

Tarbert Muster August 2026-120th Anniversary Special Edition

Welcome from the Commodore and Flag Officers

Commodore David Gillies • Vice Commodore Alex Rae • Honorary Rear Commodore Jamie Scott

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our August Muster at beautiful Tarbert Harbour and helped make another weekend in our 120th Anniversary year such a success.

Tarbert provided a wonderful backdrop for three days of boating, friendship, hospitality and perhaps just a little friendly competition. Members once again threw themselves wholeheartedly into the weekend, whether decorating boats, dressing as famous maritime characters, taking part in the games or simply enjoying the company.

A particular thank you goes to the team at Tarbert Marina, who were terrific throughout our stay. We were made extremely welcome and the superb marquee provided a fantastic headquarters for the Club throughout the weekend.



Friendship, fun, imagination and a little friendly competition in one of Scotland's great harbour towns.

FAMOUS MARITIME CHARACTERS TAKE OVER TARBERT

Once again, however, it was our members who really made the muster.

Friday - Boats, Bunting & Inter-Boat Hospitality

Members began arriving in Tarbert throughout Friday, with the marina steadily filling with RSMYC boats and crews.

With the weekend theme of Famous Maritime Characters, it soon became apparent that members had not approached the challenge half-heartedly. The boat decoration competition transformed our part of the marina. Flags, bunting and wonderfully imaginative maritime touches brought colour and character to the pontoons, with members really excelling themselves.

A huge thank you to everyone who decorated their boats and helped make the marina look so special.



The marina's superb marquee became the Club's welcoming base for the weekend.

Friday evening brought our traditional inter-boat hospitality, giving everyone the opportunity to move between boats, catch up with friends and welcome members and guests to Tarbert. It was the perfect start to the weekend.

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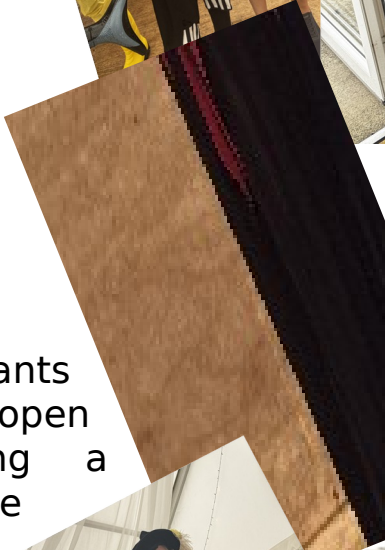
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Saturday - Famous Maritime Characters



Members embrace the Famous Maritime Characters theme before the parade into Tarbert.

Saturday saw the weekend theme really come to life as members emerged in an extraordinary collection of Famous Maritime Character costumes. The standard was exceptionally high, with strong competition, tremendous creativity and, most importantly, a willingness from everyone involved to enter completely into the spirit of the occasion. Members enjoyed afternoon tea catching up and socialising sharing stories around their characters.

The fun then moved beyond the marina as members formed our legendary costume parade into Tarbert town. It was a wonderful sight and certainly ensured that the Royal Scottish Motor Yacht Club made its presence known! The parade provided plenty of laughter, photographs and interaction along the way and became one of the highlights of the weekend.

And the Winners Are...



WINNERS

Jamie & Janet Scott Our Toy

Famous Maritime Characters Competition

With such strong competition, choosing a winner was never going to be easy. After considering the impressive efforts across the Club, Jamie and Janet Scott aboard Our Toy were declared the winners.

Their brilliant RNLI-themed costumes - complete with their own rather unique inflatable lifeboat - proved difficult to beat! Congratulations to Jamie and Janet on a thoroughly deserved victory.

More importantly, thank you to everyone who dressed up. The imagination, effort and willingness to have fun made the competition and parade such a success.

Strong competition, fun and creativity - exactly the spirit the weekend was designed to encourage.

Saturday Afternoon & Evening - Let the Games Begin



Music, dancing and plenty of good company in the marquee.

After the excitement of the costume parade, , games and another opportunity to enjoy the excellent marquee.

Anyone expecting the competitive element of the weekend to have finished with the costumes and boat decorating was quickly disappointed. The competitive spirit returned during the evening games, with considerable enthusiasm from the teams and perhaps one or two examples of some decidedly cheeky team antics along the way!

Rules were interpreted. Tactics developed. Competitive instincts emerged. Fortunately, everything was taken in the spirit intended and resulted in plenty of laughter from competitors and spectators alike.

BBQ, Music & Dancing

Saturday evening continued with the BBQ, followed by music and dancing in the marquee. After a full day of costumes, parading and competition, it was an opportunity for everyone to relax and enjoy another excellent RSMYC social evening.

The boats bring us together. The friendships keep us together.

Sunday Morning - A Very Welcome Breakfast



Sunday breakfast preparations - a very welcome sight after Saturday night's festivities.

Sunday morning arrived - perhaps rather earlier than some members might have preferred. Fortunately, freshly prepared breakfast rolls proved extremely welcome and brought members together in the marquee for one final gathering before departure.

A special thank you goes to John Scott Meat, who generously sponsored Sunday's breakfast. Judging by the reception the breakfast rolls received, their contribution was very much appreciated!

Our thanks also go to everyone involved in cooking, preparing and serving breakfast and looking after members before the journeys home began.

Thank You, Tarbert

Our sincere thanks again go to Tarbert Marina and its staff for their terrific support and warm welcome. The excellent marquee gave us a superb base for the weekend and contributed enormously to the atmosphere and success of the event.

And finally, thank you to every member and guest who attended, decorated a boat, wore a costume, joined the parade, competed, cooked, danced, helped or simply came along and enjoyed themselves. You are what makes the Club.

120 Years of Friendship, Cruising & Seamanship

Tarbert Harbour by night - a fitting close to another memorable RSMYC muster.

As our 120th Anniversary season continues, Tarbert provided another reminder that although much has changed since the Royal Scottish Motor Yacht Club was founded, the things that matter most have remained remarkably constant: friendship, seamanship, adventure, helping one another and enjoying our time together on and around the water.

Next Muster - Inverkip

SEPTEMBER 2026

Our 120th Anniversary cruising season isn't finished yet. The next RSMYC Muster will take us to Inverkip in September, where we look forward to bringing members together once again for another weekend of cruising, friendship and Club hospitality. Further details will follow.

We would like to highlight for members the awards and trophies to be awarded for different aspects relative to the club. Please have a look on the website to see if you and your team can aim for one.

Good Company. Great Cruising. Stronger Together.

Celebrating 120 Years of Friendship, Cruising & Seamanship