

Rathlin Sound



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Friday 23 May -
Sunday 01 June 2014

MARITIME FESTIVAL



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Welcome to the

RATHLIN SOUND MARITIME FESTIVAL

At the very heart of the spectacular Causeway Coast and Glens the communities of Ballycastle and Rathlin Island would like to extend a very warm welcome and would like to invite you to come along and join in and help celebrate our rich and diverse maritime culture during the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival. The festival is centred on Rathlin Sound, the body of water that lies between Rathlin Island and Ballycastle.

This programme is a guide to the activities and events that are part of this year's Festival. From the adrenaline rush of the Sailing Regatta and races as well as exciting have a go activities, to tempting food and craft markets, seriously scenic guided walks, exciting and informative talks and tours, exhibitions and demonstrations, fun competitions, laid back lunches, friendly giants, currachs and Viking ships, there's plenty to choose from including fantastic family friendly events.

There's a fun filled and packed programme of events at the 2nd annual celebration of our rich maritime heritage. Why not catch a cabaret night headlined by Kaz Hawkins in the Marine Hotel, a family friendly evening of traditional Irish song and dance at Sea Sounds on the Promenade or why not catch the ferry and relax on Rathlin Island and listen to the Idyllic Dolls, Skippinish and the immensely popular Goats Don't Shave. The local bars and restaurants will have sea food themed menus, Ballycastle Town Market will be showcasing some fantastic local arts, crafts and local produce both in Ballycastle and Rathlin Island. Or why not watch the community boat building projects were local volunteers will

be using their skills to build two Drontheims over the course of the festival...Or for those adrenaline junkies why not watch the JetMan use the power of water to soar into the air or take a hair-raising ride in a powerboat....There is something for all at this year's Festival.....

We invite you to enjoy the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival and to stay, enjoy and explore further the spectacular heart of the Causeway Coast and Glens.

Festival Office contact number for information & urgent matters call:

**Ballycastle Festival Office
at the Visitor Information Centre,
Portnagree House Harbour and
Marina Visitor Centre
028 2076 2024**

**Rathlin Festival Office,
Rathlin Boat House
Call 077 0886 9605**

For information on berthing contact:

**Harbour Master John Morton
Tel: 028 2076 8525.**

M: 078 0350 5084

E: ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org

**For emergencies contact the
PSNI or Coastguard on 999.**

At a Glance - Festival Events Quick Guide

Daily throughout the Festival

10am to 5pm - **Maritime Exhibition** Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre.

Everyday - **Various boating and fishing trips** throughout the Festival departing from Ballycastle and Rathlin Marinas with special festival rates.

Friday to Friday - **Drontheim Building**, beside the Ferry Terminal Ballycastle and at Jim McFaul's shed on Rathlin Island. Concluding with a race at Rathlin Island on Sunday 1st June.

Everyday - **Rathlin Boat House** - with Festival Information and Museum.

Open everyday from 9.30am to 5pm.

From Tuesday 27th to Sunday 1st June **Ship Wreck Exhibition** on Rathlin Island.

Friday 23rd May

In Ballycastle

Tall Ship at Ballycastle Marina from today, departing Wednesday 28th May, weather permitting.

5pm **Round Rathlin Sunset Cruise** departing Ballycastle.

6.30pm **Fancy Dress Parade** from Tall Ship to The Diamond, Ballycastle

8:00pm to 11pm - **Sea Sounds @ The Diamond**, Ballycastle.

7.30pm to 9pm - **Sample BBQ Seafood**, The Diamond, Ballycastle.

11pm to late **Pirate Themed Fancy Dress Disco** at Halo, Ballycastle.

Saturday 24th May

In Ballycastle

12noon to 6pm - **Dingy Sailing Taster Sessions**, Ballycastle Marina.

2pm to 4pm - **Ballycastle Sailing Regatta**, Ballycastle Marina.

10am to 5pm - **Boat Trips** to see **Rathlin puffins** with Aqua Sports, Ballycastle Marina.

11am to 5pm - **Ballycastle Market**, in a Marquee at the Seafront, Ballycastle.

11am to 2pm - **Children's Recycling workshops & craft activities**, Ballycastle.

11am to 5.30pm - **Have a go Paddle Boarding** with Long Line Surf School, Ballycastle Beach.

12noon to 5pm - **Have a go Kayaking**, Ballycastle Marina.

12.00 to 6pm - **Have a go Power-boating Sessions**, Ballycastle Marina.

1.30pm - 3.30pm - **Street Entertainers Competition**, Ballycastle Seafront.

2.30pm **Talk on Kemp, Marconi and the early Irish 'Wireless'**, The Rathlin Connection, Ballycastle Library.

Various Times - **Cookery Demonstrations**, Seafront, Ballycastle.

2.30pm - **Boat Trip Carrick-a-Rede Ropebridge & Seabirds of Rathlin**, Aquaholics, Ballycastle Marina.

3pm to 4.30pm - **Sand Castle/ Sculpting Competition**, Ballycastle Beach.

3pm to 4pm - **Curragh Races**, Ballycastle Seafront.

3pm to 5pm - **JetBoard Display**, Ballycastle Harbour.

6pm - 7.15pm **Tiny Tots Pirate Disco**, Marquee, Ballycastle Seafront.

9pm to later **Maritime @ The Marine Hotel** - Cabaret Evening Headlining Kaz Hawkins. Full GET READY show. Support from Maeve Dunphy.

On Rathlin Island

11am to 2pm - **Ballyconaghan Walk**, Rathlin Island.

7pm to 9pm - **Model Yacht Race, Ushet**, Rathlin Island.

Sunday 25th May

In Ballycastle

12noon to 6pm - **Dingy Sailing Taster Sessions**, Ballycastle Marina.

11am to 5pm - **Ballycastle Market**, Ballycastle Seafront.

11am to 5pm - **Ulster Wildlife Touch Tanks**, Ballycastle Seafront.

1pm to 3pm - **Cookery demonstrations** with one of Ireland's most celebrated chefs Jenny Bristow.

1pm to 5pm - **Free Whiskey Tasting with Bushmills Distillery**, Ballycastle Seafront.

1pm to 5pm - **'Big Heads', The Giants from Giant's Causeway**, Ballycastle Seafront.

1pm to 4pm - **Ballycastle Big Lunch**, Seafront, Ballycastle.

2pm to 3pm - **Childrens Storytelling with Liz Weir**, Ballycastle Seafront.

2pm to 4pm - **Sea Angling Competition**, Ballycastle Beach.

7pm to 10pm - **Traditional Family Entertainment**, Ballycastle Seafront.

Monday 26th May

In Ballycastle

11am to 4pm - **Ballycastle Market**, Ballycastle Seafront.

7pm to 8pm - **Blessing of the Boats**, Ballycastle Marina.

9.00pm **Showing of Oscar Award Winning 'The Shore'**, Ferry Terminal, Ballycastle.

Tuesday 27th May

On Rathlin Island

From Tuesday 27th to Sunday 1st

June **Ship Wreck Exhibition** on Rathlin Island.

1pm to 4pm – ‘**Decades Boards’ launch**, a glimpse of 100 years of history on Rathlin Island.

1pm to 4pm – **Ciaran Dempsey, traditional music**, Marquee, Rathlin Island.

3pm to 4pm - **Ian Wilson, Ship Wreck Talk**, Rathlin Island.

6:30 - 10pm - **Murder Mystery event**, Rathlin Island.

Wednesday 28th May

In Ballycastle

10am to 10.30am - **Pirate Themed Rhythm & Rhyme Session** 0-4 years, Ballycastle Library.

7.00pm to 8.00pm - **Guided Walk of Ballycastle Maritime Heritage**. Meet at Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre.

On Rathlin Island

10am to 5pm - **Exhibition** by Department of Environment Marine Division and the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG), Marquee, Rathlin Island.

From 1pm today until Sunday - **The ‘Celtic Mist’**, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group’s research and survey vessel (IWDG).

12.00 to 4pm - Performance by the **Armagh Pipers**.

1pm to 4pm **Great Auk Launch** in the Marquee on Rathlin Island.

From 7pm to 8.30pm – ‘**Tales of an Explorer**’ – talk by Jonathon Shackleton, cousin of Ernest Shackleton.

Thursday 29th May

In Ballycastle

Drontheim Launch from Ballycastle today, come along to witness the launch of the Drontheim from Ballycastle. Times to be confirmed.

Talk on “**Images of Rathlin from the digital film archives**” 6.30pm by Mary Bradley at Ballycastle Library.

On Rathlin Island

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10am to 5pm - ‘**Celtic Mist**’, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group’s research and survey vessel (IWDG).

7pm to 8.30pm - ‘**Voyage**’ - storytelling, music and images from Shetland, Marquee, Rathlin Island.

Friday 30th May

In Ballycastle

1pm - **Ardglass Vikings** arrive in Ballycastle.

3pm approx. **Ardglass Vikings** Depart Ballycastle for Rathlin Island.

2.30pm - **Boat Trip Carrick-a-Rede Ropebridge & Seabirds of Rathlin**, Aquaholics, Ballycastle Marina.

On Rathlin Island

11am to 3pm - **Ballycastle Market**, Marquee on Rathlin Island.

11am to 3.30pm - **Children’s Recycling workshops & craft activities**, Rathlin Island.

11am to 5pm - **Roonovolin Walk**, CCGHT, Rathlin Island.

1.30pm to 3pm - **Hugo Duncan**, BBC Radio Ulster Live Broadcast, Rathlin Island.

4pm to 5pm - ‘**Across The Water**’ multi-media performance from Inishowen including live music, drama and storytelling. Rathlin Island.

4pm to 7pm - **Ardglass Vikings** arrival, Rathlin Island.

10pm to late - **Idyllic Dolls**, Marquee on Rathlin Island.

Saturday 31st May

On Rathlin Island

10am to 12noon - **Comhlutas Groups**, Marquee, Rathlin Island.

11am to 5.30pm - **Have a go Kayaking Sessions**, Rathlin Island.

12.00 to 2.30pm - **Sandcastle Building/Sculpting Competition**, Rathlin Island Beach.

10am to 3.30pm **Ulster Wildlife Touch Tanks**, Marquee on Rathlin.

11am to 7pm - **Drontheim, Curragh, Viking Displays**, Rathlin Island.

3pm **Launch of the recycled plastic boat** at the seafront , designed and built by the youth of Rathlin.

4pm to 5pm - ‘**Across The Water**’ multi-media performance including live music, Rathlin Island.

7.30pm to 9.30pm **Dog Ruff String Band**, Marquee, Rathlin Island

10pm to late - **Skipinnish**, Marquee, Rathlin Island.

10pm to late - **Aquaholics return shuttle service** from the Island to Ballycastle.

Sunday 1st June

In Ballycastle

2.30pm - **Boat Trip Carrick-a-Rede Ropebridge & Seabirds of Rathlin**, Aquaholics, Ballycastle Marina.

On Rathlin Island

12noon to 5pm - **Have a go Kayaking Sessions**, Rathlin Island.

11am to 7pm - **Drontheim, Curragh, Viking Displays**, Rathlin Island.

1.30pm to 3.30pm - ‘**Goats Don’t Shave**’, Marquee, Rathlin Island.

1pm to 3pm - **Rathlin’s ‘Big Lunch’**.

1pm to 5pm - **Free Whiskey Tasting** with Bushmills Distillery.

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MalinWaters.com are delighted to support the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival, one of Northern Ireland's most celebrated marine themed festivals, which celebrates the rich local maritime history, culture, music and food of Northern Ireland.

With a packed programme featuring a range of maritime activities including, sailing, crafts, have a go activities, demonstrations, exhibitions, seafood markets, music and entertainment, there is certainly something to suit all tastes and MalinWaters would encourage everyone to go along and support this impressive maritime festival.

The festival will no doubt introduce many people to the unforgettable beauty of Rathlin Island, Ballycastle and the spectacular North Coast and perhaps be their first experience of truly maritime event in such beautiful surroundings.

Our support is in keeping with our commitment to nurturing the development of marine and coastal activity in the MalinWaters regions and broadening our audiences. We wish all those taking part the very best of luck and we look forward to many more annual Rathlin Sound Maritime Festivals. The festival is already a significant addition to our maritime calendar of events for 2014 and one which we are very pleased to support.

Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival – Programme of events



Throughout
the Festival

MARITIME EXHIBITION

10am to 5pm, Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre, Ballycastle. Open today and every day until Sunday 1st June. Come along to view traditional fishing elements from days gone by. Courtesy of Causeway Museum Service, Moyle District Council & local fishermen.

DRONTHEIM BUILDING

In Ballycastle and on Rathlin Island throughout the day from Friday 23rd to Friday 30th May - Drontheim Building, beside the Ferry Terminal Ballycastle and at Jim McFaul's shed on Rathlin Island. Concluding with a race at Rathlin Island on Sunday 1st June. Kindly sponsored by Fair Head Tidal Energy Park - Reliable. Sustainable. Predictable.



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TALL SHIP

The 'Irene' is due to arrive at Ballycastle Marina Thursday 22nd May and depart Wednesday 28th May, weather permitting. Book a trip to explore the beautiful coastline from this historic ship. Pre- booking advisable. Call down in- between sailings for a free look around this historic vessel. Contact: Skipper, Caroline
Tel: 07896215213
More Info: www.ireness.com

RNLI AND COASTGUARD

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th. Throughout the weekend RNLI and the Coastguard will display their equipment and hold rescue exercises. More information to follow.
Details TBC.



SHIP WRECKS EXHIBITION

From 1pm to 4pm at the Parochial Hall Rathlin Island. Learn about the breeches buoy rescue of the trawler Shackelton's crew and enjoy a remarkable display of shipwreck artefacts salvaged from the waters around Rathlin Island. This popular exhibition is testimony to the rich maritime history of the area and a moving reminder of the ever-present risk to a life on the sea. Open until 1pm Sunday 1st June.



RATHLIN BOAT HOUSE - Open Daily with Festival Information and Museum

The Rathlin Boathouse Visitor Centre is open seven days a week, 9.30 – 5.00 (closed for lunch 12.30 – 1.00). Conveniently situated at the south of the harbour, the Boathouse contains a wealth of artefacts, photographs and information about Rathlin's history and life on the island, and in particular a fascinating collection of maritime artefacts, including items recovered from some of Rathlin's many shipwrecks.
Tel: 077 0886 9605.

TRIPS TO SEABIRD COLONY & EVENING CHARTER TRIPS

Every day, trips to the seabird colony £10 per person

and evening charter trips by arrangement. Contact Rathlin Boat Trips - On the Puffin Boat. Find them on Facebook - Rathlin Boat Trips or Tel: 075 4511 6511.

FISHING TRIPS ON LORD MOYLE

from Monday 26th to Friday 30th, 2pm to 5pm special festival 50% discount.

Contact: Captain Chris
Tel: 07751345791.

FISHING TRIPS ON LADY LYNDA

Throughout the Festival, for special festival rate

Contact: Sean McKay
Tel: 07712167502.

FISHING TRIPS ON TORRA

Throughout the Festival, for special festival rate

Contact: Paul Martin
Tel: 07754294177.



TALL SHIP

at Ballycastle Marina from today until Wednesday 28th May, weather permitting. Scenic coastal trips available. Come along in-between sailings to view this historic vessel.

Contact: Skipper, Caroline
Tel: 07896215213
More Info: www.ireness.com

ROUND RATHLIN SUNSET CRUISE

departing Ballycastle at 5pm, returning approximately 7pm. Enjoy on board live music and great views. Tickets £20, concessions available, booking is essential. Hosted by the Rathlin Island Ferry Company. Tel: 028 2076 9299 for details and to book.

FANCY DRESS PARADE

Prizes for best maritime themed dressed, starts at 6.30pm from the Harbour Area near the Tall Ship to The Diamond, Ballycastle. Hosted by Ballycastle Community Development Group (BCDG) and Rathlin Community and Development Association (RDCA).

MUSIC AT THE DIAMOND

In Ballycastle from 7.30pm to 11pm, enjoy the entertainment outdoors while sampling some locally barbequed seafood. Hosted by Ballycastle Chamber of Commerce and BCDG.

PIRATE THEMED FANCY DRESS

from 11pm to late at Halo Night Club, Ballycastle. Come along dressed up to win prizes. Strictly over 18s only.

LATE EVENING MUSIC

and other entertainment hosted by local bars.

Saturday 24 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

DINGY SAILING TASTER SESSIONS

from 12 to 6pm at Ballycastle Marina. FREE opportunity to sample the delights of dingy sailing, over 8's only, sailings approx every hour. Collect your time slot voucher from Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre. Any queries contact Harbour Master Tel: 028 2076 8525. M: 078 0350 5084 E: ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org

BALLYCASTLE SAILING REGATTA

from 2pm to 4pm at Ballycastle Marina. Cruising yacht races today. Lots of excitement as you watch competitors compete and display their skills and experience. Hosted by Ballycastle Marina and Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club.

BOAT TRIPS TO PUFFINS

leaving every two hours from 10am to 5pm, with Aqua Sports leaving from Ballycastle Marina.

Pre-booking advisable, to book Tel: 02870 823563 M: 07962309670.

BALLYCASTLE MARKET

from 11am to 5pm in and around the Marquee at the Seafront, Ballycastle. A chance to see, sample and buy some of the great local food and crafts produced and made locally. Delights such as seafood chowder and smoked salmon and other tasty treats. Hosted by Ballycastle Market.

CHILDREN'S RECYCLING WORKSHOPS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

from 11am to 2pm at Stretch Tent at Ballycastle Seafront. Free event, hosted by Moyle District Council (MDC) Recycling Section.

HAVE A GO PADDLE BOARDING

from 11am to 5.30pm with Long Line Surf School, Ballycastle Beach. Sessions of 30 minutes available at £7 per person. Pre booking is advised to secure times as spaces are limited. Tel: 07738128507 or Email: info@longlinesurfschool.co.uk

HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Ballycastle Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Hosted by Ardclinis and MDC.

HAVE A GO POWERBOATING SESSIONS

from 12.00 to 6pm departing from Ballycastle Marina. Special Festival rate, groups of 4 passengers for total cost of £20 for one hour. Contact Harbour Master Tel: 028 2076 8525 M: 078 0350 5084 Email: ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org

RATHLIN SOUND MARITIME FESTIVAL STREET ENTERTAINER'S COMPETITION

1.30 – 3.30pm around Ballycastle Seafront and Marina Area. Please pre-register to be allocated an identity number. Prizes, in both junior, intermediate and senior categories. A great opportunity for local and visiting musicians, singers, dancers and street entertainers to take part.



To enter, please contact the Development Office, Moyle District Council, Tel: 028 207 62225 or Email: dev@moyle-council.org. There is no entry fee. The date for postal and email applications is **Tuesday 13 May at 4pm**. Or for late entries on the day please come along in person to register on Saturday 24 May between 11.30 am and 12.30 in Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre, Portnagree House, 14 Bayview Road, Ballycastle. Hosted by The Arts Programme for Moyle District Council.

TALK ON KEMP, MARCONI AND THE EARLY IRISH 'WIRELESS', THE RATHLIN CONNECTION

2.30pm Ballycastle Library
Hosted by Libraries NI. Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

Various times at the seafront area with some of our amazing local chefs preparing some of our great local seafood.

BOAT TRIP CARRICK-A-REDE ROPE BRIDGE & SEABIRDS OF RATHLIN

at 2.30pm by Aquaholics departing from Ballycastle Marina. Special festival rate adults normally £30 but will be £21, kids normally £20 but £14 Booking essential Tel: 028 70832584 or Email: info@aquaholics.co.uk
More info: www.aquaholics.co.uk

SANDCASTLE/SCULPTING COMPETITION

from 3pm to 4.30pm - Sandcastle/ Sculpting Competition at Ballycastle Beach. Various prizes, hosted by BDCG.

CURRAGH DISPLAYS AND RACE

3pm to 4pm at Ballycastle Seafront, come along to enjoy the spectacle of these traditional boats at sea.

KILMORE JETBOARD DISPLAY

From 3pm to 5pm at Harbour Area, Ballycastle. At approx. 15 minute intervals watch as the 'JetBoard' shoots into the air! Weather dependent.
www.kilmorejetworks.com Hosted by BCDG.

TINY TOTS PIRATE THEMED DISCO

From 6.30pm at the Marquee on Ballycastle Seafront. All children must be accompanied by an adult. FREE admission. Hosted by BDCG.

MARITIME @ THE MARINE

9pm to late.
We are pleased to be able to announce the brand new and original show 'Get Ready' by Belfast's very own award winning blues & soul songstress Kaz Hawkins who will be headlining 'Maritime @ The Marine' Tickets once released will be available from Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre and the Marine Hotel Ballycastle. £10 pre-booked or £12.50 at the door.

Always one to put on a show this is her biggest yet as she includes award winning dance group Stompin Hepkatz who have just returned home to Belfast with trophies in The Lindy Hop Celebrations in Galway. Specially prepared visuals will be used as the back drop to the post-war themed evening by Belfast director Stephen Mullan which includes footage of Kaz & some of her female fans in a special video upload for International Women's Day on 8th March. The audience will have the option to dress in 1940s/50s 'vintage' if they wish. They will be escorted and looked after by Candy Girl Usherettes.

Opening the night is singer songwriter Maeve Dunphy who offers songs which range in style mixed from blues to jazz, soul to funk, and hints of country. Maeve plays a mean guitar and sings passionately with a warm, humorous and invigorating



Image: Daniel McAlfee

onstage presence. Maeve, who hails from Omagh, has been gigging in pubs and clubs all over Ireland, and in 2012 released her first album 'Scarlet' to critical acclaim. She will be backed by her regular band featuring guitar, bass and drums.

ON RATHLIN ISLAND

BALLYCONAGHAN WALK

11am to 2pm meet at Harbour: Join this beautiful walk guided by the National Trust through a mosaic of different habitats and old Rathlin settlements. The area is home to hares, dragon flies, skylarks, linnets, buzzards and much more. The walk leads to the old Coastguard Look Out and the spectacular cliff top views off the island's northern coast. Possible Coastguard demo on cliff rescue techniques.

MODEL YACHT RACE

from 7pm to 9pm at Ushet, Rathlin Island. Lots of fun for all the family during the traditional model yacht races on Rathlin. Follow the signposts from Rathlin Harbour area. Weather dependent. For details contact: Douglas Cecil Tel: 07593392484 Hosted by RDCA.



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BALLYCASTLE MARKET

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LIVING SEAS EVENT

from 11am to 5pm inside the Marquee at the seafront. Family friendly fun including seaweed hand spa, shell displays and touch tanks. Hosted by Ulster Wildlife

BUSHMILLS WHISKEY TASTING

from 1pm to 3pm, inside the marquee at the Seafront. Try some new blends offered by the famous Bushmills Distillery. Ask about

special offer coupons and discounts for Distillery retail items. Hosted by Bushmills Distillery.

YACHT TASTER SESSIONS

from 12noon to 6pm from Ballycastle Marina. Maximum of 3 additional passengers, booking essential. Special Festival Rate £15 per trip, approx one hour. Pre-booking essential Contact: Casuseway Coast Sailing Tel: 07759 228111 Email: info@causewaycoastsailing.com.

JENNY BRISTOW

From 1pm - 3pm. Jenny Bristow is one of Ireland's most celebrated local good food ambassador's, TV cooks and cookery writers whose cookery programmes have travelled the world. Her unique appeal lies in that she can create new ideas and twists using affordable ingredients that are ready available in any local or high street shop. Jenny has a real passion to support local produce and businesses and she is a great ambassador for healthy eating as the way forward to a better lifestyle. The Festival committee are extremely excited to have Jenny on board, she will be cooking up a storm in the stretch tent using locally sourced produce.



MEET OUR FRIENDLY LOCAL GIANTS FINN MCCOOL AND HIS WIFE OONAGH

coming over from the Giant's Causeway from 2pm to 4pm to visit Ballycastle Seafront. Say 'Hello' and get your photograph taken with our friendly giants. Benandonner, Finn's rival may even join us. Hosted by the Giant's Causeway Visitors Centre, National Trust.

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING WITH LIZ WEIR

from 1pm to 3pm at the Stretch Tent at Ballycastle Seafront. Come along to hear internationally renowned Irish Story Teller Liz Weir bring our maritime heritage alive. Hosted by BCDG.

HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Ballycastle Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Hosted by Ardclinis and MDC.



HAVE A GO POWERBOATING SESSIONS

from 12.00 to 6pm departing from Ballycastle Marina. Special Festival rate, groups of 4 passengers for total cost of £20 for one hour. Contact Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre.

BALLYCASTLE BIG LUNCH

From 1pm to 4pm, at Ballycastle Seafront bring along a rug and a picnic, a great excuse to enjoy an open air picnic and make new friends. Hosted by BCDG.

SEA ANGLING COMPETITION

From 2pm to 4pm at Ballycastle Beach. Private competition hosted by Ulster Bass Sea Angling club Contact: fishermansam39@btinternet.com and sponsored by Nick Roberts of www.basslures.co.uk

TRADITIONAL FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

From 7pm to 10pm at the Marquee/ Stretch Tent at the seafront. Come along and enjoy some traditional family friendly entertainment. Altagore and Ballycastle Comhlta's Free admission. Hosted by BCDG.



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BLESSING OF THE BOATS

from 7pm to 8pm at Ballycastle Harbour. Come along to witness and experience this unique tradition of the 'Blessing of the Boats'. Local vessels and seafarers are blessed for a safe passage at sea. Everyone welcome.

THE SHORE - FILM SCREENING

9.00pm at the Ferry Terminal, Bayview Road, Ballycastle.

Screening of Belfast director Terry George's short film which won an Oscar in 2012. The film features major Northern Ireland actors including Conleth Hill, Ciarán Hinds and Maggie Cronin. Terry George also gained Oscar nominations for his screenplays for Hotel Rwanda and In the Name of the Father. Seamus Productions in association with Northern Ireland Screen, Lough Shore Investments and Tourism Ireland.

Free of charge but advance booking essential as numbers are limited. Bookings through Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre Tel: 028 2076 2024 Email: tourism@moyle-council.org Hosted by the Arts Section, Moyle District Council.



ON RATHLIN ISLAND

DECADES BOARDS' LAUNCH:

From 1pm to 4pm at the Marquee, Rathlin Island, a gathering of photographs, images, letters, newspaper cuttings, and much more make up a rich mosaic of Rathlin's story over the last 100 years. This series of boards, one for each decade since the 1990s, is witness to the hard work of a small group of residents and to the community's passion for its fascinating history.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC

with Ciaran Dempsey from 1pm to 4pm at the Marquee, Rathlin Island.

SHIP WRECKS EXHIBITION

From 1pm to 4pm at the Parochial Hall Rathlin Island.

Learn about the breeches buoy rescue of the trawler Shackelton's crew and enjoy a remarkable display of shipwreck artefacts salvaged from the waters around Rathlin Island. This popular exhibition is testimony to the rich maritime history of the area and a moving reminder of the ever-present risk to a life on the sea. Open until 1pm Sunday 1st June.

SHIPWRECK TALK BY IAN WILSON

2pm to 3pm, venue to be confirmed, Rathlin.

As the centenary of the outbreak of World War I approaches, maritime

history expert Ian Wilson leads us through the stories of the tragic events that led to the maritime War Graves from both WWI and WWII in St Thomas's graveyard on the Island. Ian Wilson is a well known authority on Ulster's maritime heritage, and is a frequent visitor to the island. Ian's published works include 'Shipwrecks of the Ulster Coast' and 'HMS Drake. Rathlin Island Shipwreck'. Hosted by RDCA

MURDER MYSTERY EVENT

from 6:30 - 10pm at the Marquee on Rathlin Island.

Murder Mystery NI evening of fun with; "Murder in Smugglers Inn". This murder mystery experience happens amongst the buccaners, backstabbing pirates and town folk in the harbour town of Port Ventura.

Gold and goods are a plenty but there is many a secret to be told. Can anyone be trusted? Wenches, town folk and pirates will cause havoc tonight but who is keeping secrets and deceiving everybody at the gathering. Discover the motive for the killing and protect your innocence as well as discovering "who dun-it". Theme for dress code; period clothing worn by characters is in the mid 1700's years. Contact RDCA office to book your place £10 per person Tel: 02820760079.



IN BALLYCASTLE

PIRATE THEMED RHYTHM & RHYME SESSION

10am to 10.30am - 0-4 years, Ballycastle Library Hosted by Libraries NI. Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

GUIDED WALK OF BALLYCASTLE MARITIME HERITAGE

7.00pm to 8.00pm Guided by Danny Morgan, Author of By the Moyle Shore Vol 1 & 2. Meet at front of Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre. Pre-booking essential, please contact Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre Tel: 028 2076 2024 Email: tourism@moyle-council.org





ON RATHLIN ISLAND

EXHIBITION

from 10am to 5pm - by Department of Environment Marine Division and Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, Marquee today & Thursday 29th May.



ARRIVAL OF THE 'CELTIC MIST'

From 1pm today until Sunday - 'Celtic Mist', Irish Whale and Dolphin Group's research and survey vessel (IWDG). Open to the public to showcase how research is carried out around Ireland's waters, round island trips for members on Sat & Sun, discounted memberships will be available throughout the festival, OAP & Students - £10, wage earners - £20, family - £30. Places will be limited so contact the staff as soon as the boat arrives! www.rvcelticmist.ie

PERFORMANCE BY THE ARMAGH PIPERS

From 12.00 to 4pm - Armagh Pipers Club has been at the forefront of traditional music education since its foundation in 1966. Celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2011, five of

the teams finest musicians will entertain at the marquee.

'MEET THE GREAT AUKS'

1pm to 4pm - public launch of Rathlin School's work through NIEL Challenge Fund - Marquee, Rathlin Island.

TALES FROM AN EXPLORER BY JONATHAN SHACKELTON

From 7pm to 8.30pm at venue to be confirmed on Rathlin Island. Irish born explorer and cousin of Ernest Shackleton. As a lecturer and guide, Jonathan has accompanied 30 groups on trips to the Antarctic in the past 15 years as historian, guide, photographer and Zodiac driver.



Thursday
29 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

TALK ON "IMAGES OF RATHLIN FROM THE DIGITAL FILM ARCHIVES"

at 6.30pm by Mary Bradley at Ballycastle Library. Hosted by Libraries NI. Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

DRONTHEIM LAUNCH

Times to be confirmed, from Ballycastle Harbour. Come along and watch the newly built drontheim be launched. Kindly sponsored by Fair Head Tidal Energy Park - Reliable. Sustainable. Predictable.



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EXHIBITION

10am to 5pm - Display by Department of Environment and Irish Whale and Dolphin Group, Marquee.

'CELTIC MIST'

'Celtic Mist', the research & survey boat of the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group (IWDG) in Rathlin Harbour for visiting and sea trips – weather permitting.

'VOYAGE' - STORYTELLING, MUSIC AND IMAGES FROM SHETLAND

Ian Stephen (storyteller and poet), Giles Perring (musician) and Kirsty Law (singer and song writer) perform 'Voyage - mapping a way through stories and ballads' with visuals from Christine Morrison. A journey through spoken word, music and song. From 7pm to 8.30pm Marquee.

Friday
30 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

ARDGLASS VIKINGS

To arrive in Ballycastle from approx 1pm. Come along to view the long boat and vikings as they arrive at Ballycastle Harbour before departing for Rathlin Island.

BOAT TRIP CARRICK-A-REDE ROPE BRIDGE & SEABIRDS OF RATHLIN

at 2.30pm by Aquaholics departing from Ballycastle Marina.

Booking essential

Tel: 028 70832584 or

Email: info@aquaholics.co.uk

Special festival rate adults normally £30 but will be £21, kids normally £20 but £14.

ON RATHLIN ISLAND

BALLYCASTLE MARKET

from 11am to 3pm in and around the Marquee on Rathlin Island. A chance to see, sample and buy some of the great local food and crafts produced and made locally. Delights such as seafood chowder and smoked salmon. Hosted by Ballycastle Market.

CHILDREN'S RECYCLING WORKSHOPS & CRAFT ACTIVITIES

from 11am to 3.30pm at Marquee, Rathlin Island. Free event, hosted by Moyle District Council (MDC) Recycling Section and RDCA.

ROONIVOOLIN WALK

At 11am, leaving from the Manor House, Rathlin Island. Take the route less travelled on his beautiful walk to the Rue, the most southerly point on the island and then on to the RSPB Roonivoolin reserve before returning to the Harbour area. 3.5 hrs, 5 miles. Pre-booking is required. Contact: Tel: 028 2075 2100 Email: tierna@ccght.org Hosted by Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust.

WEAVING WILLOW - WITH LOUISE MCLEAN

11am to 3pm - Marquee, Rathlin Island. Traditional heritage skills artist. Come along and join in the weaving of a Rathlin puffin and Golden Hare.

HUGO DUNCAN LIVE BROADCAST

from 1.30pm to 3pm Hugo Duncan will host the show with all the best from



the world of country music from old favourites to new country live from Rathlin Island.

ARDGLASS VIKINGS ARRIVAL

onto the Island from 4pm to 7pm Rathlin Island.

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IDYLIC DOLLS

10pm to late - Marquee on Rathlin Island
Una McGill and Hannah McCauley of Ballycastle will perform in the Marquee, everything from traditional folk to modern rock and pop. (£5 at the door).

10pm to late - Aquaholics return shuttle service from the Island to Ballycastle.



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ON RATHLIN ISLAND

COMHALTAS GROUPS

from 10am to 12noon in Marquee, Rathlin Island Traditional music with groups from Ballycastle and around and about...

WEAVING WILLOW

11am to 3pm, Marquee, Rathlin Island - with Louise McLean, traditional heritage skills artist. Come along and join in the weaving.



HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Ballycastle Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Hosted by Ardclynis and MDC.

YACHT TASTER SESSIONS

from 12noon to 6pm departing from Rathlin Marina. Maximum of 3 additional passengers, booking essential. Special Festival Rate £15 per trip, approx one hour. Pre-booking essential Contact: Casuseway Coast Sailing Tel: 07759 228111 Email: info@causewaycoastsailing.com

SAND CASTLE/SCULPTING COMPETITION

From 12.00 to 2.30pm - Sand Castle/Sculpting Competition at Rathlin Beach. Various prizes, hosted by RDCA.





LIVING SEAS EVENT

from 10am to 3.30pm inside the Marquee on Rathlin Island. Family friendly fun including seaweed hand spa, shell displays and touch tanks. Hosted by Ulster Wildlife.

DRONTHEIM, CURRAGH, VIKING DISPLAYS

11am to 7pm various locations Rathlin Island. Admire these traditional boats in the Marina and at sea. Watch the spectacle as they sail and race around the Bay.

LAUNCH OF THE RECYCLED PLASTIC BOAT

3pm at the seafront , designed and built by the youth of Rathlin from recycled materials to raise environmental awareness.



'ACROSS THE WATER'

4pm to 5pm, venue to be confirmed, Rathlin. Admission free. A multi-media performance including live music, storytelling and drama. Inspired by 'The Last of the Name' by Charles McGlinchey, the show features the cream of Inishowen's musical talent including Finbarr Doherty, Lorna McLaughlin (The Henry Girls) and Seamus Devaney, and actor Paul Kelly. Across the Water is a must-see event, inspired by the local, yet universal stories of rural Irish life. Hosted by RDCA.

DOG RUFF STRING BAND

7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Marquee, Rathlin Island. Hard playing six piece acoustic outfit from County Antrim, disassemble songs and reconstruct them Dogg Ruff style, always ready for a party!!! **Note:** Skipinnish and Dog Ruff concerts are on one ticket (£8) Tickets once released will be available from Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre and Rathlin Boat House.



SKIPINNISH

10pm to late - , Marquee, Rathlin Island. The band 'Skipinnish' was formed in early 1999 when accordionist Angus MacPhail from Tiree and piper Andrew Stevenson from Achnacarry joined musical forces. At the time, they were both studying in their first year at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, and having played together at various impromptu sessions, they realised that both their musical styles and their outlook on Traditional Music were very similar.

After the formation of 'Skipinnish', their popularity snowballed, and they very soon became in demand for festivals, concerts, dances, weddings and many other events throughout the U.K. and abroad. Since their beginnings they have consistently delighted audiences at a huge number of performances in many diverse and sometimes dangerous locations! From the Marine Hotel in Mallaig, to the Hyundi Hotel in Ulsan South Korea - from the main auditorium of the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall to Johnny Alec MacKay's kitchen in Torlum Benbecula - the list is endless, but everywhere Skipinnish have played audiences have been enthralled with their music.

In July 2001, 'Skipinnish' released their debut CD. These boys give their audience the real thing, and with both barrels! This approach is one of 'Skipinnish's' trade marks, and one of the main reasons for their popularity - the connoisseur is refreshed by the authenticity of their music, while the uninitiated

listener appreciates the honesty of it, and both groups, and everybody else in between who has heard 'Skipinnish' are enthralled by the musical ability of these two tremendous musicians.

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'GOATS DON'T SHAVE'

1.30pm to 3.30pm - Marquee, Rathlin Island
After a sabbatical that has lasted seventeen years the band have decided to go back on the road and are planning an extensive touring schedule of Ireland and the UK this year. Led by singer/songwriter Pat Gallagher, the Goats became one of Ireland's shinning lights in the early 1990's with top ten singles and a platinum selling album. They sold-out concert venues the length and breadth of Ireland and the UK, and played at some of Europe's most prestigious festivals. When Pat was asked, why has it taken you so long to get the band back together? He said in his laidback Donegal manner, "Well, as a band we always wanted to make sure our audience had a great time, and wanted every Goat's gig to become a real party but when the audience went home we continued to party a bit too much.

We awoke one morning in 96 with a headache from hell and decided to pull our horns in. So I guess what I'm trying to say is the last seventeen years has been one hell of a hangover, but we're feeling a little bit better today!! Tickets once released will be available from Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre and Rathlin Boathouse.

RATHLIN'S 'BIG LUNCH'

1pm to 3pm - Around Marquee, Rathlin Island, bring along a rug and a picnic, a great excuse to enjoy an open air picnic. Hosted by RDCA.

BUSHMILLS WHISKEY TASTING

from 12noon to 3pm, Marquee, Rathlin Island. Try some new blends offered by the famous Bushmills Distillery. Ask about special offer coupons and discounts for Distillery retail items. Hosted by Bushmills Distillery.





RATHLIN SOUND MARITIME FESTIVAL

23 May to 01 June 2014

Audience Survey

Please tick the boxes
that apply

Male

Female

Age 18-25

26-34

35-49

50-64

Over 65

Are you here today as SELF

GROUP

FAMILY

WITH A PARTNER

Where did you travel from, for the events: _____

If staying overnight where are you staying: B&B

HOTEL

HOSTEL

FAMILY

TENT

FRIENDS

SELF CATERING

MOTORHOME

OTHER _____

How long are you staying: DAY

OVERNIGHT

(please state how many nights) _____

How did you hear about the event: Word of Mouth

Newspaper/Magazine Poster/Banner

Television

Web/Facebook/Twitter

Other

What are your key interests in visiting this or other areas, please tick all areas that interest you.

Activities e.g. walking, diving, sailing, culture, other _____

Events e.g. festivals, culture, music, other _____

Entertainment - eg local music, storytelling, other _____

Food and local produce - please provide details _____

Attractions, historic and local interest _____

Have you visited the Ballycastle/Rathlin area before? Yes

No

What changes would you make to improve the event? _____

If you would like to register for a quarterly e-zine please put your email address here:

Thank you for your time. Remember to return your completed forms to Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre at Portnagree House Harbour and Marina Visitor Centre for a chance to win a prize.

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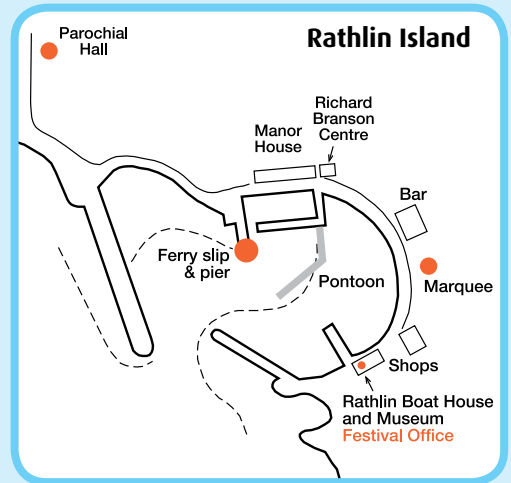
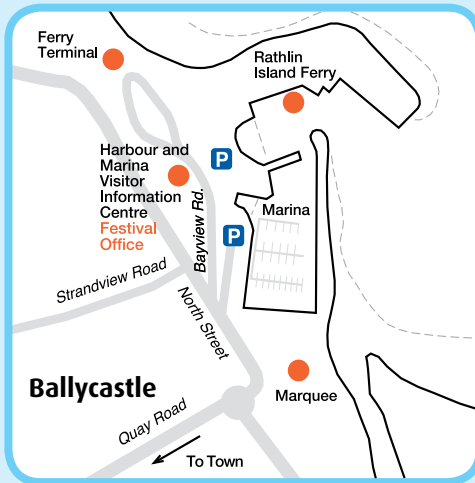
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- All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events, including parade.
- Events are weather dependent and subject to change.
- Events are free of charge (excluding travel costs) except where indicated.
- Details correct at time of going to press.
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Special thanks go to Daniel McAfee for all his photographs which captured the festival so well in 2013.

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