



ROYAL SCOTTISH MOTOR YACHT CLUB

Rhu Muster 2026 – 120th Anniversary Year RSMYC

May Newsletter

Welcome from Commodore David Gillies and Vice Commodore Alex Rae and of course our seconded Rear Commodore Jamie Scott (Past Commodore).

Thank you to all members and guests who attended the Rhu Muster and helped make the weekend such a success. With over 40 people attending and 9 boats and our shore support members across the weekend, the event created a fantastic atmosphere both ashore and afloat. The marina looked magnificent throughout the weekend with boats dressed overall and members enjoying glorious weather, great company and plenty of laughter.

Special thanks go to Vice Commodore Alex Rae for coordinating the berthing arrangements and ensuring everyone was safely accommodated.

Members enjoyed a fantastic social weekend centred around Rhu Marina and Helensburgh Sailing Club, <https://www.helensburghsailingclub.co.uk>,

with Friday evening hospitality, Naval Cocktails, hosted by Alex and Audrey Rae onboard LSY Graffiti. Saturday evening took place at the sailing club with takeaway and BBQ activities enjoyed by all. Alex and Audrey again keeping everyone suitably hydrated. A huge thank you also goes to Rhu Marina and staff who hosted us superbly throughout the weekend.

Members enjoying the sunshine and relaxed atmosphere at Rhu Marina.



Members listening to the fascinating guest speaker session.

Guest Speaker

A particular highlight of the weekend was the brilliant and entertaining talk on the Saturday from David Findlay OBE. Members thoroughly enjoyed his stories, humour and fascinating marine wildlife observations – including the revelation that dolphins appear to genuinely enjoy interaction and applause from passing boats, while puffins will often make an appearance and a show of appreciation to humans who visit as they help act as a deterrent to predators such as gulls.

Breakfast Crew

Special thanks to Jamie Scott for providing the excellent JSM produce for Sunday morning breakfast, by special delivery, which was enjoyed by all members attending the muster. A huge thank you also goes to Alex and

Audrey for their support in preparing and organising breakfast, helping ensure everyone was well looked after before departure. Vice Commodore Alex Rae also modelled the official RSMYC apron beautifully throughout breakfast service, adding further style and professionalism to proceedings.



Commodore David Gilies and Vice Commodore Alex Rae serving breakfast.



Turley Cup Awards presentation during the Rhu Muster weekend.

Awards Presentation

Congratulations to George and Jacqueline Bryson, not forgetting Mabel, on receiving the Turley Cup during the weekend in recognition of their excellent cruise log and contribution to club cruising traditions. Thanks also to Stuart Scott our previous commodore for supporting the presentations and the club throughout the event.

120th Anniversary Stop Press – The Ceremonial Changing of the Urn

As part of our 120th Anniversary celebrations, we thought it may be helpful to allow members an insight into the highly secretive ceremonial changing of the sacred RSMYC Urn between the exiting and new commodore.

Club historians believe the urn possesses unique powers when member drink from the water including dramatically improving boating stories after the second drink, temporarily reducing memories of difficult marina manoeuvres and enabling members to estimate wave heights at

approximately twice their actual size.

Sharp-eyed members may also notice the importance of correct left-leg ceremonial dress protocol — a long-standing tradition apparently still taken very seriously by certain Past Commodores!



The ceremonial changing of the sacred Urn.

Featured Boats

A number of members travelled significant distances to attend and the marina looked superb throughout the weekend with boats dressed overall.



Trophies & Awards

The Club trophies remain active for the 2026 season and members are encouraged to participate.

Turley Cup - Best cruise log of the season.

Kennedy Trophy - Most merit-worthy cruise.

Manson Distance Trophy - Greatest cruising distance travelled during the season.

Next Muster – Lochgoilhead 5th–7th June 2026

Our next club muster takes place at beautiful Lochgoilhead.

This will primarily be an anchor muster with mooring and limited pontoon availability generally more suitable for smaller boats mooring overnight.

We are also expecting great shore support from members and have a couple of wee surprises to come! Members are encouraged to plan early if pontoon berthing is required.

We look forward to seeing as many members there as possible for another fantastic social boating weekend. You are what makes the club after all!



Friday evening social gathering at Helensburgh Sailing Club.

Good company. Great cruising. Stronger together.

Celebrating 120 Years of Friendship, Cruising & Seamanship