsagents, grocers, craft and gift, clothes, electrical and hardware stores and an internet cafe. Eating places range from restaurants and pubs to fish & chip and ice cream shops.

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Cumbrae is renowned for cycling and has several cycle hire shops. Other activities are an 18-hole golf course, crazy golf, football pitches, fly and sea fishing and a network of walking paths.

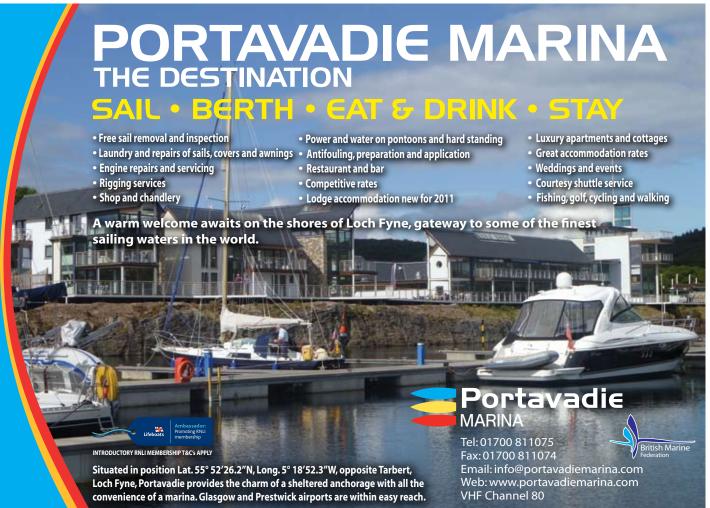
The Cathedral of the Isles of the Scottish Episcopal is the smallest cathedral in the British Isles. The University Marine Biological Station has a small museum and aquarium.

Garrison House in the centre of town was the Barracks Captain's mansion, then the home of the Earl of Glasgow, and is currently being renovated.

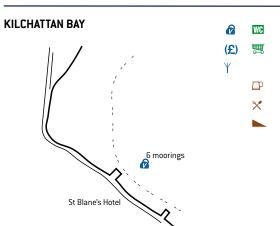
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E-mail: kdon@north-ayrshire.gov.uk Website: north-ayrshire.gov.uk





#### **CLYDE – ISLANDS**

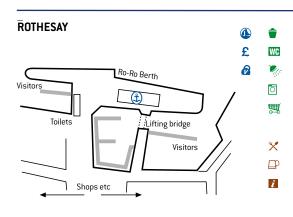


Kilchattan Bay is one of the most serene and breathtaking locations on Bute, and St. Blane's is the ideal setting for exploring Bute's three golf courses or walking the West Island Way as well as cycling, fishing, water sports or simply relaxing and enjoying the view.

With spectacular views out over Kilchattan Bay, this traditional, family run, pet friendly, licensed hotel offers superior en-suite accommodation with a touch of luxury, including four-poster suites for that special occasion and the largest beer garden on the island! We have an extensive bar menu and are open to non residents.

Contact organisation: St Blane's Hotel Phone: 01700 831224 E-mail: info@stblaneshotel.com Website: www.stblaneshotel.com





Bute Berthing Co operates, on behalf of the island community, fully serviced pontoons in Rothesay Harbour, in the heart of this historic Royal Burgh, together with 15 moorings in Rothesay Bay. Approximately 24 berths are currently available in the Outer Harbour, 30 in the inner harbour, and up to 12 at the West Arm of the main pier.

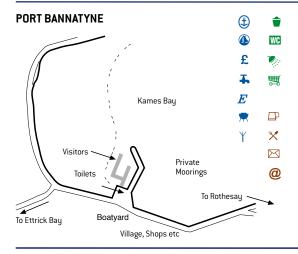
A wide range of shops, restaurants, pubs and other facilities is available just a few steps from the harbour, the ideal location from which to explore the beautiful Isle of Bute

Showers are available nearby at Rothesay's award winning Victorian Loos!

For pontoon and mooring availability or advice call Bute Berthing Company.

Contact organisation: Bute Berthing Company Tel: 07799 724225 VHF Channel 37 or 16. To request bridge opening: Rothesay Harbour VHF Ch 12





Port Bannatyne Marina is in Kames Bay, 3 miles north of Rothesay. The marina is protected by a breakwater and accessible at all tides - a port of call not to be missed, and an ideal destination for a weekend or overnight stay.

Shore facilities include toilets and showers, lifting and winter storage, and all boat repairs.

The village of Port Bannatyne has a Post Office with essential groceries and coffees 'to die for'. Pubs and restaurants offer local seafood. Bute beef and lamb, and the Russian Tavern has an award for real ale.

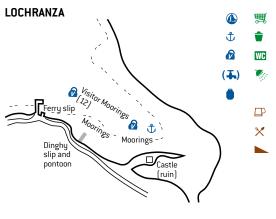
Kames Bay is ideally situated for walking or cycling and has a golf course within walking distance. There are frequent buses to Rothesay and Ettrick Bay, ideal for a walk and a visit to the beach side restaurant.

Port Bannatyne Marina Tel: 01700 503116 Mobile: 07714 201452

E-mail: portbannatynemarina@btconnect.com Website: www.portbannatynemarina.co.uk

VHF: channel 37 / M1





The Lochranza anchorage is set in scenic surroundings at the centre of the Clyde cruising area. Shoreside facilities include a butcher, a sandwich and coffee bar, and a distillery with guided tours and a shop.

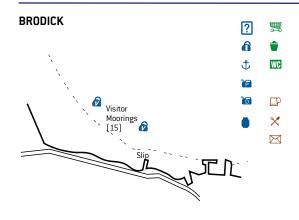
The ancient castle situated on the spit is worth a visit, whilst for golfers the course is only 10 to 15 minutes walk, with clubs for hire. Adjacent to the golf course is a caravan and camping site with a shop and tea room, showers and laundrette. A bus service connects with other villages, and to Brodick on the east coast.

The landing and occasional berthing pontoon (limit: 45ft/8tons) is for pick up and drop off use only. Use visitor buoys for overnight stays. Donations towards maintenance are requested.

Local Organisation: Lochranza and Catacol Sea Society cic E-mail: victorpierce@btinternet.com Website: www.arran.uk.com/lochranza/pontoon



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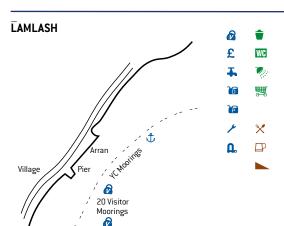


Brodick is a popular holiday destination with an impressive backdrop of mountains dominated by Cir Mhor and Goatfell.

This village has the widest range of facilities on the island: supermarkets, banks, cafes, shops, hotels and visitor centres. There is good variety of eating places and opportunities to sample and buy 'Taste of Arran' produce. An 18-hole golf course, public swimming pool, and attractive sports and adventure activities all complement this fine destination for walkers and nature lovers. Nearby, Glen Rosa and the imposing Brodick Castle and Gardens are worth a visit. Arran Heritage Museum explains the social history, archaeology and geology of the island.

Contact organisation: None VHF: Ferry pier only.





Just 3 miles south of Brodick is Lamlash Harbour, which was an assembly point for wartime North Atlantic convoys. As well as being a safe anchorage with shelter from most wind directions it is a safe area for sailing, especially in dinghies, with a deep bay protected by the Holy Isle.

Arran Yacht Club is based in Lamlash and operates 25 Visitor moorings, some of which can be booked in advance

In Lamlash there is a selection of food outlets from home cooking at the Old Pier Tearoom to Pub Grub and Hotel dining. The Old Pier Tearoom also has showers and the village Co-op Welcome store is open 7 days a week. Lamlash also has an 18 hole golf course which makes visitors welcome at very reasonable rates.

Contact organisation: Arran Yacht Club Phone: 01770 600705

E-mail: secretary@arranyachtclub.co.uk Website: www.arranyachtclub.co.uk VHF: None





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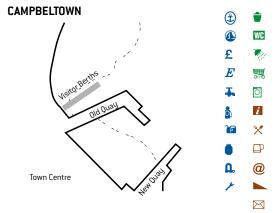
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#### **CLYDE – KINTYRE**



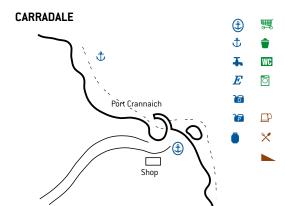
Campbeltown is an excellent stopping off point for those heading round the Mull, crossing to Ireland or cruising the Clyde. It offers a wide range of facilities for visiting yachts, the visitor's pontoon is situated adjacent to the town centre with easy access to shops, supermarkets, hotels, bars, cafés, restaurants and tourist information.

The town also has a cinema, museum, heritage centre and recently opened sports facility with swimming pool, sauna, gym, showers, etc. Other local attractions include Distillery tours, the Whisky shop, golf courses at Machrihanish and Dunaverty, and several sandy beaches.

Contact organisation: Campbeltown Loch Berthing

Phone: 07798 524821





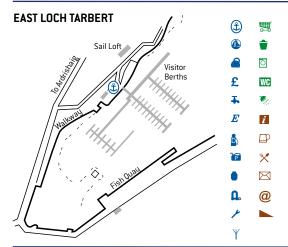
Carradale has been a productive fishing village for many years, and has a population of around 400. Carradale has an excellent hotel with restaurant and bars, free wi-fi, and showers and laundry for yachtsmen. Carradale golf course has clubs and trolleys available to hire.

Next door to the hotel is Patterson's bakery and post office, where supplies and daily papers may be purchased.

As the fishing fleet is active during the week, it is best to call during the weekend, and moor at the southern end of the quay wall, subject to depth. If the tiny harbour is full, then Carradale Bay and Torrisdale Bay around the point are good anchorages within walking distance.

Contact organisation: None Carradale Hotel: 01583 431223





Tarbert is a picturesque fishing village with a wide variety of places to eat, drink and shop. The remains of Tarbert Castle which is illuminated at night overlook the village.

Ninety newly added fully serviced finger pontoons enables Tarbert to offer over 120 visitor berths plus resident berthing.

A 24 hour free toilet and shower facility is available. Group visits are welcome and berths can be reserved in advance. Berthing fees are levied on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Credit Card payments are accepted.

Please telephone the Harbour Office on 01880 820344 for any advice on your visit to Tarbert. Contact organisation: Tarbert (Loch Fyne) Harbour Authoritu

Depth (LW): 3.5m Tel: 01880 820344

Website: www.tarbertharbour.com E-mail: tarbertharbour@btconnect.com





The Crinan Canal starts near the pretty and bustling town of Ardrishaig, which is situated on the beautiful shores of Loch Fyne.

The canal is one of Scotland's picturesque waterways, known to sailors the world over for its spectacular surrounding countryside and friendly

The Canal Office is situated in Pier Square, a few yards from the sea-lock, from where the main street stretches north.

Ardrishaig offers various places to eat and drink, and shops include a co-op grocery store and a post office.

There is lots to see and do in the area. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

Contact: British Waterways Scotland Tel: Ardrishaig Sea Lock 01546 602458 Canal Office: 01546 603210 Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk E-mail: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk VHF: Ch74 (16) (canal opening hours)





THE STRETCH OF COAST from the Mull of Kintyre to Ardnamurchan Point is the heartland of Scottish cruising, and for decades has been the focus of ambition for all cruising novices. In days gone by it was a serious challenge; cruising in engineless yachts, or ones with unreliable power units, was a challenge amongst the tides and variable winds of the Inner Isles, not to mention the transit of the Crinan Canal.

Fortunately the way had been blazed for centuries by coastal traders, warships and fishermen who threaded their way among the islands, which was easier than trekking over moorland tracks amongst possibly hostile natives! These were the west highland highways since man first arrived many millennia ago, for even remote St Kilda had been home to humans for more than 4000 years. The Scotti crossed the North Channel from Ulster to Kintyre to found the kingdom of Dalriada in late Roman times and displace or absorb the native Picts.

The rest, one might say, is history!

Increasing coastal commerce led to the Crinan Canal being built over 200 years ago, created to open up the West Coast and improve access to the Western Isles. It offered a safer route from the Firth of Clyde to the west coast, avoiding the often difficult sail around the Mull of Kintyre and cutting over 100 miles off the journey. The canal opened in 1809. However busy it was in the days before road transport, its commercial success was never in doubt: it never made a penny profit. Today it is maintained by British Waterways as part of Scotland's historic infrastructure, and is a wonderful asset for recreational sailors



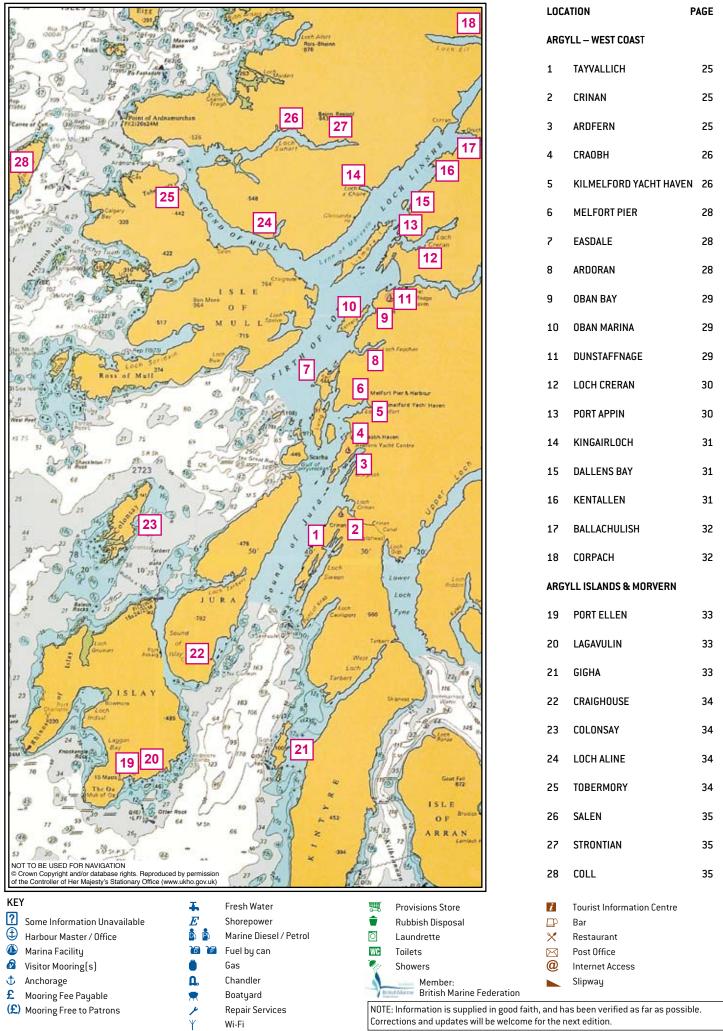
Top: Cuan Sound is just one of the West Coast Is interesting tidal gates.

Above: Tobermory is a favourite destination, and offers good facilities and a pleasant ambience.

Below: Staffa, The Treshnish Isles, Tiree and Coll lie to the west of Mull.

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Notice of Race, IRC & **CYCA handicap links,** and entry details on the event website.



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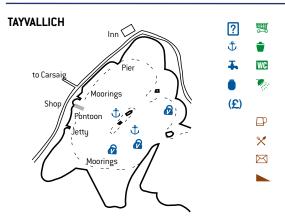




Clyde Cruising Club, Suite 101, 36 Washington St, Glasgow G3 8AZ Tel: 0141 221 2774 Fax: 0141 221 2775



#### **ARGYLL WEST COAST**

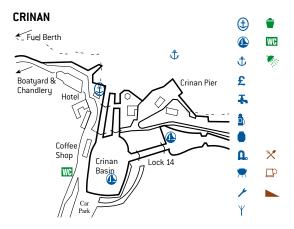


Apart from 3 marked visitor moorings Tayvallich moorings (approx positions shown) are all privately owned. The chartlet shows the three areas where visiting yachts can anchor. Please do not pick up private moorings on arrival.

There is a short stay pontoon with water supply at which visiting yachts can lie alongside for up to two hours. Avoid the berth marked in yellow which is reserved for the fast ferry which runs to Craighouse, Jura.

Tayvallich has a shop, post office and coffee shop, with toilets and a shower for visiting yachtsmen and women. The Inn is popular for a good meal. Tayvallich Bay is known as a safe and picturesque anchorage for visiting yachts and motor cruisers. Moorings etc: Tayvallich Bay Association Web: www.tayvallich.com Shop / coffee shop: 01546 870281 Tayvallich Inn: 01546 870282 Web: www.tayvallich-inn.com





Crinan is one of the west coast's best known havens, thanks to the popularity of the Crinan Canal as a short cut from the west coast to the Clyde. The sea-lock is open 7 days in high season.

Apart from the total shelter offered by the basin and a good anchorage outside, Crinan has a hotel with a bar and coffee shop, and a boatyard offering the full range of boating services from repairs to moorings to fuel, chandlery, and more.

The area abounds in interesting walks, either along the canal, or on the forestry trails to the south. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper s Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website, or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

British Waterways Scotland Crinan Sea Lock: 01546 830285 Canal Office: 01546 603210 E-mail enquiries: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk VHF Ch 74 (16), Crinan Sea Lock





The village of Ardfern has an excellent provisions store and a choice of eating places. Horse riding, cycling, walking and golf are all available locally. At the Yacht Centre there are pontoon berths and swinging moorings. Shore facilities include toilets, showers, laundry and an ice machine.

Ardfern has one of the best stocked chandleries in Scotland, and there are listings of a wide range of yachts and motor vessels in the brokerage

There are slipping facilities for craft up to 40 tons, and boat building expertise includes interior refits, teak deck repairs, osmosis protection and rectification, re-planking and polyurethane painting, engineering and rigging.

Ardfern Yacht Centre: 01852 500247 E-mail: office@ardfernyacht.co.uk Website: www.ardfernyacht.co.uk VHF: Ch 80

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#### **ARGYLL WEST COAST**



Craobh Marina is situated on the West Coast within a couple of hours of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Craobh was formed by linking three islands which created a very sheltered haven providing a central point for all that is worth exploring on the West Coast: Oban, Mull, Coll, Tiree and Skye to the north and Crinan, Tayvallich, Jura, Islay and Gigha to the south, are all withing easy cruising distance.

There is easy access to the Crinan and Caledonian Canals leading to the Northern Isles and Scandinavia, or Loch Fyne and the Firth of Clyde. There is a village store and a pub with restaurant. If you want a break from sailing there is walking, cycling and horse riding plus many places of interest to visit in the area.

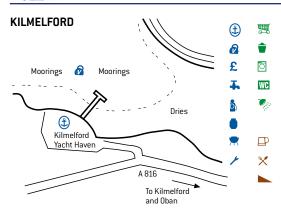
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Craobh Village Store: 01852 500663





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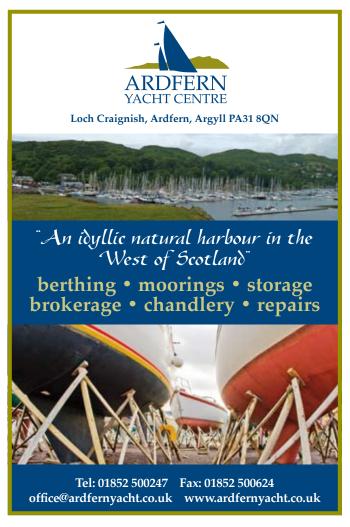
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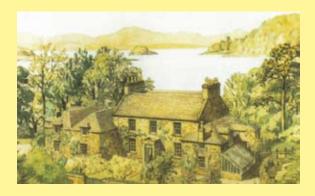
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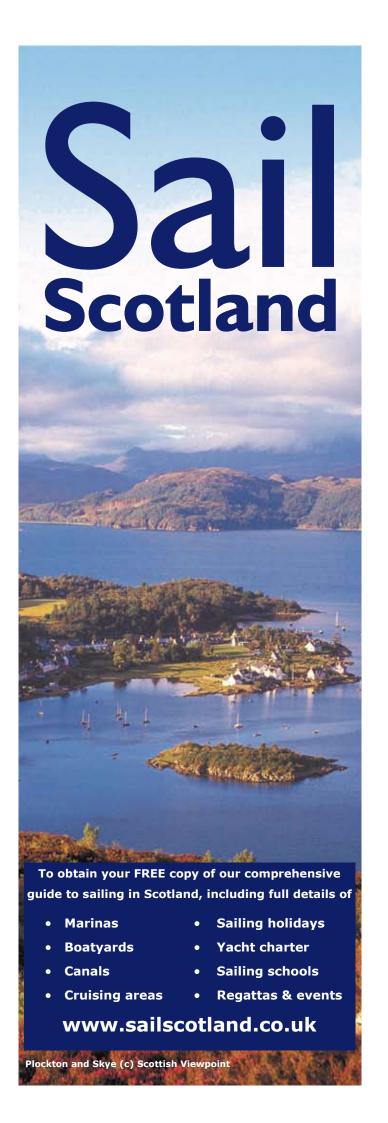
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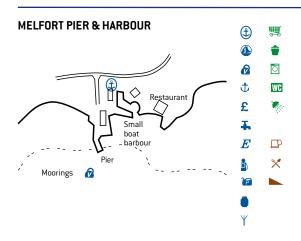
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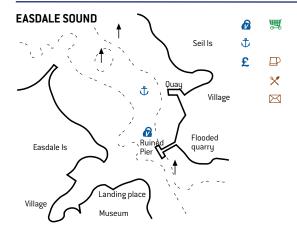
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The best place to eat in Melfort Village is at The Melfort Mermaid Restaurant and Bar which welcomes you to: arrive hungry — leave happy! 100% Disabled Friendly. Pets welcome on the patio. Call For Reservations 01852 200 333.

Melfort Pier & Harbour
Phone: 01852 200333
E-mail: melharbour@aol.com
Website: www.mellowmelfort.com





There is a visitor s mooring adjacent to the old pier in Easdale Sound: use at owner s risk, maximum tonnage 3 tons, which belongs to Eilean Eisdeal the local community Trust. Payment of £10 for an overnight stay can be left at the Village Shop in Ellenabeich or at the Puffer Bar on Easdale Island. The Oyster Bar in Ellenabeich and the Puffer Bar on the island both serve good food.

The island has an interesting history of slate working, which is well described in the islands small museum. There are walks around the abandoned slate quarries, and a stroll to the top of the 122ft hill offers unrivalled views of the Firth of Lorn to the north and the many islands to the south. The shoreline offers the opportunity for beachcombing or soaking up the fresh Atlantic air. Pontoon for RIBS (small charge).

Eilean Eisdeal (Community Trust)
Web: www.easdale.org
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Ardoran Marine is the only boatyard in Loch Feochan, the entrance to which is located near the south end of the Sound of Kerrera.

The Barn Bar restaurant and pub is a couple of miles away.

Loch Feochan is easily within an hour by yacht from the Sound of Mull, Oban and Sound of Luing. There are two visitor moorings, letting moorings for up to 14m yachts, service pontoon with water, diesel and gas, and lift out facilities to 12 tonnes. There are also three letting chalets overlooking the moorings.

First time visitors are advised to navigate the entrance channel close to high water.

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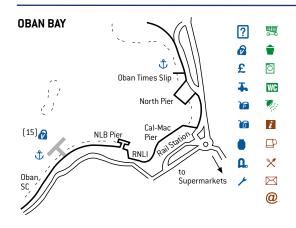
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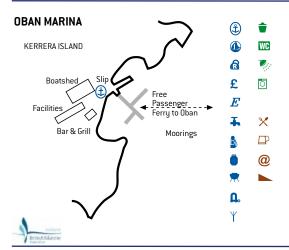
Oban Bay Community Berthing operates 16 visitor moorings N of Oban Sailing Club, SE of the S Sgeir Rathaid buoy, and manages °the adjacent small short stay landing stage - fees payable. Step ashore, change crew, take on water and provisions and land by dinghy.

Oban is at the heart of Scotland's finest cruising grounds, and has most major facilities sailing visitors need: shops, chandlery, restaurants, banks, transport links, marine engineers, fuel, all a short walk from the landing stage.

Moorings are available on a first-come-first-served basis; £15 night; £75 week; £5 for 4 hours before 16:00hrs. Deposit payments directly into °the yellow honesty box on the landing stage.

Oban Bay Community Berthing Phone: 07810 880315 E-mail: obanbayberthing@gmail.com Website: www.obanbayberthing.co.uk Visitor moorings: 3 x rows. For 10m, 11m, and 12m vessel size, from the shore.



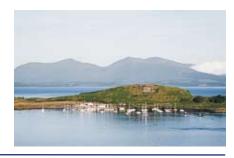


With upgraded facilities and a programme of continual expansion and development, all of Oban Marina is accessible at all tides. Located on the Isle of Kerrera, Oban is easily reached by complimentary ferry shuttle and its unique position provides a safe and secure full service haven for boat owners.

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The Waypoint Bar & Grill provides the freshest of local seafood and visitors can enjoy the wildlife, great walks or other outdoor activities in the midst of one of the world's most outstanding cruising grounds.

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**DUNSTAFFNAGE (1)** £ WC a Ō × DUNSTAFFNAGE Ω Shop

Dunstaffnage Marina has 150 fully serviced berths for yachts or motor vessels up to 25m loa. Here at Dunstaffnage there's a good link to the bus and rail network; if you need to leave your boat with complete confidence look no further.

Visitor attractions in the area include The Sealife Centre, Taynult Iron Furnace, Inverawe Smokery and Cruachan Power Station (the Hollow Mountain). Our nearest shop has a full range of goods on sale. Oban is only two miles south and can be reached hourly by bus or anytime by taxi, where you II find the usual town retail outlets.

The famous Wide Mouthed Frog Restaurant, Bar and Hotel are open throughout the year, from breakfast till late.

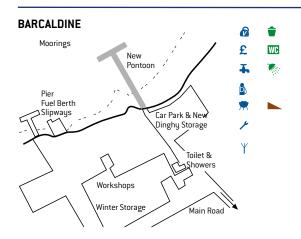
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Barcaldine Marine, at the Marine Resource Centre at Barcaldine, provides cruising yacht facilities which include 50 swinging moorings, a pontoon for storing and crew access. Shore facilities include toilets and showers, waterside car parking, and secure dinghy and outboard storage. Water is available alongside the pontoon.

Loch Creran is one of the most accessible locations on the coast. It is just under 100 miles from Glasgow, 120 from Edinburgh, and less than 200 from Carlisle. Cross the Connel Bridge as you approach Oban, and Barcaldine is 6 miles away. This is an excellent base for West Coast cruising, which has undercover winter storage for around 100 craft, and a variety of commercial marine services.

Barcaldine Marine Tel: 01631 720291 / 07767 380235 Email: moorings@barcaldinemarine.co.uk Web: www.barcaldinemarine.co.uk



**PORT APPIN** 0 Lismore WC Lynn O Lorne ×  $\bowtie$ **@**  Situated in one of Argyll's most spectacular destinations on Loch Linnhe, just 10 miles by sea (20 by road) north of Oban, the 10 Pierhouse Hotel Moorings (max capacity 20 tonnes) offer 5 inner & 5 outer lines at 3 metres & 5 metres depth respectively at low water.

The nearby concrete ferry jetty is available for private boat use, providing shelter for landing on the northern side. Marine visitor facilities include sauna, showers and laundry facilities.

The Pierhouse Hotel is renowned for its awardwinning restaurant (AA Rosette) serving fresh local seafood, meat & game, daily lunch and bar dinner menus, as well as home baking and teas/coffees.

Breakfast is available in the hotel to non-residents.

The Pierhouse Hotel (Contact: Nicholas Horne) Phone: 01631 730302 / 730622 E-mail: reservations@pierhousehotel.co.uk Website: www.pierhousehotel.co.uk









Our menus focus on fresh local seasonal food. We have superb fresh fish and shellfish from local waters and from the estate we have our own wild venison and grow fruit, salads, and vegetables in our walled garden.

At lunchtime we have a selection of platters, steaks, burgers, fish and shellfish dishes. We serve cakes and scones in the afternoon and have an evening menu that features scallops, langoustines, market fish specials as well as our venison signature dish. During Sunday lunchtime we serve a traditional roast lunch and a small a la carte menu.

Check the website for current menus, recipe ideas and latest news.

Our six visitor moorings, located at  $56^{\circ}36.971N\ 05^{\circ}30.947W$  are free and are 20 tonne bollard pull rated in 12 metres minimum depth. Your tenders can use our jetty which is directly in front of the restaurant.

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Kingairloch is a beautiful Highland Estate to visit in all seasons. There is The Boathouse Restaurant (open part of the week: March-Oct), where the menus feature fresh fish and shellfish from local waters, wild venison from the estate, fruit, salads, and vegetables grown in the walled garden, which visitors are welcome to visit.

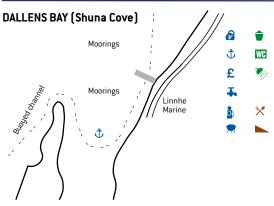
Please book ahead to reserve a table at the restaurant.

There are also many low level footpaths throughout the estate to enjoy the scenery and wildlife. Another worthwhile walk is down to the delightful Kingairloch church situated right on the water's

The Boathouse Restaurant, Kingairloch Estate Tel: 01967411232

E-mail: enquiries@kingairloch-holidays.co.uk Website: www.kingairloch.co.uk





Dallens Bay is just north of Lismore Island. The south channel is marked with P/S buoys, and there are 50 swinging moorings for residents and visiting vessels with a water taxi service.

There is a pontoon for water, diesel, petrol and loading, with 30ft depth at all tides. Overnight mooring alongside is only advisable in calm weather. Limited repairs can be carried out by local engineers. There are launch, storage, shower and toilet facilities and there is a day time (closed 6pm) restaurant 600m from the marina. Port Appin (20 mins by sea, 5 mls by road), has a village co-op store, and two restaurants.

This area is a magnificent cruising ground with a wide variety of anchorages and unlimited wild life from seals to sea eagles.

Linnhe Marine Phone:07721 503981 E-mail:paulzvegintzov@ukonline.co.uk Website: www.linnhemarina.co.uk VHF:16, M1 (37)



**KENTALLEN a** ů WC Visitor (£) **1** [6] Ō ₽ Hollytree Hotel

The Village of Kentallen is one of the most scenic on the West Coast. There are six visitors moorings on yellow Hippo buoys, and a slipway for smaller boats to come alongside depending upon tide and also to land from a dinghy.

The Hollytree Hotel and Swimming Pool has a fantastic reputation for its freshly prepared food including seafood and grills. It is open all day, every day, for food and drink, served in the Captain's bar. The award winning restaurant is open every

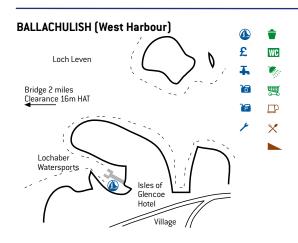
There is free use of the swimming pool, sauna and showers for all visiting boat crews. Laundry service available. Kentallen is on the Sustrans shoreline cycle and walking path to Glencoe and there is also a bus stop for the Oban to Inverness service.

Hollytree Hotel (Paul McFatridge) Telephone: 01631 740292 E-mail:stay@hollytreehotel.co.uk Website: www.hollytreehotel.co.uk VHF: Ch 16





#### **ARGYLL WEST COAST**



Visiting yachts are welcome to Lochaber Watersports where a 4 yacht charter fleet, RIB training and trips, and a RYA approved training establishment offering a range of courses are established.

The harbour is 2 miles from Ballachulish Bridge — clearance 16m HAT — on S shore before Glencoe Is. Best to phone in advance for a berth.

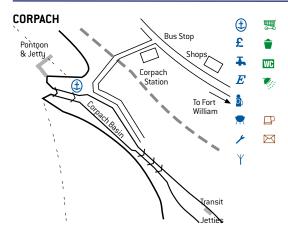
Visiting crews have free use of the Isles of Glencoe Hotel's leisure facilities: mooring fee refunded against dinner.

Mini chandlery, general store, hardware and Post Office are close by. Fuel, gas at garage, 1km. Swinging mooring.

Ballachulish: the perfect base from which to explore beautiful and historic Glencoe, and a peaceful backwater in which to relax and reprovision.

Lochaber Watersports (Alec Blanc) Phone: 01855 811931 / 07760 793894 E-mail: enquiries@lochaberwatersports.co.uk Website: www.lochaberwatersports.co.uk VHF: Ch 16 72 Isles of Glencoe Hotel: 08448 559134





Corpach is the western terminus of the Caledonian Canal, which links Scotland's east and west coasts, avoiding the difficult passage around the north of mainland Scotland and through the Pentland

The sea-lock is available HW-4 hours, within canal operating hours.

The basin does not have permanent mooring facilities, and is usually occupied by craft waiting to leave the canal, or to proceed to the east.

There are shops and other amenities nearby, including the railway from Fort William to Mallaig. More information can be obtained, and a Skipper s Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website, or by contacting the Canal Office, see above.

British Waterways Scotland Corpach Sea Lock: 01397 772249 Canal Office: 01463 725500 E-mail: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk VHF Ch 74 (16), call: Corpach Sea Lock Website: www.scottishcanals.co.uk





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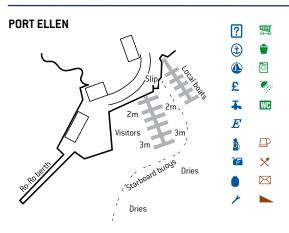
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### WELCOME ANCHORAGES ARGYLL ISLANDS & MORVERN



Port Ellen Marina is operated as a "Do it yourself" facility, run by a charity and open from April to the end of September. The well maintained pontoons offer a safe haven for those visiting any or all of the seven distinctive distilleries on the island. Scheduled Air and ferry services operates with bus, taxi and cycle hire available in Port Ellen. Many who plan a night stop have to reschedule the cruise as they find the many treasures that Springwatch Islay offers are worth the extra days.

There are six pubs and eating places in the Port Ellen area, as well as a butcher, garage, post office and information office.

Port Ellen Maltings is only open to visitors during the Islay Malt Whisky Festival, but the other island distilleries are open through the summer.

Port Ellen Harbour Association (Charity)

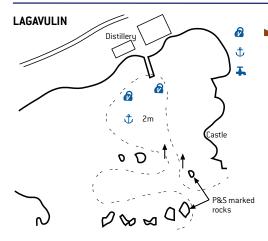
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E-mail: None

Website: www.portellenmarina.com

VHF: No (Clearwater Marine keeps watch in working





The main attraction of the bay is Lagavulin Distillery, which makes a peaty malt whisky, and which has laid 2 moorings which you can use at your own

If no buoys are available there is enough room for other boats to anchor: during the Classic Malts Cruise there have been up to 20 boats in the bay. At the mouth of the bay you can still see the remains of Dunyvaig Castle which dates back to the 13th century, and was once a stronghold of the Macdonald's, the Lords of the Isles.

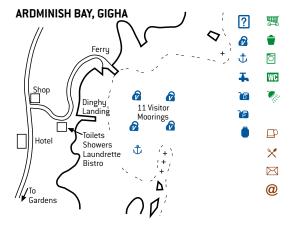
The distillery is open for visitor tours during the week, and there is a jetty for tenders.

Diageo - Lagavulin Distillery Phone: 01496 302400 E-mail: None

Website: www.malts.com

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Gigha is the southernmost island of the Inner Hebrides, and because it is low lying and influenced by the North Atlantic Drift the climate is drier and warmer than that normally associated with the west coast of Scotland.

The island boasts beautiful bays, stunning views and breathtaking sunsets, lochs and gently sloping hillsides as well as a plentiful variety of wild and birdlife. The climate directly influences the world famous Achamore Gardens - over 50 acres of rare and unusual plants surrounded by picturesque woodland.

A nine-hole golf course is just a short stroll from the ferry and hotel, and to completely relax you can spend many uninterrupted hours watching seals and otters along the shores.

Expect to pay the Gigha Heritage Trust for the use of visitor moorings.

Isle of Gigha Heritage Trust Phone: 01583 505390 E-mail: admin@gigha.org.uk Website: www.gigha.org.uk





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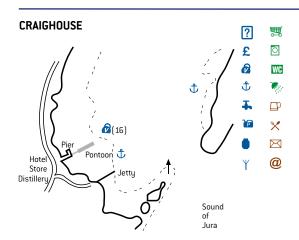


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Craighouse is the population centre of the Island. A new pontoon for dinghy landing (only) has been installed at the pier, and visitor moorings are available at £10 per night.

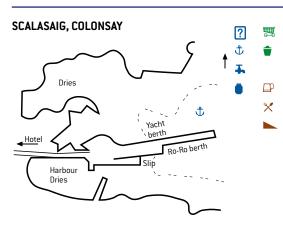
Jura Malt whisky distillery has a visitor centre and shop. Tours are available by arrangement. The Jura Hotel offers snacks, meals or a drink, and has showers available for sailors and campers. Antlers restaurant is opposite the pier, and is a community owned newly refurbished Bistro Restaurant using local produce. It also has an interpretation display of local life past and present and sells locally made crafts.

Jura Development Trust Phone: 01496 820161

Website: www.juradevelopment.co.uk

Jura Hotel: 01496 820243 Jura Stores: 01496 820231

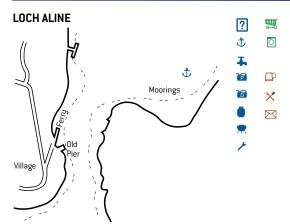




Colonsay is known for Colonsay House and diverse birdlife, including the rare corncrake. Its landscape is beautiful and varied, with some of the finest sandy beaches in the Hebrides. The hotel is near the harbour, and there is a cafe / bakery, and a shop / post office. The airstrip has been upgraded and there are scheduled services from Oban Airport. Colonsay Community Development Company supplies fuel through the Village Store (100m. from harbour). Pier, yacht berths, slipway and harbour all owned by CMAL and honesty system applies - please pay fees at office when open.

Colonsay Harbour Office Phone: 01951 200320 E-mail: colonsay@calmac.co.uk Website: www.colonsay.org.uk The Colonsay Hotel: 01951 200316





Lochaline's local shop sells unleaded petrol/diesel and a wide range of food and goods. Lochaline has two licensed premises, a hotel serving bar meals, and The White House described as "outstandingly good" by the Good Food Guide. Jean's Snack Bar on the old pier is a favourite haunt for hungry sailors, and the Dive Centre has showers, free wifi, a café and a drying room, all open to non residents.

Loch Aline is set in stunning scenery. There are some lovely coastal and woodland walks close to the village, and a number of sites of historical interest can be reached with little extra effort. A short walk or sail to the head of Loch Aline takes you to the splendid gardens of Ardtornish Estate.

Ardtornish Estate Office Phone: 01967 421 288 E-mail: tourism@ardtornish.co.uk Website: www.ardtornish.co.uk White House: 01967 421777 Dive Centre: 01967 421627



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**TOBERMORY a** I ncal £ Ō Fairway Visitor Moorings Moorings **∂**4)  $\boldsymbol{E}$ WC Anchoring Local iMoorings X  $\bowtie$ Д @

Tobermory Harbour is "the" West Coast destination! It offers the visitor both a range of berthing options and an exceptional array of shore side facilities all available on foot.

The Harbour Building offers good quality facilities. Tobermory boasts a wide range of restaurants and bars. There are many shops which cater for all needs including a chandlery.

You can visit a Distillery, Museum, Arts Centre and Theatre. Visitors can take beautiful walks in the adjacent Aros Park or to the lighthouse.

Tobermory Harbour Association is a community owned company which reinvests all profits back into the bay to provide facilities.

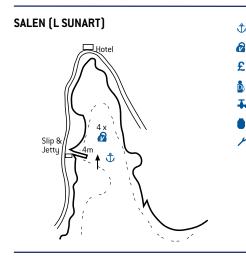
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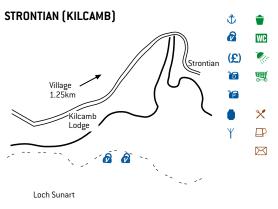
Salen Bau is a picturesque bau which lies a little over 20km East of Ardnamurchan Point, up Loch Sunart past Glenborrodale Castle, Mingary Castle ruins, Ben Hiant and Sunart Oakwoods.

The Jetty at Salen Bay is now under new ownership. There are 4 visitor moorings (red buoys with orange pickups marked Jetty), rated to 15 tons and 20 metres. Marine red diesel, water and refuse collection are available.

There are now no landing fees on the Jetty. To book a mooring please ring Mark or Jan. Excellent meals and a friendly bar are available at the Salen Hotel.

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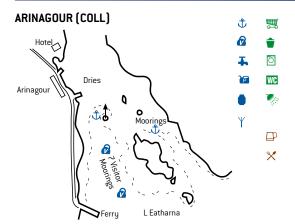
We can offer you the magic creations of our expert kitchen brigade, served in our beautifully candlelit romantic 2 AA rosette restaurant where lunch and dinner is served seven days a week.

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Coll's attractions include a friendly hotel, beaches, bird life, fishing, interesting flora, golf and opportunities for walking. There is a craft shop as well as the island stores and a fuel station.

Cycling is popular, there being no huge hills, and the experience can be very pleasant but beware that the wind can be equally taxing when it blows against you. Using a bicycle means you can take a circular route around the west end of Coll making use of the sandy track that goes to Hough Bay, a track closed to vehicles.

The hotel has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, and is appointed to a high standard, with six ensuite rooms, and an excellent reputation for fine lunches and dinners, whether in the bar or in the Gannet Restaurant.

The Coll Hotel Tel: 01879 230334 E-mail: info@collhotel.com Website: www.collhotel.com VHF: None Island Stores: 01879 230484





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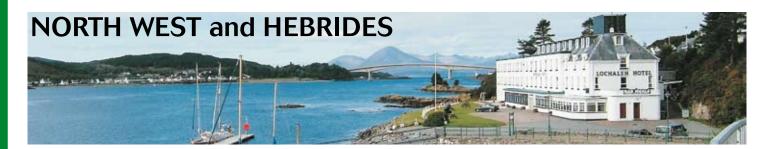


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ROUNDING ARDNAMURCHAN POINT and making for more northern waters opens a new and dramatic chapter in any west coast cruise.

Firstly, the rounding of Ardnamurchan is not always the smoothest of passages, as the combination of Atlantic swells finding their way in from the west, and their subsequent reflection off the rocky shore, means it is best to keep a good offing in all but calm conditions. Once that has been achieved a panoply of choices open up, which include visiting the Small Isles and then deciding whether to sail northward outside or inside Skye. The former course, perhaps via Canna to Loch Harport or Loch Dunvegan, is overlooked by the magnificent Cuillin, whilst the latter offers the diversions of the Knoydart lochs and the tidal challenges of Kyle Rhea before reaching the Sound of Raasay and the Inner Sound.

As one voyages northward beyond Skye, the mainland mountains of Torridon and Assynt become progressively more majestic, until the land finally stops at Cape Wrath where the Minch becomes the Atlantic. The name is derived from the old Norse word for turning point, for this is where the Vikings altered course on their voyages between their Orkney stronghold and the West Coast.

#### **OUTER HEBRIDES**

The Long Isle, to give it its romantic name, stretches like a breakwater for one hundred miles from Barra Head to the Butt of Lewis, sheltering the mainland west coast and islands from Ardnamurchan almost to Cape Wrath. This shelter has made the Sea of the Hebrides and the Minches the fine cruising ground that it is.

The islands themselves offer contrasting attractions. From the south, the islands of Berneray (Barra Head) to South Uist vary from now uninhabited and wilderness places like Mingulay, to the busy islands of Vatersay and Barra, and the complexities of the Sound of Barra. The Uists have two very different faces. To the west is an uncompromising thirty mile strand with no anchorages or refuges, whilst the east coast is indented with many lochs and havens, a fine setting for the cruising sailor.

Next is the Sound of Harris, the route to the Atlantic.



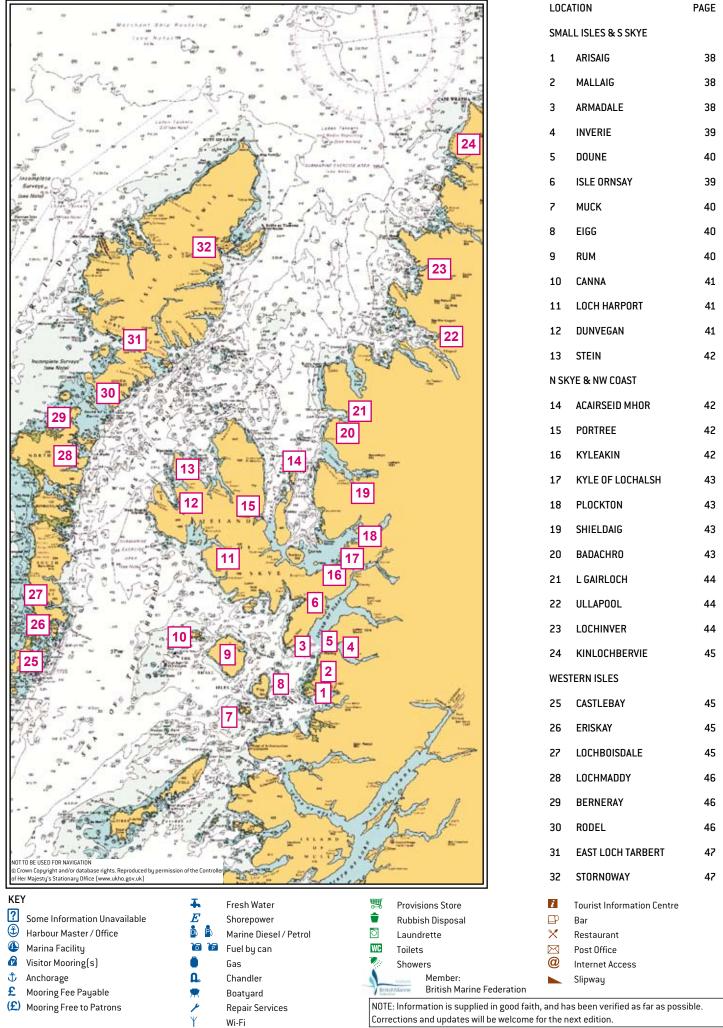
The Sound is in places rock strewn, but the newly buoyed Stanton Channel along the Harris shore is an easy route to the west, whether to explore the west coast of Harris and Lewis, or to visit St Kilda, the ultimate destination for many yachtsmen.

The east coast of Harris and Lewis, like that of the Uists further south, has lochs, some quite long, to explore and anchor within. Stornoway, unless one is bound northabout past the Butt of Lewis or bound for the Faroes, generally marks the limit of cruising endeavour, for the coast north of the Eye peninsula has little to offer the recreational sailor.

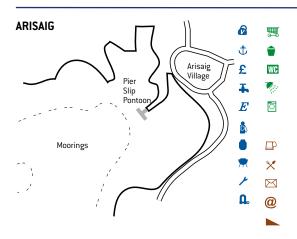
Cruising Scotland is available from Clyde Cruising Club (www.clyde.org), chandlers and nautical booksellers. Hardback, 220 pages. 300+ illustrations. £27.50 ISBN: 978-1-899786-00-E

Top: Kyle of Lochalsh and Skye Bridge. Above: A snug anchorage in Northbay, Barra. Below: Loch Broom and Ullapool.





# **SMALL ISLES & SOUTH SKYE**



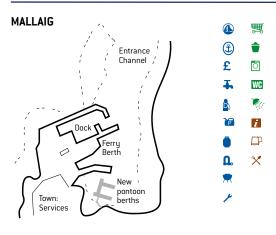
The picturesque village of Arisaig is known as "The Gateway to the Small Isles" and makes the perfect sheltered base from which to explore the West Coast

It is also a safe haven for visiting yachts, with 60 professionally checked swinging moorings available to rent from a night to a seasonal basis.

There is a choice of places to dine in the village with an hotel, cafe and restaurant within a short walk from the harbour.

The village also has a Post Office, shop, railway station, bus service, and an excellent small museum. There is a 9 hole golf course 2 miles north. Arisaig Marine Tel: 01687 450224 E-mail: info@arisaig.co.uk Website: www.arisaig.co.uk VHF- Not known





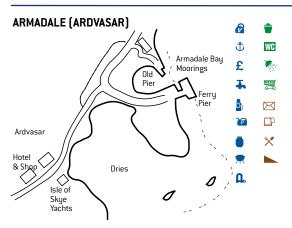
Mallaig Harbour's new yacht facilities, due to open in May 2011, include pontoon berths for 45 yachts and additional moorings for busy periods. This development has been funded by the EC Sail West project, a marine tourism initiative of partner organisations from N Ireland, Ireland and Scotland. Mallaig was once the largest herring port in Europe, and is still a thriving fishing and ferry port for the Isle of Skye, the Small Isles and Inverie.

There are plenty of options for shopping, eating or drinking with several restaurants, pubs and takeaways available. Coffees, snacks, gifts and books are available at the Mallaig Visitor Centre and Got It, and both provide tourist information and internet access.

Local history can be viewed at the Mallaig Heritage Centre near the Railway Station.

Mallaig Harbour Authority HM: James MacLean Tel: 01687 462154 VHF: Ch 16 / 09 (office hours) Email: info@mallaigharbourauthority.com





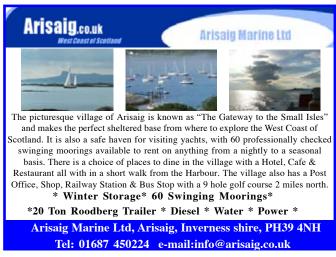
Armadale is a natural first stopping off point for vessels heading north from Ardnamurchan. The moorings are busiest on Thursday and Friday nights, but it is rare that one cannot be found for visitors. Unique systems for fuelling and watering avoid the need to go alongside; Isle of Skye Yachts bring

A half tide pontoon is available for loading or unloading, but it is busy with commercial users and you should check before coming alongside. Armadale is a great place to leave a yacht or for crew changes as the ferry provides an easy link to Mallaig and on to the rail network.

The nearby Clan Donald Centre is an interesting place to visit, and there is an hotel in the village.

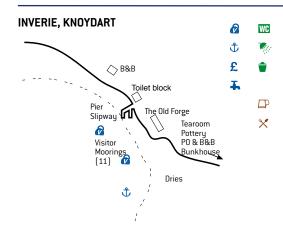
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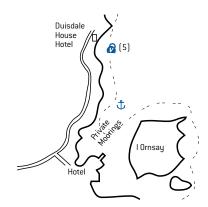
The Old Forge at Inverie on Loch Nevis, is an award winning gastropub and is also mainland Britain's remotest pub, offering free visitors' moorings to diners (marked buoys, £12 to non diners), all tide and all weather lit pier, 7 miles from Mallaig. Folk music and impromptu ceilidhs are a popular feature

Highly Commended by the Seafood Awards in London 2009, and award winners of the Best Independent Pub in Scotland. Own creel caught langoustines, hand dived scallops and mussels landed daily, organic lamb and estate venison. Pub hens, wild wood sorrel, organic bread, handpicked wines, 2 real ales on tap. Shower, hairdryer, weatherfax, internet. A relaxed and cosy spot which suits both small or large groups. Booking advisable.

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#### **DUISDALE & ISLE ORNSAY**



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Isle Ornsay bay offers a safe anchorage and visitor moorings.

Duisdale House Hotel is a 4 star establishment, and their 5 moorings (15 tonne) give you easy access ashore, to this award winning romantic Isle of Skye hotel, with views to the Sound of Sleat. Dining options are the relaxed and informal Chart Room Bar, or fine dining cuisine in the 2 AA rosette restaurant.

There is a revitalizing outdoor Hydro pool which is ideal to soothe away any stresses and strains. Showering facilities are available to sailors on the hotel moorings, and there is free computer and Wi-Fi access.

Eilean larmain Hotel is beside the pier at the head of the bay. There are also hotel moorings at Kinloch Lodge in nearby Loch na Dal.

Duisdale House Hotel: 01471 833202

Email: info@duisdale.com Web: www.duisdale.com Eilean larmain Hotel: 01471 833332 Email: hotel@eileaniarmain.co.uk Web: www.eilean-iarmain.co.uk VHF: Ch 8 "Duisdale"







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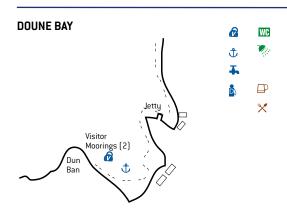


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# **SMALL ISLES & SOUTH SKYE**



The yacht moorings are near the south shore of Doune Bay. Both bays are clean, except for the inshore shoal areas shown on the sketch. The bay gives good shelter from winds from NE through E to SW, but is uncomfortable in NW winds.

On offer are 2 free visitor moorings, showers, telephone, weatherfax, water and diesel at the pier, but please enquire at the house before coming

Doune Dining Room was awarded the Destination Dining Award for 2007 for providing the very best of food in the finest of settings. Everything is homemade from locally sourced fresh ingredients. The ambience is warm, friendly and relaxed, and equally suited to small or large groups. Bookings can be taken up until 5.00pm for that evening.

Liz Tibbetts or Martin Davies Phone: 01687 462667 Email: liz@doune-knoydart.co.uk Website: www.doune-knoydart.co.uk



PORT MOR, MUCK



Muck is about two miles long by one mile wide and has a population of approximately 38 people. There are two anchorages, Port Mor and Gallanach

Muck is easy to walk around. The highest point is Beinn Airein (at 451ft) which is a relatively easy walk to the top. Other walks might include visiting Horse Island at low tide, where many sea birds nest, including the island's only puffins. A map of island walks is available from the Craft Shop. Anyone visiting the island is welcome to attend any ceilidhs, quiz nights, or other social functions that might be taking place whilst on the island. Port Mor House Hotel lies on the west side of Port Mor Bay, just a stones throw from the Craft Shop, Tearoom, and the old pier.

Craft Shop Tel: 01687 462990 Port Mor House Hotel: 01687 462365 Email: info@isleofmuck.com Website: www.isleofmuck.com



**EIGG** 

The Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust is run by a partnership between the residents of Eigg, The Highland Council, and The Scottish Wildlife Trust.

On 12th June 2007 the island celebrated 10 years

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The island has a well stocked shop and Post Office located at the head of the jetty, which can supply all the provisions you may need. There is also a Tearoom, and toilet and shower facilities.

To guide you on your visit, you will find walking maps and booklets, and a variety of books on wildlife, geology and history, as well as souvenirs and craft items at the Craft Shop.

Isle of Eigg Shop: 01687 482432 Email: shop@isleofeigg.org Isle of Eigg Heritage Trust: 01687 482486 Email: maggie@isleofeigg.net Website: www.isleofeigg.org





Rum's main attractions are Kinloch Castle, red deer, Rum ponies, Manx Shearwater colonies, the wild landscapes of the island, guided tours of Kinloch Castle every day in summer, and walks and talks by the community ranger.

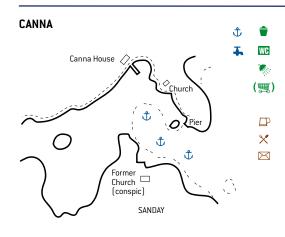
The hostel in the castle has a bar open every night, evening meals (advance bookings), laundry, payphone and wifi. The village campsite has toilets, water and showers (summer).

The village shop is open most evenings from 1730-1930 and often between ferry sailings. The village hall offers dautime tearoom fare and coin operated internet. There is a craft shop in the village selling locally made souvenirs and crafts.

David Beaton, Piermaster: Mob: 07736 773277 (text only) Email: david.beaton7@hotmail.com Rum Village Shop: 01687 460328 Kinloch Castle Reception: 01687 462037 Website: www.isleofrum.com



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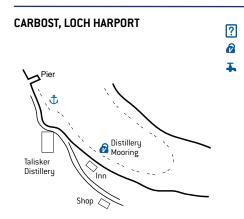


Canna's dramatic coastline is a Special Protection Area, home to shags, puffins, razorbills and black guillemots. Seals, porpoises and basking sharks can be spotted and eagles circle above the crags. Canna offers wonderful low level walking, dramatic cliff edge hikes, white sandy beaches, sites of archaeological and historical importance, and 3 church buildings. The island's highest point, Carn a Ghaill (210m), has superb views of the Cuillins, Rum and the Outer Isles.

The café & restaurant serves lunches and evening meals throughout the season and can provide some basic provisions. Self Catering Cottages and B&B accommodation is available plus camping with shower and toilet facilities at the farm. Canna is owned and cared for by the National Trust for

National Trust for Scotland Tel: 01687 462466 Web: www.nts.org.uk Restaurant: e-mail: enquiries@cannarestaurant.com Tel: 01687 460164 / 462175





Carbost is perhaps best known as the home of Talisker malt whisky, and as a former calling point for the annual Classic Malts Cruise.

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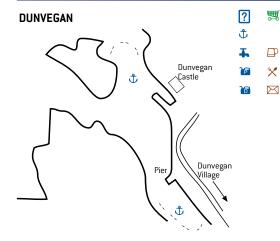
The visitor mooring(s) are provided by the distillery, which also has a visitor centre which runs tours and sampling sessions.

The Old Inn is a traditional highland inn offering food and drink, together with bunkhouse accommodation, showers and a drying room for climbers and walkers. These facilities are also available to visiting sailors.

The village has a small shop that can supply provisions, petrol, diesel etc, and there is a part time Post Office.

The Old Inn, Carbost Tel: 01478 640205 Email: reservations@oldinn.f9.co.uk Web: www.carbost.f9.co.uk Talisker Distillery: www.taliskerwhisky.com Email: talisker@diageo.com





Dunvegan is the largest village on the west coast of Skye. It is a long settlement stretching several miles south from Dunvegan Castle. Village services include shops, including a bakery, as well as a choice of hotels, guest houses, B&Bs, a campsite at the head of Loch Dunvegan and a Tourist Information Centre.

As well as the hotels there are several high quality places to eat, such as The Three Chimneys and The Old School Restaurant.

Dunvegan Castle, as the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland is well worth a visit. It has been the stronghold of the Chiefs of MacLeod for nearly 800 years.

Dunvegan TIC Tel: 01470 521581 Dunvegan Castle Tel: 01470 521206 Email: info@dunvegancastle.com





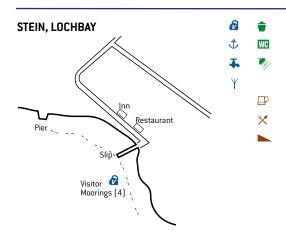
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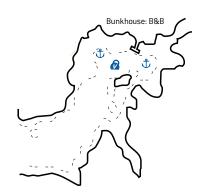
Stein is located on the peninsular of Waternish (or Vaternish). It was developed by the British Fisheries Society in the late 1700s, and the original layout was designed by Telford. The village today is little changed and is now a conservation area. The buildings are traditional in style, maintaining a low profile to the land.

Within the village as well as the two hostelries there are also a Dive centre (Hebridean Diving Services) and a very good arts and craft shop (Dandelion Designs). The area is host to other craft shops, within easy walking distance. (www.visitwaternish.co.uk).

Stein Inn (Angus McGhie): 01470 592362 Uncertain mobile signal E-mail: Angus@steininn.co.uk Website: www.steininn.co.uk



#### **ACAIRSEID MOR**



The sheltered bay of Rona's Big Harbour is one of Scotland's most beautiful anchorages.

The visitors' mooring may be booked or there's plenty of space to anchor. Ashore, Rona is a haven for wildlife: otters, red deer & sea eagle all frequent this peaceful island. Explore the ruins of old settlements or take woodland & hill walks to see panoramic views of surrounding sea & mountains. Local stamps, postcards, seasonal produce, seafood & Rona venison are often available from the island's only permanent residence, Rona Lodge. Accommodation is available ashore in a cosy harbourside bunkhouse, or 3 beautiful holiday cottages.

Warden: Bill Cowie Mob: 07831 293963

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**PORTREE** Town: Services

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hotels etc, as well as transport links to mainland Scotland. An annex to the main pier can be used for passenger embarkation at extreme low water or as a landing

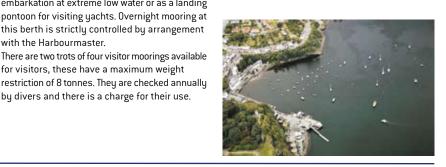
Portree is the main town of Skye, and the heart

of its tourist industry. It offers good range of shops,

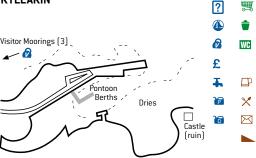
with the Harbourmaster. There are two trots of four visitor moorings available for visitors, these have a maximum weight restriction of 8 tonnes. They are checked annually

by divers and there is a charge for their use.

Harbourmaster Colin Alston: 01478 612926 Email: harbours@highland.gov.uk VHF Ch16, 12 (occas) Portree TIC Tel: 01478 612137



**KYLEAKIN** 



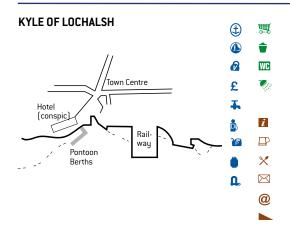
Kyleakin has a pontoon available for yachts and other small boats. The harbour is run and maintained by Highland Council which charges for use of the facilities.

There is fresh water available at the pontoon. There is no electricity available at the pontoon. Three visitor moorings are available just outside the harbour between Kyleakin and the bridge. Toilets are located at the Haakon Bar & Restaurant, situated on the north side of the road, about 300m to the west.

Kyleakin Harbour: 01599 534167 / 07748 105730 E-mail: robert.thomson@highland.gov.uk Website: www.highland.gov.uk VHF: Ch 11



#### N SKYE & NW COAST



Kyle Harbour's pontoon facilities (on left of photo) are ideally situated for the passing yachtsman wishing to store up before heading north to the Islands and other mainland harbours. Cruising tickets can be purchased at Kyle to allow the yachtsman to use the facilities at Gairloch, Portree, Uig, Lochinver and Kinlochbervie.

When sailing south, Kyle is a useful stopover to change crew and as there are rail and bus links to Inverness and beyond.

When departing, one can accurately time the passage through Kylerhea to Ardnamurchan. The village is the transport and shopping centre for the area and the surrounding scenery and wildlife are regarded as attractions.

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Plockton provides a safe harbour in most conditions for boats visiting this picturesque village.

There are 10 visitors' moorings and two pontoons. The pontoons can be used for short periods but are not suitable for overnight berthing as they are used by working boats, so the areas marked should be kept clear at all times. Mooring fees should be paid in the hotels or shops.

Showers can be arranged in the hotels.

Plockton offers a choice of good places to eat, with 3 hotels in the village, a restaurant and a take away. There are stores, newspaper and art shops, a train station connecting with Inverness, airstrip and taxi service. Chandlery, fuel and gas are available at Kyle of Lochalsh.

Contact: Plockton Harbour Assoc CIC Tel: John Leiper 01599 544324; Tel: Geoff Webster 01599 544283 E-mail: phajohn@kallyjohn.co.uk



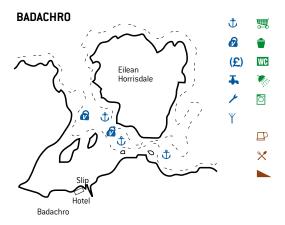


Shieldaig is a pretty fishing village located in the heart of Loch Torridon. It has a general store, selling all the basic provisions and Tigh an Eilean Hotel (AA Inspectors' Choice and Good Hotel Guide 2009) with a restaurant (2 AA Rosettes and recommended by the Good Food Guide 2009).

Shieldaig Bar and Coastal Kitchen (Good Pub Guide 2009) which has a restaurant with wood fired oven upstairs and roof terraces with panoramic views of the loch and moorings. Traditional music is played in the pub most Friday or Saturday nights. All are located in the centre of the village within easy walking distance of the jetty.

Shieldaig Bar and Coastal Kitchen Tigh an Eilean Hotel Shieldaig Stores Tel: 01520 755251 Email: tighaneilean@keme.co.uk Website: www.shieldaig.org





Badachro is famous for its convivial waterside pub, local atmosphere, great views. Nautical style decking with sails and rigging runs right down to the water.

Sailing visitors and chatty locals mix happily in the bar, where you'll find interesting photographs and collages on the walls. The dining area on the left has big tables by a huge log fire, and there's a dining conservatory overlooking the bay. Excellent fresh fish is a feature of the menu.

Friendly staff serve a beers from the An Teallach or Caledonian breweries, and a farm cider. Over 50 malt whiskies, and a good changing wine list, complete the picture.

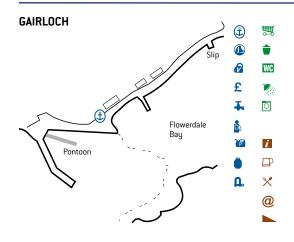
The bay is very sheltered, virtually landlocked by Eilean Horrisdale just opposite; you may see seals in the water, and occasionally even otters.

Badachro Inn: 01445 741255 E-mail: lesley@badachroinn.com Web: www.badachroinn.com Rob Adam (marine services) 01445 741339

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Gairloch Harbour is situated at the south end of the village and the north east portion of Flowerdale Bay, within the sea area of Loch Gairloch.

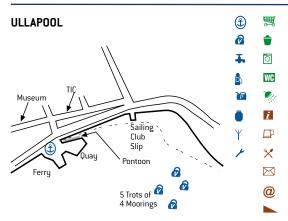
Gairloch is a working port where both local and east coast fishing boats land most evenings, and is a busy port for inshore fishing.

There are approximately 60 metres of pontoons at Gairloch Harbour for use by visiting boats, which makes Gairloch Harbour an attractive yachting destination.

Harbour Master: Jackson Elder: 01445 712140 Mobile: 07769671966

E-mail: jackson.elder@highland.gov.uk Web:www.highland.gov.uk/yourenvironment/roa dsandtransport/harbours/gairlochharbour.





Ullapool is popular for refuelling and replenishing supplies.

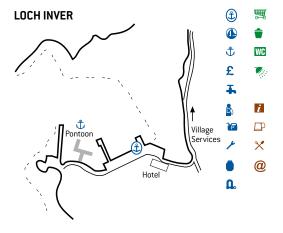
A dedicated leisure pontoon has been installed on the sheltered inside face of the pier, access is by prior arrangement with the harbour office.

The Harbour Trust manages 20 moorings for visiting vessels of 15 metres or less. The rate per night is £12 with discounts available for longer stays. Lochbroom Sailing Club's slip/jetty is adjacent to the moorings, well suited for dinghy access. There is good holding ground for boats to anchor to the south of the moorings.

The nearby village boasts a variety of shops, cafes, banks, a post office, and pubs. Top class food combined with live musical entertainment is available during the summer season.

Contact organisation Ullapool Harbour Trustees: 01854 612091 (24hrs) Mob: diverted from landline E-mail: kevin@ullapool-harbour.co.uk Website: www.ullapool-harbour.co.uk VHF: 14 & 16 (available 24/7)



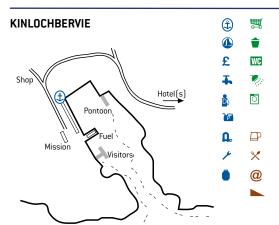


This busy fishing port has benefited from recent investment in facilities for smaller craft, and now has deep water pontoon berths for visiting yachts. The attractive local village offers a variety of eating establishments and a couple of shops, as well as an excellent tourist office and local information

The adjacent Assynt area was bought by its crofters in 1993, the first such transaction in Scotland, and their efforts to promote and improve the area is evident in the tourism offering.

Harbourmaster: Neil Gudgeon: 01571 844247 Duty Mobile: 07787 151498 Email: harbours@highland.gov.uk Lochinver TIC Tel: 01571 844373





Kinlochbervie Harbour is possibly the most secure Harbour on the North West coast situated approx 15 mls south of Cape Wrath.

All visiting yachts are made welcome in Kinlochbervie, which has a safe approach in any weather, complete shelter, and some recently installed pontoons which can be used by visiting yachts. Development of facilities for leisure craft

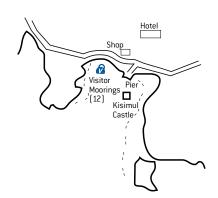
Ashore, facilities include a Spar shop, the Deep Sea Fisherman's Mission, and availability of fuel and water. A bar / hotel is a short walk away. For yachts rounding Cape Wrath this is an invaluable stopping point, shortening the passage to or from Loch Eriboll to just 30 miles.

Harbour Master: 01971 521235 Mobile:07901 514350 E-mail: Rachel.mackay@highland. gov.uk VHF: Ch14 (at all times)



#### **WESTERN ISLES**

#### **CASTLEBAY**



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Castlebay was developed in the 19th century as a fishing port, but had been the stronghold of the MacNeil clan since 1427. Today it is the main town on the Isle of Barra, with a couple of hotels, church, post office, school, grocers, supermarket, bank, swimming pool and fuel station.

Barra is abundant with beautiful scenery, rare flowers and wildlife, which can be appreciated on coastal or hill walks, drives or cycle rides along the various small roads.

The Tourist Office will provide information on the Barra Games (July), the 9-hole golf course, and trout fishing, bike and car hire.

Transport connections include the Cal-Mac ferry to Oban, and Barra airport is famously situated on the beach on the north side of the island.

Tourist Information Centre: 01871 810336 Castlebay Hotel: 01871 810 223 Website: www.isleofbarra.com Barra Car Hire: 01871 890 313 Bike Hire: 01871 810284



**ACAIRSEID MOR, ERISKAY** 



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Acarsaid Mhor in Eriskay has two visitor mooring buoys and adequate space for several anchored vessels. Pontoons are currently being extended and whilst geared up to the fishing industry will offer limited availability to visiting yachts in 2011. Water is available on pontoon. The harbour is unmanned although harbour staff visit at irregular

The shop and pub are a "healthy" walk away! All Western Isles visitor moorings are now subject to (modest) charges, details on their website.

Lochboisdale grew up around the ferry terminus,

and in recent years the buildings overlooking the

harbour have been redeveloped and now present

an attractive village centre, which has a Tourist

Information Centre, bank, butcher, grocery shop,

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar Harbour Master: Roddy Jardine Tel: 01851 703773 E-mail: harbourmaster@cne-siar.gov.uk

Web: www.cne-siar.gov.uk



**LOCHBOISDALE** 



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Local attractions include trout fishing (enquire at hotel) and a golf course on the west side of the island. Lochboisdale Hotel has an à la carte dining menu

offering the best of local produce, seafood and game, as well as bar meals.

Showers, laundry and wi-fi are available in the hotel.

Lochboisdale TIC: 01878 700286 Lochboisdale Hotel: 01878 700332 Website: www.lochboisdale.com Email: karen@lochboisdale.com





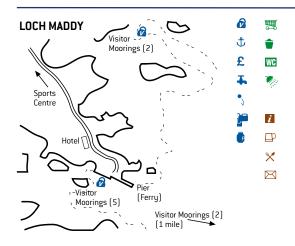
Highland Council Harbours have various pontoons around the Highlands allowing you to explore the beauty of Northern Scotland.

These marinas include; Gairloch, Helmsdale, Kyleakin, Kyle of Lochalsh, Kinlochbervie, Lochinver and Nairn.

Initial Enquiries Tel: +44 1571844800 Email: harbours@highland.gov.uk



#### **WESTERN ISLES**



Lochmaddy has been a settlement since Viking times, and is now the administrative centre and ferry port for North Uist. The bank is the only one on the island.

Two hotels, the Lochmaddy and the Tigh Dearg, are a short walk from the pier, and both have comfortable bars, and provide bar meals and restaurant dining. The Tigh Dearg has a Leisure Club with a Sauna and Steam Room.

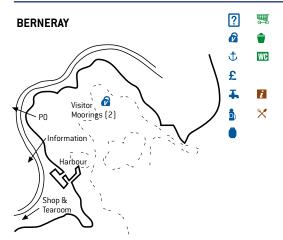
Taigh Chearsabhagh, close to the ferry terminal, is an essential port of call on any visit to Lochmaddy. Its shop and café provide tasty and inexpensive food, made from some of the best local ingredients. The shop stocks a large selection of books, souvenirs, cards, toys, pottery, jewellery and crafts, plus a wide range of music by the best traditional and contemporary Scottish musicians.

Loch Maddy TIC: 01876 500321 Tigh Dearg Hotel: 01876 500700 Website: www.tighdearghotel.co.uk Lochmaddy Hotel: 01876 500331 Website: www.lochmaddyhotel.co.uk



www.isleofberneray.com Ardmaree Stores and Lobster Pot Tearoom. Tel: 01876 540288

Cycle Hire Tel: 01876 540235



Berneray is is famous for the long sweep of white sand on its west coast, backed by high dunes and

The 126 permanent residents of Berneray stay mainly along the rockier east coast, forming an active and friendly community. The occupations are a mixture of crofting, fishing, internet services, tourism, and media work.

Services and facilities include a post office, church, fishing harbour, community hall, shop and tea room. During the summer months, an information centre containing historical and contemporary information is manned by local volunteers.

Ardmaree Stores (600 metres from harbour) provides provisions, outdoor wear, wines, spirits, and beers. The Lobster Pot tea room is in the same



RODEL ŵ WC Ō Visitor □P Moorings (3) ×

Rodel is a peaceful and beautiful setting in a historic location at the southern tip of Harris. It is centrally situated in the Outer Hebrides chain and directly opposite (18 miles) Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye. Access to the moorings is through the drying entrance on a half tide rising. The inner harbour has a slipway suitable for small boats. It is tidal and dries out at low tide

Rodel Hotel, refurbished in 2001, is beside the harbour. It has a relaxed welcoming ambience and a menu specialising in local seafood and venison in season. The bar is open all day for food and home baking. WiFi is available in or close to the hotel. The 16th century St Clement's Church is 600 metres from the harbour.

Fuel and provisions are available from Leverburgh

Rodel Hotel: 01859 520 210 Mobile: 07880 502 605 Email: reservations@rodelhotel.co.uk Website: www.rodelhotel.co.uk Contact: Donnie or Dena MacDonald





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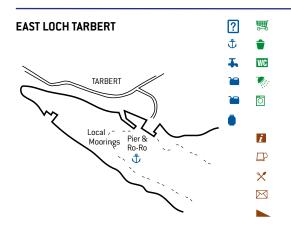
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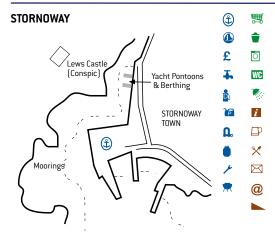
Although Tarbert has few, if any, facilities specifically for visiting yachts, it is nonetheless a useful pitstop for fuel, water and provisions, and has a bank, two grocery stores, post office, tourist information centre, hairdressers, general store, and filling

The alternative is to go to North Harbour Scalpay, where provisions, fuel and water are also available, with the option of visiting Tarbert by bus or taxi. There are two hotels in Tarbert: Harris Hotel and the adjacent Harris Inn provide restaurant and bar meals - as does the Pierhouse Restaurant, part of the Hotel Hebrides, by the ferry terminal, from where the ferry crosses to Uig on Skye.

Tarbert TIC: 01859 502011 Harris Hotel: 01859 502154 www.harrishotel.com Hotel Hebrides: 01859 502364 www.hotel-hebrides.com



North Harbour, Scalpay - Martin Lawrence



The Port of Stornoway offers a range of facilities unmatched in the north west of Scotland. It is situated 30 miles off the mainland coast of Scotland, and is the main seaport of the Hebridean island chain.

Stornoway has good communication links with the mainland with several daily flights and daily Ro-Ro ferry services to Ullapool. There is a good range of general marine services available.

Stornoway is a lively and vibrant town that has a variety of pubs, restaurants, hotels and clubs. It is an ideal base from which to explore the unique scenery and many activities the Islands have to

Internet access is available at the Library in the

Stornoway Port Authority Phone: 01851 702688 Mob: 07921886167 E-mail: sypa@btconnect.com Web: Stornoway-portauthority.com VHF: Ch 12 16 H24 Stornoway TIC: 01851 703088 www.visithebrides.com





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# NORTH EAST COAST and NORTHERN ISLES

#### MORAY FIRTH

This large triangle of waterlying between Rattray Head and Duncanby Head is exposed to the north and east, sheltered from the south and west, and in summer usually enjoys dry and sunny weather. Youcan either sail from place to place, or if on passage to the Northern Isles or Scandinavia can use strategic ports like Wick and Peterhead, which have excellend marina facilities, as departure points.

The Firth has developed substantially over the past decade, and now offers very good boating harbour facilities all around its shores. The re-invention of many redundant fishing harbours as leisure ports has awakened strong interest in and demand for recreational boating, but although most of the new leisure harbours are full, there is generally room for visitors.

The Caledonian Canal is a major asset, linking the east and west coasts, and providing a range of facilities at the Inverness end. This famous short cut avoids the potentially challenging voyage around the north of Scotland, and is an interesting and enjoyable passage through some spectacular mountains and lochs.

The new marina at Inverness Harbour is another welcome new development. Recently built on reclaimed harbour land, it has rapidly filled with leisure craft.

A major attraction when cruising the Moray Firth is the abundant sea-life. The Firth's large porpoise and dolphin population seem to enjoy meeting and greeting boats.

The Orkney group consists of the principal island of Mainland, and some 13 other inhabited islands extending some 40 miles from north to south, and 30 miles east to west. At its nearest point it is just 5 miles from the Scottish mainland, but that stretch of water is The Pentland Firth, noted for its fierce tides which must be treated with respect. Indeed, the whole archipelago is subject to the full force of the tidal stream in and out of the North Sea, creating a regime not dissimilar to that of the Channel Islands, although with a much smaller

Although located close to the mountains and moors of the Highlands, Orkney is, thanks to very different geology, a green and pleasant land of relatively low islands, where the main agricultural activity is dairy farming and stock rearing.

This fertility attracted settlers from Neolithic (from 3,500BC) through Pictish and Norse times, who have left a superb and largely intact archaeological heritage for us to see and enjoy.

Most inter-island passages will be achieved in a few hours, so a cruise plan allowing plenty of time to explore the islands is not difficult to devise. Indeed, as the tides are the commanding factor in passage planning in these parts, onward progress is often limited to a 5 or 6 hour window of tidal opportunity.

These tidal streams are not only strong, but are affected

by the narrow channels, uneven seabed, prominent headlands and North Sea or Atlantic swell and wave patterns to produce dangerous overfalls (known locally as rosts or roosts), which are usually marked on the chart, and must be avoided. Passages which risk encountering strong wind against spring tides should also be avoided, and close study of chart, tidal atlas and weather forecast is essential to avoid a very unpleasant sail, or worse!

#### **SHETLAND**

Shetland offers a cruising ground that is easily accessible from most of north west Europe, but with no need to

Cruising in the Shetland Archipelago, with its 100 small islands and 900 miles of coastline, offers a beautiful combination of dramatic cliffs and natural harbours. Piers and small marinas nestle in sheltered and scenic inlets, and the coastal landscape forms a dramatic backdrop. Your yacht allows you easy access to the smaller islands, and nowhere on the land is more than three miles from the coast. Interesting walks, great fishing in fresh water lochs, and five millennia of history can be enjoyed at over 6,000 archaeological sites. Shetland is also one of Europe's unique wilderness environments. Birds, seals, otters, dolphins and whales are everywhere – the whole island group is a naturalist's paradise! Much of the coast is steep-to, with deep water close to shore, fantastic water clarity and hazards wellcharted.

Shetland's historic links with the sea have shaped a very special marine culture and infrastructure, so facilities available for boating are excellent. Marinas and piers form the heart of the islands' small communities, and you can be sure that local folk will extend a warm and practical welcome to every visiting

Shetland's location also makes it a useful stopping point during longer passages, whether heading south to the UK, east to Norway, north to Faeroe, or perhaps even further afield.

Any well-found yacht that has sailed to the Shetland Islands will be well equipped for cruising in the area, however, it is advisable to carry a heavier anchor, not only for security in heavy weather, but because many anchorages have extensive kelp weed on the seabed. The Shetland Islands lie at 60°N, but enjoy a warm climate for their latitude, thanks to the temperate waters of the Atlantic.

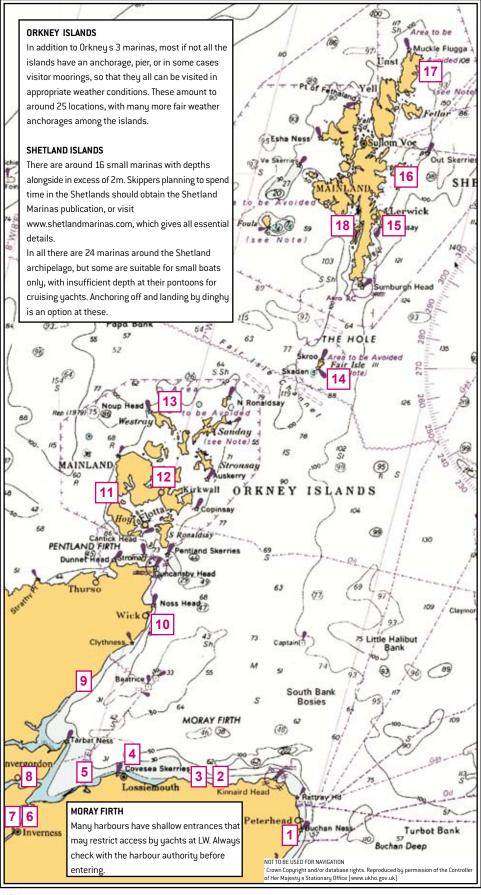


Top: Scapa Flow with the island of Hoy beyond.

Far left: Clachnarry Sea Lock is the eastern entrance of the Caledonian Canal. Seaport Marina is in the distance.



Left: Lerwick Harbour regularly hosts sailing events, and this part of the harbour has had pontoon berths installed in recent years to cater for visiting



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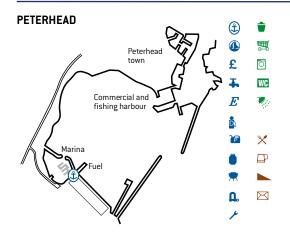
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#### **MORAY FIRTH & N. ISLES**

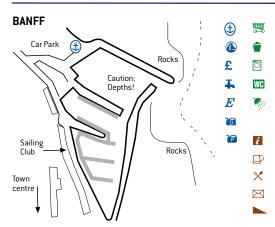


Peterhead Bay Harbour is a deep water natural inlet protected from the sea by two breakwaters. The marina lies within the large sheltered harbour which mainly sevices the oil industry. The inner harbour is devoted to the fishing industry. Peterhead is an ideal staging post for vessels heading to and from Scandinavia and vessels heading to the Caledonian Canal and the popular sailing areas on the western coast of Scotland. There are 150 fully serviced berths, and ample berths for visiting yachts. The entrance depth is 2.3m, with 2.5m at the main berths.

Peterhead town is a short walk / taxi ride away, and provisions etc can be obtained there. The bus connection to Aberdeen stops at the marina access Peterhead Port Authority Marina Tel: 01779 483600 Marina Mobile: 07803 264617 Website: www.peterheadport.co.uk

VHF: Ch 14 (H24)





A former fishing and cargo port now used as a recreational harbour, Banff offers excellent facilities to regular and visiting users. The marina provides 76 serviced pontoon berths (6 reserved for visitors) in one of the safest harbours on the coast.

Fresh water is available on the quays, and there is a small repair/painting plinth, storage compounds and car parking.

Banff is a handsome town with many amenities, and is well worth exploring.

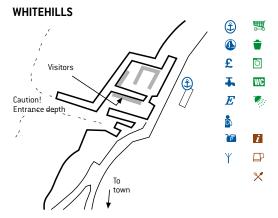
NAVIGATIONAL NOTE:

A yacht of 1.8m draft can only enter 4 hours either side of HW. The visitor berths have a minimum of 1.8m at all states of the tide.

Banff Harbour Harbour Master: James Henderson Tel: 01261 815544 Mobile: 07770 646115

Email: james.henderson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk Banff SC: www.btinternet.com/ffbanffsailingclub





There are now two establishments serving excellent meals just a short walk from the marina: the Seafield Arms Hotel and the Cutty bar and restaurant. The village has a shop, post office, butcher and a fish shop selling locally-caught catch.

NAVIGATIONAL NOTE:

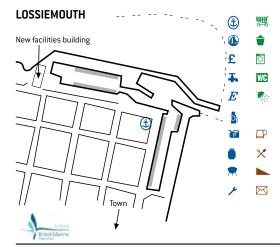
The minimum depth at MLWS is 1.6m in the channel and 2.1m on the visitors pontoon. A 2m vessel can enter 90 minutes either side of MLWS.

Note: Keeping close to the lighthouse wall up to the sharp turn to port to enter the outer basin is recomended, as the 1.6m shoal is in the middle of the channel. There is also a small shoal in the middle of the outer basin where the minimum depth is also 1.6m. These shoals are banks of sand. At MLWN a 2m vessel can enter anytime.

Whitehills Harbour & Marina Harbour Master Bertie Milne Tel: 01261 861291 Mobile: 07906 135786

Email: harbourmaster@whitehillsharbour.co.uk Web: www.whitehillsharbour.co.uk





The Marina has 90 berths in two basins with toilet facilities, showers, and a coin operated laundrette. Electricity (pre-payment cards from Steamboat Inn or HM) and water at all berths. Visiting craft:

Undercover storage for up to four yachts for major work and a workshop for approved craftsmen. 25ton Sublift Semi-submersible Self-propelled Boat Lift, boatshed and engineer on site.

Lossiemouth has a good selection of shops, a lively inn, outstanding surfing beach, sailing club, restaurants and bars, allowing visitors an enjoyable time.

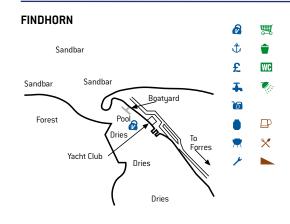
NAVIGATIONAL NOTE:

Entrance depth 1.8 metre at LW +/- 2 hours. Some berths less than 1.8m at LWS: berth, as directed

Elgin & Lossiemouth Harbour Co Harbour Master: Ian White Tel: 01343 813066 Mob: 07969 213521 Email: admin@lossiemouthmarina.com Web: www.lossiemouthmarina.com Lossiemouth CC: www.lossiecc.co.uk



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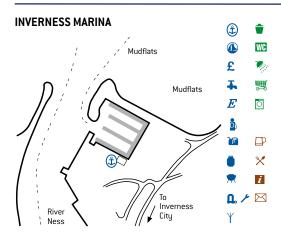


The village, the boatyard and the Yacht Club lie on the east shore of Findhorn Bay, where there is a village shop and post office, and several pubs. Findhorn Boatyard has a pontoon, slipway, boat lift, boat repairs, dinghy parking and a well stocked chandlery. For crew changing Findhorn can be easily reached by air and rail, the closest airport is Inverness, some 20 miles west. Travellers by rail can take the Inverness-Aberdeen train at Forres station and reach Findhorn by bus or taxi. NAVIGATION NOTE:

Findhorn Bay can only be entered by deep draft yachts at around HW as there is an extensive sandbar at the entrance. This is marked by buoys and depth guages. Call Findhorn Marina for free pilotage advice.

Royal Findhorn YC Tel: 01309 690247 Web: www.rfuc.net Findhorn Marina & Boatyard Tel: 01309 690099 Email: info@findhornmarina.com web- www findhornmarina com





Inverness Marina is a 150 berth marina seven miles SW of Chanonry Point in the Inverness Firth, one mile from Inverness City centre and 15 minutes by road from Inverness Airport.

It is close to the entrance to the Caledonian Canal, giving easy access to the West Coast.

Inverness Marina is a sheltered deep water harbour with access at all states of the tide. Min depth  $3.0\,\mbox{m}$ 

Inverness is the hub of a transport network to and from all parts of the Highlands and the UK. It has a full range of shops and other city facilities. The Moray Firth is a Special Area of Conservation with dolphins, porpoises, seals and many birds to see.

Inverness Marina Ltd Tel: 01463 220501 E-mail: info@invernessmarina.com Website: www.invernessmarina.co.uk VHF: Ch 12 (0900 -1700).





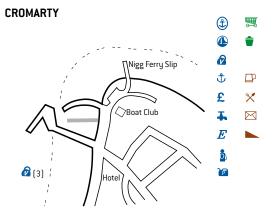
Seaport Marina is based at Muirtown Wharf at the eastern entrance to the Caledonian Canal, Onlu a 15 minute walk from the centre of Inverness, this is an ideal base for visiting the Highlands.

Clachnaharry Sea Lock is available HW +/- 4 hours, within operating hours.

As well as the facilities listed, a disabled crew lift is also available at Seaport Marina and various locations along the canal (Caley Marina, Temple Pier, Fort Augustus and Banavie). There are shops and amenities nearby, and Caley Marina, only a short walk from Muirtown Basin, also offers visitor mooring facilities, a chandlery, repair services, and a slipwau.

More information can be obtained, and a Skipper's Guide downloaded, by visiting the Scottish Canals website or by contacting the Canal Office, see above. British Waterways Scotland Clachnaharry Sea Lock: 01463 725512 Canal Office: 01463 725500 Email: enquiries.scotland@britishwaterways.co.uk Web: www.scottishcanals.co.uk VHF Ch 74 (16), call "Clachnaharry Sea Lock"





For such a little town on the northern edge of the Black Isle, Cromarty has a good selection of shops, hotels, catering establishments and small

businesses, such as the Royal Hotel, Cromarty Arms Hotel, Sutor Creek Café, Post Office, Spar Grocers, Bakeru, the Emporium and the Pantru.

Bike hire is available and Ecoventures water trips is based here.

There are no harbour toilet or shower facilities, although The Cromarty Boat Club may make their toilet and shower facilities in the Clubhouse available on request.

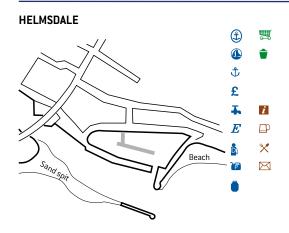
NAVIGATIONAL WARNING

Recent dredging was planned to give depths of approximately 1.8m LAT at the pontoon visitor berth. Check with HM before berthing.

Cromarty Harbour Trust Harbourmaster: 01381 600493 Mobile: 07751 244065 Email: info@cromartyharbour.org www.cromartyharbour.org Cromarty Boat Club: www.cromartyboatclub.org



# **MORAY FIRTH & N. ISLES**



Helmsdale is a planned village, built from 1814 by the Sutherland Estates to create a community able to live from both fishing and farming, and absorb people who had been cleared off the land. The harbour was built and expanded between 1818 and 1892.

The Timespan Heritage Centre is the museum of Helmsdale and the surrounding area. There is also a gallery showing the work of international, national and local artists; an excellent cafe overlooking the riverside community garden; and a shop.

The town has four restaurants and three hotels, as well as provisions shops etc.

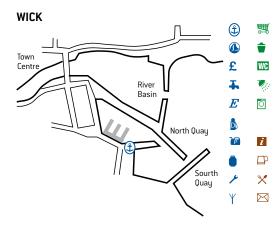
NAVIGATION NOTE:

There is a a shallow reef in the approach to the harbour.

Helmsdale Harbour Harbour Master: Alex Jappy Tel: 01431 821692 Mob: 07767 311213

Web: www.helmsdale-harbour.org.uk





Wick lies in a strategic position on the north east tip of the mainland, and is ideally placed for passage to or from the Northern Isles and the West Coast. The new marina, opened in 2009, is only a five minute stroll from the town centre with plenty of shopping and leisure opportunities, and renowned Caithness hospitality.

Local visitor attractions such as the award winning Wick Heritage Centre, and Pulteney Distillery, producing finest single malt whisky, are all close bu.

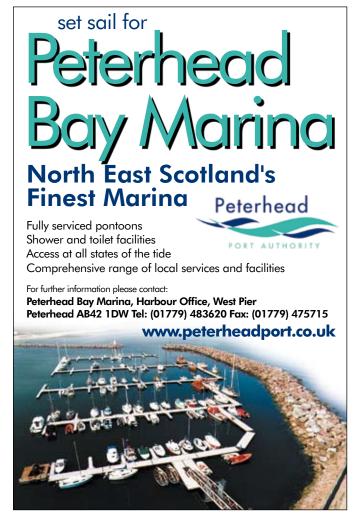
Wick Airport is just a mile from the marina, with daily flights to Aberdeen and Edinburgh, and the rail service connects with Inverness.

Wick is a secure base from which to explore the NE of Scotland.

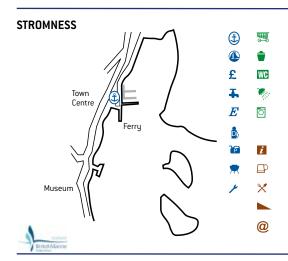
Wick Harbour Authority
Harbour Master: Malcolm Bremner
Tel: 01955 602030 (24 hours)
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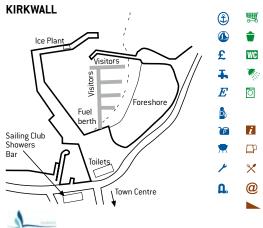
A 64 berth marina within the harbour and just yards from the attractions of this historic town. Accessible at all states of tide, all year facility, excellent shelter. Showers, toilets and laundry on site. All other facilities are around the harbour, which is dredged throughout to 2m LAT. Maximum draft 2.0 metres. Stromness was an important whaling and arctic exploration port, and the town museum is well worth

Today it offers a good selection of provisions shops and restaurants. Bus connection with Kirkwall, and ferry to Scottish mainland.

The prehistoric sites at Maes Howe and Skara Brae are a taxi ride away, and no visit to Orkney is complete without seeing them.

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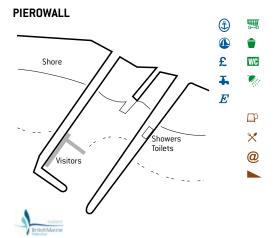
A 95 berth marina within the harbour and just yards from the attractions of this ancient port. Accessible at all states of tide, all year facility, excellent shelter. Showers at Kirkwall Sailing Club. All other facilities around the harbour.

Depth varies. Maximum draft 2.7 metres but call for instructions for deep berths. Some shallow berths less than 1 metre at LAT.

Kirkwall is the capital of Orkney, and offers a full range of facilities and services, excellent restaurants, and historic sights to see. The tourist office is beside St Magnus Cathedral.

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Serviced visitor pontoon facility within Pierowall Harbour. Accessible at all states of tide, summer facility, excellent shelter. Showers and toilets on site. Open May to September.

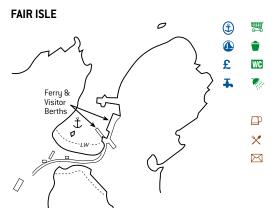
Depth varies. Maximum draft 3.0 metres but call for instructions for deep berths. Some shallow berths less than 1 metre at LAT.

Local facilities include shops, bakery, post office, swimming pool, two hotels, arts and crafts shops, and the area has a wealth of historic and wildlike interest. Westray is a hospitable place and a favourite with many cruising sailors.

There are ferry and air connections with Kirkwall. Westray, like most of the Orkney Islands, is fertile and main occupation is agriculture.

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Fair Isle, world-famous for its knitting and bird life, has a well sheltered and easily accessible pier at North Haven, and a pontoon for visiting yachts, which can also anchor off the pier if preferred. The island makes a great stepping stone, whether

on the way north to Shetland or heading south to explore the rest of Britain.

Fair Isle's internationally acclaimed Lodge and Bird Observatory is around 300 metres from the pier and has toilets, showers and a telephone as well as serving excellent food.

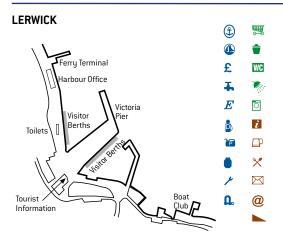
Fair Isle is also famous for its knitting and is the only source of the genuine Fair Isle garment.

The George Waterston Memorial Centre & Museum is packed with displays of the island's history from prehistoric times to the present.

Harbour Master: Jimmy Stout Tel: 01595 760222 Web: www.shetlandmarinas.com



# **MORAY FIRTH & N. ISLES**



Lerwick is the capital of Shetland and as the main centre for visiting yachts it is often the first port of call. Lerwick Port Control keeps a 24 hour watch on VHF Ch 12 and visiting craft should contact the duty Port Controller on that channel before entering

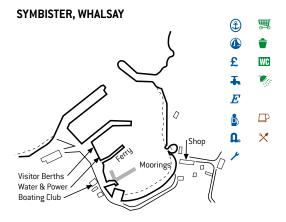
A visiting yachts Welcome Pack detailing the facilities and services at the port is available on request and can be downloaded at: http://www.lerwickharbour.co.uk/pdfs/yachtpack.pdf

At nearby Lerwick Boating Club visiting crews are always welcome to have a hot shower, use the laundry and enjoy a drink at the bar with its fine view of the harbour. The key for the showers, toilets and laundry is usually available from the Lerwick Port Authority Office.

Lerwick Port Authority Tel: 01595 692991 Email: info@lerwick-harbour.co.uk Lerwick Boating Club: 01595 692407 Lerwick Port VHF: Ch 12 (h24)



Harbour Master: Bobby Sutherland Tel: 01806 566382 Web: www.shetlandmarinas.com



On Whalsay, Symbister is a handy stopover for cruising yachts and has both a small boat marina and a pier, as well as a nearby anchorage in North Voe, although as the bottom is foul with old moorings the anchor should be buoyed. The pier offers good berthing for around 20 visiting boats.

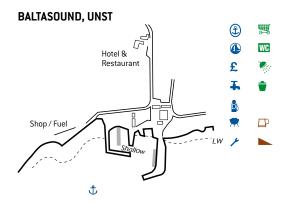
The Boating Club is open most lunch times and evenings, and welcomes visitors.

The nearest shop and post office is a 5 minute walk from the pier.

There is a museum devoted to the German Hanseatic traders who once dominated the Shetland Economy. The leisure centre is 15 minutes walk inland. The mainstay of the Whalsay economy is pelagic



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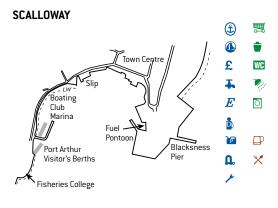


Baltasound is a large and well-serviced harbour sheltered by the island of Balta at the mouth of the sound and by the high ground to the north and west. While the small boat marina is not suitable for visiting yachts, the pontoon berth situated on the west face of the main pier is accessible at all states of the tide. Alternatively, there is a good anchorage south west of the pier.

Haroldswick, a few miles north, is home to the Unst Boat Haven, Shetland's only museum dedicated to the history of the island's distinctive wooden boats and the line fishermen who used them until the early 20th century.

You can also see the unique 'Shetland Models' that are still raced around the islands.





Scalloway, capital of Shetland until the 17th century, provides a storm-proof harbour and everything a visiting yacht requires. The harbour is sheltered from all wind directions by the islands of Trondra and Burra, and can be accessed at all states of the tide and in all weather conditions.

The visitor's pontoon is near Scalloway Boating Club (SBC) at Port Arthur, on the western side of the outer harbour.

Facilities including toilets, showers, and laundry are available at the boating club, which is open Monday-Thursday 1900 till late, Friday 1500 till late and Saturday and Sunday 0900 till late.

The Boating Club extends a lengendary welcome, and Da Haaf restaurant at the Atlantic Fisheries College is a renowned seafood resaurant.

Scalloway Boating Club, Port Arthur Marina Marina Master: Hamish Jamieson Tel: 01595 880649 or 880388. Web: www.shetlandmarinas.com Harbour VHF: Ch 9 12 16



# Managing Moorings In Scotland

EVEN THOUGH everyone is familiar with the concept of land ownership, many people are surprised to learn that the seabed around the UK is also owned. Ownership of the seabed around the UK is vested in the Crown and it is The Crown Estate that manages activities on the seabed out to the 12 nautical mile limit.

Scotland has the best sailing and cruising waters in Europe and demand for mooring and anchorage space is high. With over 5,500 licensed moorings across the whole of Scotland, The Crown Estate has the lead role in managing the provision of mooring space for the Scottish boating community.

Navigation in coastal waters is a public right, including casting an anchor while in the course of navigation. The laying of a permanent mooring or other equipment to hold a vessel, however, requires consent of the landowner and in most cases this will be The Crown Estate.

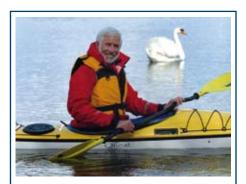
To manage the provision of moorings, we have a licensing system in place and staff dedicated to helping coastal communities make the most of this limited resource.

P-J Korbel and Rob Adam are Marine Officers for The Crown Estate. Based in Argyll and Wester Ross respectively, they work with a wide range of marine users and stakeholders in the north and west of Scotland where the majority of moorings are found.

We also maintain close links with other bodies with an interest in moorings such as the Scottish Government, Northern Lighthouse Board, RYA Scotland, Clyde Moorings Committee and the West Highland Anchorages and Moorings Association (WHAM).

The cost of a mooring licence for an individual mooring from The Crown Estate is just £80 per year, just 22p per day, and this can be reduced even further where mooring owners join together to form a Moorings Association.

There are currently over 50 Moorings Associations across Scotland and they provide a degree of local management in mooring areas.



To find out more about how to apply for a mooring licence in Scotland or for more information on our Marine Communities Fund then visit our website at www.thecrownestate.co.uk or you can contact one of our West Coast Marine Officers:

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#### Paul Bancks, coastal manager for Scotland with The Crown Estate, explains their role in managing moorings in Scotland.

Once established, a Moorings Association is given a lease for an area of seabed enabling it to manage the moorings in its specific area. Moorings Associations are suitable for groups of ten or more moorings and provide a degree of security as pressure on areas traditionally occupied by moorings increases. In return for setting up an Association each mooring owner pays a reduced fee of just £40 per year, less than 10p per day.

The importance of obtaining a mooring licence from The Crown Estate is becoming more evident as the implementation of the Scottish Marine Bill takes effect and a system of Marine Spatial Planning is introduced. A mooring licence from The Crown Estate gives a degree of protection when proposals for other marine developments are being considered. Put simply, if a mooring doesn't have a licence then we don't know it

Managing the provision of mooring areas is not the only way in which The Crown Estate benefits the boating community. We are investing in the future of the leisure boat industry across Scotland, for example: we have invested in new pontoon facilities at Tobermory on the Isle of Mull; at Tarbert, Loch Fyne; and at Wick in Caithness. We have also invested in visitor moorings at Ullapool and are investing in new facilities at our own marina at Rhu, Helensburgh.



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The publication has been supported by The Crown Estate's programme of Marine Stewardship, which provides funding for practical projects, relevant research, and other initiatives that help The Crown Estate to continually improve the status and management of the marine estate. Since its establishment in 1999 the fund has contributed £5 million to a wide range of projects around the UK

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coast including a number of practical projects that have direct benefits for boat owners and coastal communities as a whole.

The Crown Estate's £7 billion property portfolio extends throughout the UK encompassing farms, commercial property, offshore marine activities and Windsor Great Park. We have two main objectives: to benefit the taxpayer by paying the revenue from our assets directly to the Treasury; and to enhance the value of the estate and the income it generates.

With around 55% of the foreshore (the area between mean high and mean low water), approximately half of all estuary beds and tidal rivers and virtually the entire seabed out to the 12 nautical mile territorial limit, the marine estate is the largest and most diverse within The Crown Estate. As a landowner, we seek to maintain the highest standards by ensuring that management of these important areas is carried out in a responsible way in line with our corporate values of commercialism, integrity and stewardship.





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