



ROYAL SCOTTISH MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Lochgoilhead Muster 2026 – 120th Anniversary Year Special Edition

June Newsletter

Welcome from Commodore David Gillies, Vice Commodore Alex Rae and Honorary Rear Commodore Jamie Scott.

Following the success of the Rhu Muster, members gathered once again for our June event at the beautiful anchorage of Lochgoilhead.

Unlike our earlier marina-based gathering, this event returned us to more traditional cruising roots, with members spending the weekend safely on moorings and at anchor beneath the dramatic Highland backdrop surrounding Loch Goil.

Despite the occasionally moody Scottish skies, spirits remained high from the moment the first boats arrived.

The anchorage looked magnificent throughout the weekend with members enjoying the peace and beauty that makes Loch Goil such a favourite destination for west coast cruising.

The Royal Scottish Motor Yacht Club's June Muster at Lochgoilhead once again demonstrated everything that makes our Club so special — friendship, laughter, adventure and the shared enjoyment of spending time together on the water.

Despite some mixed Scottish weather throughout the weekend, members enjoyed another fantastic gathering in one of the most beautiful locations on the west coast.

Vice Commodore Alex and I were delighted to see another excellent turnout and it was wonderful to welcome both familiar faces and newer members for a weekend full of social activities and great company.

As always, our thanks go to everyone who contributed to making the weekend such a success.



Members moored at the beautifully scenic Loch Goil.

Friday night onboard Paragon “Dinghies Ahoy”

Members began arriving throughout Friday afternoon, with the beautiful waters of Loch Goil providing the perfect setting for the weekend ahead.

The crew of **Paragon** kindly hosted Friday evening hospitality onboard, allowing members to gather, catch up and begin the weekend in true RSMYC style. The RSMYC Uber dinghies were out in force supporting transport to and from Paragon. A perfect start to another memorable muster.



Paragon reflecting on the calm waters of Loch Goil

Saturday Treasure Hunt

Saturday Treasure Hunt Challenge

Saturday morning saw members taking part in our specially organised **Lochgoilhead Treasure Hunt**, designed to encourage everyone to explore the fascinating historic village and surrounding area.

Members followed a series of clues and questions, requiring them to locate specific landmarks, gather answers and most importantly provide **photographic evidence** of their discoveries.

The challenge quickly became highly competitive, particularly when participants realised bonus points could be earned through a number of carefully planned **photobomb opportunities**.

Adding further mystery to the event, teams were also tasked with locating the now famous **Muster Duck**, although strangely several ducks appeared to materialise throughout the village as the competition progressed.

Following the afternoons activities, members enjoyed a very welcome lunch at **The Shore House Inn**, whose staff made us all feel extremely welcome.

Special thanks also go to **Lochgoilhead Parish Church**, who kindly allowed members access to photograph parts of the historic building during the competition.



Honorary HOG Mascots

And The Winners Are...

Following careful score calculation...and some **minor point readjustments following suspected photobomb point theft**, final scores were confirmed.

🏆 First Place Aquila -Dennis and Pat

Dennis and Pat aboard **Aquila** secured first place following an outstanding effort throughout the treasure hunt and recieved a well-earned **bottle of champagne** in recognition of their hard work.

🏆 Very Close Second Place Candi -Ian and Catherine

The crew of **Candi** pushed the winners all the way and finished an extremely respectable close second after a spirited performance. Even the special scone delivery did not manage to sway the judging. All disputes regarding scoring irregularities were settled diplomatically, mostly.

Unexpected Bonus Entertainment

As if the treasure hunt was not enough excitement for one day, Lochgoilhead was also hosting a major **Harley Davidson Owners Group gathering**.

This unexpected bonus event proved hugely popular with members, who took full advantage of the opportunity to admire a fantastic display of motorcycles from visiting riders.

Our sincere thanks go to **Clyde Valley HOG** who warmly welcomed our members, kindly supporting our treasure hunt and allowed photographs to be taken on their motorcycles and patiently answered the many questions our members had throughout the afternoon.

One particularly stylish four-legged Harley enthusiast also became something of an unofficial celebrity with our members.



Clyde Valley HOG

Saturday Evening

Saturday Evening at The Goil Inn

Saturday evening saw members gather once again, this time ashore at **The Goil Inn**, where stories from the day's adventures quickly began flowing as easily as the refreshments.

The evening provided another wonderful opportunity for members to relax, share plenty of laughter and continue enjoying the outstanding camaraderie which defines our Club.

Weekends like this remind us that while boats may bring us together...

It is friendship that keeps us together.

The Social Side of Club Life

Of course, no RSMYC Muster would be complete without plenty of laughter, friendship and a few completely unexpected moments.

From ducks appearing in unusual places...

To dogs becoming honorary crew members...

To members enthusiastically competing for treasure hunt glory...

The weekend perfectly demonstrated why our Club continues to thrive after 120 wonderful years.



It is these moments of friendship and shared experiences that make our gatherings so enjoyable year after year.

Calm before the Storm

Sunday Departure

As Sunday morning arrived, members began making preparations for the journey home.

While some enjoyed relatively straightforward passages...

For others, conditions proved rather more challenging.

The West Coast once again reminded us that it always deserves respect, and a few members certainly experienced a more energetic return journey than originally planned.

But as all experienced mariners know...

“Smooth seas do not make skilled sailors.”

Another fantastic RSMYC Muster completed.

Until next time...



Next Muster – Tarbert 14-16 August 2026

Our next club muster takes place at stunning Tarbert.

This is our fancy dress Muster with this year's theme being 'Famous Maritime Characters' in celebration of our nautical history and being our 120th year. There will be a berthing plan which we require confirmation of your attendance to organize with the Marina. Look out for the email with more details arriving in your mailbox soon.

We look forward to seeing as many members there as possible for another fantastic social boating weekend.

Good company. Great cruising. Stronger together.

Celebrating 120 Years of Friendship, Cruising & Seamanship