

## Bulletin #3 Navigation and Routing

### Navigation Notes

#### Tides

The Scottish West coast Tidal range is generally between 13 - 17 feet.  
The Tidal Atlas of the Irish Sea and the Mull of Kintyre is useful for planning.  
Taking the tide up the Irish Sea will speed your trip.

#### Aquaculture

The cultivation of finfish, shellfish, and marine algae.  
The RYA, Royal Yachting Association, believes that all hazards should be marked and lit in accordance with the General Lighthouse Authority requirements.  
<https://www.rya.org.uk/knowledge/planning-licensing/aquaculture>  
Watch out for Fish Farms! Often placed in favourite anchorages.

#### Navionics and Phone Carrier

The Navionics Boating App for your phone is not to be missed.,.  
Buy *U.K., Ireland and Holland* to cover this cruise.  
Also please consider your phone carrier.  
Both AT&T and Verizon charge \$12 per day to turn your phone on.  
T-Mobile Essentials™ plan gets unlimited texting and calling at \$0.25 per minute in 215+ countries, worth checking out.

#### Routing between Events

July 19th - Kerrera

Then around Ardnamurchan, the most westerly point of the British Isles and two overnight anchorages to be found on the way to Loch Harport, Skye.

NE to Loch Moidart

N to The Small Isles. Muck, Rhum, Eigg and Canna or Skye's Loch Scavaig which is simply stunning. Walk up to Loch Coruisk, take your paddle board!

July 24th - Carbost, Loch Harport, Talisker

With sunset at 9.54pm consider a gentle evening sail, if the wind is right, to cross the Minch to the outer Hebrides. Many potential anchorages on the way to Vatersay.

N to Loch Dunvegan, Skye and the famed castle then across.

NW to North Uist to Loch Eport.

W to South Uist and Loch Skipport, the Wizard pool or Little Kettle pool.

SW to Loch Boisdale marina, Eriskay and walk over to the west beach. To Barra, North Bay or Castle Bay.

July 27th - Vatersay.

July 28 - 30th - Impromptu Alfresco Pot Luck Party

Three more nights to explore on the way back to Kerrera.

SE to Gunna Sound between Coll and Tiree. Then N to Gott Bay, with Highlands and Islands moorings, on Coll or S to Tiree's, Breacha or Arinagour.

Visit the Treshnish Isles for a lunchtime stop at Lunga with puffins galore.

Watching the weather, then this may be decision time. To leave Mull to starboard, head N back towards Tobermory and the Sound of Mull for a more sheltered return to Oban? Maybe Loch Sunnart or a visit to Loch Aline on the mainland side, to port.

However should the weather be settled, it is tempting to leave Mull to port.

Sail SE past Staffa, extremely settled weather is required to anchor and land here. Fingal's Cave, on the SE corner, inspired Felix Mendelssohn to write his Hebrides Overture.

SE to Iona. Anchor off the village on Iona or Bull hole on Mull. St Columba brought Christianity to Scotland when he arrived with twelve followers in 563 AD. An island just three miles by one mile with numerous glorious white sandy beaches. Look out for Iona green marble pebbles, but

everybody is, so they are rarer now. If the weather is clear, climb to the top of the Island, Dun I (pronounced Dun Ee) for stunning panoramic views W N and E.

From Iona there are several anchorages of interest on the south of Mull, eg Earraid (Balfour's Bay of Kidnapped fame), Ardalanish and Carsaig. Finally around the SE of Mull and perhaps over to Puilladobhrain (pronounced Pulldoran), on the mainland and finally N to Kerrera and Oban.

July 31st - Kerrera. The finale party will be at Kerrera Marina again along with pipers, Dinner, a Ceilidh with band and Scottish dancing. Don't forget some tartan - plaid! If time and space allows there may be a Scottish Dancing class at NYYC around the Annual meeting, so you'll be prepared.

Hopefully many on their own boats will take more time amidst the islands before heading for their winter haul out. The Clyde offers some lovely late summer cruising too, whether your draft allows you back south through the Crinan Canal (and if enough water?) or enjoy the sail around the famed Mull of Kintyre, with interesting tides.