

THE TAYVALLICH BAY ASSOCIATION

May 2021

After what feels like a long winter it is really good to have spring here, all be it a particularly cold one. Hopefully we will soon see people enjoying the high seas and the bay full of boats again. Here is a quick update on what has been happening behind the scenes of the TBA.

We are all looking forward to gloriously sunny season doing all the things we have been missing. Please all have a good time and enjoy yourselves.



Orion – the new Jura Passenger Ferry

MAINTENANCE

The pontoon has had a complete overhaul of its mooring gear. All chains have been replaced and some of the anchors where appropriate. Three of the four 8m fingers and the ramp have been given a budget refurb. The decking has been cleaned up. We are aware that we are only buying time here and replacement fingers and main pontoons will be required and have become a priority. A fourth visitor mooring is scheduled for laying late May.

*This years AGM will take place in September.
Further details will be announced.*

THE JURA PASSENGER FERRY AND SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS

The Jura Passenger Ferry boat Shannick has been replaced with a 46ft catamaran Orion. This boat is a full upgrade and well worth a trip on. www.jurapassengerferry.com This is a bigger boat so please be aware of the morning and evening berthing times of between 9.20 and 10am and 5.50 and 6pm.

We as a committee are committed to supporting our members but also feel it is important to the community to assist local businesses where we can so we are looking at the different possibilities to accommodate this new improved service. All of the commercial operations that operate from Tayvallich are paying a premium for use of the services we provide (fishing boats, Ferry and Venture West). We are grateful for their input, support and contribution to the Association and local community.

PONTOON UPGRADE AND FUNDING

Applying for funding for pontoon repairs/replacement/ extension has become a priority. We have approached two likely funding sources and continue to research others. The Weir trust rejected our application based on being massively oversubscribed. We have also applied to Transport Scotland who fund the Jura Development Trust and the Jura passenger Ferry. There are funding opportunities available for larger projects - £350k

plus. This requires further investigation and by the September AGM we will be in a better position to discuss options with members regarding a larger project to upgrade the facilities for example to include power fuel and shower facilities. (please note no detailed discussion has taken place regarding this and it is simply an idea for further investigation).

CROWN ESTATE INFORMATION

The crown estate has increased the pontoon lease charge from £600 to £675 per year. This was done under the 5 yearly contract review.

The rate for mooring rental remains unchanged.

Contact Us

As always please contact us with any questions answers, information or help that you have or need:

phone 07831181185, email admin@tayvallichbay.com or message www.facebook.com/messages/t/170728543693857

WAITING LIST

The waiting list is divided into 3 main categories and prioritised for committee consideration accordingly.

- A. Resident home owners in the Tayvallich area/ commercial enterprises beneficial to the area
- B. Holiday home or caravan owners in the Tayvallich area/ applicants with a strong connection to the area
- C. Everybody else in order of application date

At the moment we have 5 on the A list and 7 on the B list and 20 on the C list.

Currently we have 0 mooring locations to offer to the list.

MANAGING OUR MOORINGS

Despite multiple requests 73 members out of 114 have still not completed the annual declaration. This implies to us that these moorings have not been serviced, the boats are uninsured or the moorings are unused. These moorings are eligible for retraction without warning to help address the waiting list. Please go to <https://www.tayvallichbay.com/> sign in and complete the declaration if you have not already done so and do not want to risk your mooring being retracted.

There is also a small number of mooring holders who use their mooring so infrequently they would be far better off using the visitor moorings on their sporadic visits. If you think this would work for you please get in touch.

STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

We continue to progress work on changing the status of the Association as discussed by us and several previous committees to a charity or a Ltd company. Our research has tipped towards a Ltd Company as being slightly more favourable. When the committee has made a firm decision we will issue a proposal to members before proceeding.

