

NEWSLETTER

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SCOTLAND'S PREMIER MARINAS

SCOTLAND'S BOAT SHOW: RIVER OF LIGHT YCW2020



Scotland's Boat Show and Kip Marina will make a splash as part of the Year of Coasts & Waters 2020 with a new event that will see Scotland's biggest boat show's programme extended for the first time into the evening to host a brand-new special event called 'River of Light'.

Boat owners, sailing clubs, marinas and commercial shipping will be invited to take part by decorating their own boats, ships and sailing craft with fairy lights, colour washes and other forms of decorative lighting effects, then to gather off shore at Kip Marina on the evening of Saturday 10th October 2020 to form a mass floating spectacle that is set to dazzle the crowds with a living, floating, River of Light.

On shore, as well as viewing the amazing display afloat, visitors will be treated to a family friendly festival of entertainment, torchlight processions, a showcase of Scottish food and drink, plus plenty more surprises in store for the first ever night time opening of Scotland's Boat Show.

Scotland's Boat Show is proud to be part of Scotland's Year of Coasts & Waters 2020 and has received support from EventScotland, a team within VisitScotland's Events Directorate.

Gavin McDonagh, Managing Director of Kip Marina and Scotland's Boat Show said:

"We see Scotland's forthcoming Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 as a great opportunity for both visitors and locals to experience everything that our country's waters have to offer whether it's enjoying a boating holiday, exploring dramatic coastlines or taking in the view shoreside."

"Scotland's Boat Show and Kip Marina will make a splash in 2020 with a brand-new event supported through the Year of Coasts and Waters 2020 event fund.

The 'River of Light' will take place on the 10 October 2020 off Kip Marina and with the cooperation of the community, private and commercial boat owners, vessels will muster in Inverkip Bay to dazzle the crowds as the variety of illuminated craft come together to provide an Aqua Spectacular"

To get involved with River of Light and to keep up with the latest news, head to www.scotlandsboatshow.co.uk/riveroflight and register for email updates.



KIP MARINA CLOTHING STORE

Stock Clearance

SUPER SALE!

STARTS 11am SATURDAY
27TH APRIL



THE RACE IS ON - PELLE P KIP REGATTA 2019

The anticipation is building for the Pelle P Kip Regatta which takes to the water on the weekend of Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May from Kip Marina, Inverclyde.



Several boats are already undergoing full 'race-prep' having arrived at Kip from the east coast, with other transporters scheduled to deliver boats from all corners of the UK in time for the regatta which is the first 'major' of the Scottish sailing season.

New entry enquiries are also being received from further south, with skippers considering racing in Scotland for the first time, citing the continued uncertainty around Brexit as a reason to head across the border and wanting to "do the West Coast" with the chance to enjoy the spectacular racing waters on offer here, rather than confine themselves to the more crowded ones they normally ply.

Last year's Pelle P Kip Regatta provided an exciting weekend of racing and entertainment in champagne racing weather which saw Pat Kelly's RC35 'Storm' celebrating with the coveted 2018 Overall Winner's trophy while all the other

race classes were also closely contested throughout the two days sailing.

With race classes for IRC, CYCA and the usual array of one design's - Sigma 33, Sonata, Etchells etc., together with a dedicated Sports Boats section, the prospect for this year again is for a keenly fought regatta under the experienced race management of Royal Western Yacht Club.



An array of spectacular prizes will again be on offer from sponsors Pelle P, the iconic Swedish sailing and fashion clothing company, who return as title sponsor for a third year and, of course, sponsor the infamous 'Pelle P Party at The Chartroom' featuring the best in Scottish and Swedish hospitality together with live music from local band 'Jimallywhy'.

For race entrants, Kip Marina is providing special packages for hoisting, berthing and storage for boats both prior to and after the event and full details are available with the Notice of Race and Entry Forms from www.kipmarina.co.uk and www.rwyc.org.uk

For more details, or to enter the Pelle P Kip Regatta 2019 email hgairns@kipmarina.co.uk or call 01475 521485



MILTON JONES + FRIENDS AT THE CHARTROOM



A top night of comedy is coming to Kip Marina as part of the first Clyde Comedy Festival and starring the messy haired master of the one liner, Milton Jones and Friends.

A regular on TV's 'Live at the Apollo' and 'Mock the Week', Milton will be joined on the night by a line up of top Scottish comedians who promise an evening of and it's all happening in the Marquee.

Milton Jones is one of the country's most successful touring comedians and his unique style of comedy has audiences in stitches causing laughter just as loud as his shirts!

"No-one can touch Jones when he hits his stride" The Guardian

Milton's 'Friends' on the big night are;

Chris Forbes - an award-winning stand-up Comedian, best known for his role in BBC Scotland's hit comedy, 'Scot Squad' as P.C Charlie MacIntosh.

Stuart Mitchell - Glaswegian humour at its finest - with reviews like this, who could disagree; 'Please go and see Stuart Mitchell!' Will Ferrell, 'A comedian worth catching before he becomes mega', Sunday Mail

Stephen Buchanan - winner of the coveted 2018 BBC New Comedy Award!

Iain Hume - a regular across the comedy circuit and finalist in Scottish Comedian of the Year 2018.

With a line up like this don't miss the Clyde Comedy Event of the Year at The Chartroom on Saturday 8th June.

Tickets are £25 and are available via www.thechartroom.co.uk or in person at the venue.

MAKING HISTORY

Back in January 1968 Holt Leisure Parks Ltd came into being when Derek Holt purchased the land at Inverkip from Sir Guy Shaw Stewart at Ardgowan Estate.

Derek had a vision to build a marina on the Inverkip saltings which was an extraordinary venture into the unknown as no one had ever heard of a marina in Scotland let alone considered building one!

So back fifty years ago the dream started and although it would take another three years until the first paying customers arrived Kip Marina was born. It was a hard road with many complications but an interesting journey to follow.

The compiling of the story of Holt Leisure Park's evolution through the past half century has nearly been completed; however; we still have a little time until the final draft, so we would be delighted to include any photographs or tales of your experiences that you may wish to share.



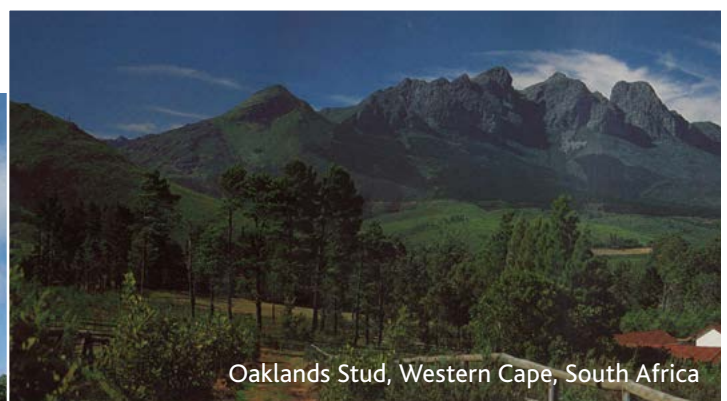
Behind all the entrepreneurship, travel, and adventure there remained a family man, father and grandfather. Holt Leisure Parks Ltd remains a family company and his three daughters not only actively involved with their own businesses but along with their mother June are shareholders.

Hopefully later in the year we will be able to share the story with you and we have been trying in the back ground to organise various events to celebrate breaking through into our second half century and we will keep you advised.

In the words of Fatboy Slim "we have come a long way baby" our founder took us on a heady voyage around the globe from Bury Lancashire to Gourock, Inverkip, the Far East, Skibo Castle, Gigha and Africa.



Skibo Castle



Oaklands Stud, Western Cape, South Africa

Please send any pictures or stories you may have relating to Kip Marina or any other of the Holt Leisure businesses to:
info@kipmarina.co.uk

GO BALLISTIC...

Kip's resident boat sales company Inspiration Marine Group are pleased to announce their recent appointment as the Scottish Dealers for leisure and commercial Ballistic RIBs.

The Ballistic Leisure boat range is made up of 5 models from 4.2 metres right up to the 7.8 metre flagship. Designed in the UK for strength, performance and seaworthiness in all conditions, these stylish boats offer stable handling at speed or at rest and a comfortable dry ride for passengers. All models come packed with equipment and extras as standard, including Yamaha



outboard motor, stainless steel A-frame for towing/skiing/wakeboarding, road trailer, chart plotter, entertainment system and much more.

The commercial range are constructed using heavy duty ORCA Hypalon tubes and an unsinkable foam filled GRP hull built



around a reinforcing structural ladder chassis. Layouts are fully customised to each user's requirements, from safety boats to patrol craft with a range of options and propulsion choices, including OXE diesel outboards.

For more information on the range, please contact Beth Renton on +44 (0) 1475 529975, email ballistic@inspirationmarine.co.uk or pop into our Kip Marina Office.

www.inspirationmarine.co.uk

NEWS FROM CRAOBH MARINA

With the increasing numbers of berth holders at Craobh Marina, it's been a busy winter for the staff as the upgrading of the electric distribution on the pontoons has continued with D walkway now being this year's centre of attention. Elsewhere the new access approach to the offices and the increased chandlery stock offer



As one of Scotland's most beautiful marinas, the popularity of Craobh also stems from the experienced staff on hand to help or advise berth holders and Thomas, our in-house woodworking and fiberglass expert, has been in high demand

with customers over the winter who have required everything from minor repairs to full interior or exterior refurbishments. His schedule is booking up for the remainder of this year so if you are planning work ahead then it is advisable to stop in and discuss your plans.

Finally we were sad to see the departure of some of our winter visitors as John and Angela Slack of Victoria, Australia, headed off to resume their round the world journey in their Bestevaer 49 'Razorbill'. Having spent the last three months at Craobh it's next stop the Netherlands via the Pentland Firth and we wish them Bon Voyage or in local parlance Cheerio!

To find out more visit www.craobhmarina.co.uk

LARGER VISITORS AT FAIRLIE QUAY

Some slightly larger visitors will be making Fairlie Quay a stopping point during May as two cruise ships visit to take advantage of the deep water pier facilities. The all suite Hebridean Sky and the expedition rated Serenissima, both owned by Noble Caledonia are both featuring the beautiful waters of the west coast in their 2019 cruise itineraries and Fairlie Quay provides an ideal berth for these beautiful ships.



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