

C R S C NEWSLETTER

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CalMac / Cowal / Argyll Ferries Ltd:

- Ali Cat** Chartered from Solent & Wightline Cruises Ltd for **Gourock–Dunoon** (No 1A Roster) pax only, berthing **James Watt Dock**. M 16 – Th 19 May off service (tech). M 6 Jun berthing trials at **Dunoon 'new' linkspan**; from F 10 berthing overnight at Gourock; **F 24 Jun purchased by David MacBrayne Ltd**, berthed JWD after roster for modifications. M 27 resumed roster; **Th 30 Jun commenced charter to Argyll Ferries Ltd** running hourly 0620-2120. Occasional disruption to service (tech/weather).
- Argyle** **Wemyss Bay–Rothesay** rosters. M 23 May one run only (weather → diverted to **Gourock**). Su 11 & M 12 diverted to Gourock p.m. (gales); T 13 roster from 1900 (weather).
- Argyll Flyer** **M 13 Jun purchased by David MacBrayne Ltd as Banrion Chonamara from Aran Island Ferries Ltd**; T 14 ex Rossaveal (Eire) for Burtonport; W 15 to **Ardmaleish** for slipping/survey – renamed *Argyll Flyer*. Su 3 Jul to **Rothesay**; T 5 trials; W 6 to **Dunoon** and **Gourock**; Th 7 commenced trials/crew familiarisation; **Th 14 on service for Argyll Ferries Ltd**; occasional disruptions (tech/surveys). F 2 Sep off service p.m. (fouled prop).
- Bute** **Wemyss Bay–Rothesay** rosters. M 23 May one run only (weather → diverted to **Gourock**). T 6 Sep to Gourock p.m. (weather); Su 11 & M 12 diverted to Gourock p.m. (weather); T 13 roster 0800/0845 and from 1815 (weather); F 16 off service 0835-1300 (tech).
- Caledonian Isles** **Ardrossan–Brodict** roster. Th 5 May roster till 0915 (HGV broken down on board → 0945 cancelled) then 1230 cancelled (tech), resumed service p.m.; Su 22 berthed Brodict p.m. (weather); M 23 stormbound all day. Su 11 Sep berthed Brodict overnight; M 12 only sailed 0820/0945 then stormbound; T 13 further disruption (weather).
- Clansman** **Oban–Coll–Tiree/Barra–S Uist** roster. M 23 May stormbound Lochboisdale. M 25 Jul + Tiree inbound (Music Festival traffic). W 3 Aug took p.m. Tiree/Coll sailing (tech - *Lord of the Isles* to Barra); Th 11 broke down on passage to Coll → to Oban for repairs, trials p.m., sailed 1700 to Tiree/Coll → delays over next two days (working hrs regs); F 19 **Craignure** roster p.m. (*Isle of Mull* to Barra), thereafter Oban-Tiree (livestock sales). M 5 Sep + Craignure inward (traffic, *IoM u/s*), +1500/1600 Craignure; F 9 + Lochboisdale inward (livestock sales); Su 11 delayed p.m. (tech); M 12 1540 Castlebay cancelled (weather).
- Clyde Clipper** T 28 Jun **chartered by Argyll Ferries Ltd**, berthing trials at **Gourock** and **Dunoon** (+ W 29); Th 30 commenced passenger-only service running 0645-2240 (0100 FS). Th 14 Jul handed over to *Argyll Flyer* p.m.; F 15 on roster a.m., charter terminated p.m.
- Coruisk** **Mallaig–Armadale** roster. Occasional weather disruptions incl. M 23 May (stormbound all day).
- Eigg** **Oban–Lismore** roster. M 23 May roster till 0835 (weather); W 25 roster till 1050 (tech); Th 26 to **Craighouse**; F 27 to **Rothesay**; S 28 slipped at **Ardmaleish**; S 29 to **Campbeltown**; M 30 to Oban, resumed own roster 1715. T 6 & M 12 sep service disrupted (weather).
- Finlaggan** **W 11 May handed over to CMAL, chartered immediately to CalMac Ferries Ltd**; T 19 sailed from Gdansk for UK; Su 22 arrived **Oban** via Pentland Firth; T 24 to **Port Askaig** and **Kennacraig** for berthing trials, returned to Oban; W 25 to Kennacraig and Port Askaig for **official naming ceremony** incl. short cruise in Sound of Islay, returned to Oban p.m.; Th 26 berthing trials at **Craignure**; F 27 to **Colonsay** for berthing trials, on passage to Port Askaig to commence service broke down and returned to Oban; T 31 trials ex-Oban. W 1 Jun to Port Askaig – **entered service on 1300 sailing** (replacing *Isle of Arran*) on revised roster (due to start 9 May); T 14 developed problems with for'd ramp → delayed at Kennacraig; M 20 roster till 1130, light to Kennacraig, p.m. sailed for Birkenhead; T 21 Jun – W 6 Jul at Birkenhead for attention to hydraulic system. Th 7 Jul to Kennacraig (arr F 8); S 9 resumed roster. W 3 Aug trials at north berth Kennacraig; F 26 + 1330/1530 Port Askaig/Kennacraig (traffic). M 12 Sep roster till 1150 then stormbound PA; T 13 resumed service.
- Hebridean Isles** **Kennacraig–Port Askaig** roster. W 18 May ex-Oban at 1815 direct to PA and Kennacraig (*Isle of Arran u/s*, *LOTI* to Colonsay); M 23 sailed only at 0945 (at 1015 – weather); Th 26 roster till 1505, changed over with *IoA* → 1800 ex-PA; F 27 due to change over with *Finlaggan* at 1530 but continued on roster; S 28 + 1215/1500 PA-Ken (traffic). W 1 Jun start of revised WO roster, now lying at PA overnight (Ken traffic per other Islay vessel); T 14 roster till 1150 then 1530/1945 PA-Oban (*Finlaggan* blocking berth at Ken), 2235 PA-Ken; S 25 (& S 2 Jul) + 1215/1500 (traffic). F 8 Jul roster till 1505, changed over with *IoA*, 1800 PAS-Ken; S 9 to **Campbeltown** (standby/awaiting visit to dock). Th 18 Aug to Greenock (Garvel/JWD berth) for planned modifications to propulsion control. Th 29 Sep trials, berthed JWD.
- Hebrides** **Uig–Lochmaddy/Tarbert** roster. M 23 May roster till 1125 then stormbound Lochmaddy. Frequent late-running during peak summer period because of volume of traffic.
- Isle of Arran** **Kennacraig–Port Askaig** roster. W 18 May broke down on 1300 ex-Kennacraig, put back, repaired and resumed roster at 1800; S 21 + 1205/1430 PA-Ken (traffic); M 23 sailed only at 1030 (for 0945) PA-Ken (weather); Th 26 roster till 1150, changed over with *Hebridean Isles*, 1530/1800 PA-Ken; F 27 on *Heb Isles* roster till 1150 at PA then set off for Campbeltown but called back (*Finlaggan u/s*) and resumed roster at 1800 ex-PA; Su 29 resumed 'own' roster. W 1 Jun roster till 1150, changed over with *Finlaggan*, to Campbeltown on standby; M 20 to PA, Islay roster from 1800 (*Finlaggan u/s*). F 8 Jul roster till 1130, changed over with *Heb Isles*. M 12 Sep roster till 1150 then stormbound Kennacraig; T 13 resumed service.
- Isle of Cumbrae** **Tarbert–Portavadie**. M 23 May attempted first run but turned back and remained at Tarbert stormbound for rest of day. W 24 Aug roster from 1315 (tech). T 6, M 12 & T 13 Sep disrupted p.m. (weather).
- Isle of Lewis** **Stornoway–Ullapool** roster. S 18 Jun delayed by bow visor problem p.m. Su 24 Jul planned maintenance overrun → 1430 sailing at 2220. Su 21 Aug + 0700/1025 sailing (traffic); Su 28 roster till 1715 (sea conditions); M 29 roster from 1025.

Isle of Mull	Oban–Craignure roster. M 23 May roster till 1141 (weather). F 15 Jul HGV stuck on board → 1700 ex-Craignure at 1850. F 19 Aug roster till 1346 then 1430 to Barra (for <i>Clansman</i>). M 5 Sep off service 0846 – 1600 (tech); T 6 missed 1155 run (<i>LOTI</i> covering) and ran late p.m. (stern door problem); W 7 missed 1600 run (tech, <i>LOTI</i> covering); T 27 tech problems → 0745 at 0915 (<i>LOTI</i> covered 0950).
Jupiter	Laid up at Rosneath . W 18 May moved off berth to allow <i>Juno</i> to move clear of pier, then reberthed. F 24 Jun sold to Fornaes Shipbreaking, Denmark . S 25 Jun left Rosneath under tow for Denmark. F 1 Jul arrived at Grenaa, Denmark, for scrapping.
Loch Alainn	Ardmhor–Eriskay roster. Occasional weather disruption.
Loch Bhrusda	At Gourock (spare). W 4 May to Ardmaleish for slipping; Th 19 to Gourock; M 23 to Rosneath for lay-up. F 8 Jul to Largs for Cumbræ Slip roster from S 9 (missed some runs because of ramp problems); T 19 to Lochranza for Claonaig roster; F 29 to Largs, Gourock and Rosneath. W 21 Sep to Largs; T 22 to Lochranza for Claonaig roster; S 25 diverted to Tarbert on 1315 sailing (weather); T 27 to Largs and Rosneath.
Loch Buie	Fionnphort–Iona roster. Occasional weather disruption. M 23 May stormbound all day. M 12 Sep one run only (weather); T 13 four runs only (weather).
Loch Dunvegan	Colintraive–Rhubodach roster. Su 21 Aug roster from 1955 (tech, <i>Loch Riddon</i> on roster). S 17 – M 19 Sep running single-ended (ramp problems).
Loch Fyne	Lochaline–Fishnish roster. M 23 May roster till 1145 (weather). T 6 & M 12 Sep roster disrupted (weather).
Loch Linnhe	Tobermory–Kilchoan roster. M 23 May roster till 1050 (weather). T 6, M 12 & T 13 Sep further disruption (weather).
Loch Portain	Berneray–Leverburgh roster.
Loch Ranza	Gigha–Tayinloan roster. M 23 May no service after first run (weather). F 3 Aug roster till 1420 (ramp problems), 1700/1730 pax only, repaired p.m. and gave late run to clear traffic. T 6 & M 12 Sep roster disrupted (weather); T 13 stormbound all day; W 14 unable to berth at Tayinloan → Kennacraig.
Loch Riddon	Largs–Cumbræ Slip stand-by duties. W 11 May to Lochranza for Claonaig roster (<i>Loch Tarbert</i> u/s); M 16 to Largs; Su 22 to Gourock (shelter); W 25 to Largs; Su 29 two-ferry service commenced. Th 7 Jul to Lochranza for Claonaig roster (L/Tarbert u/s); T 19 handed over to <i>Loch Bhrusda</i> , to Largs for own roster. Su 21 Aug to Colintraive for Rhubodach roster (<i>Loch Dunvegan</i> u/s), to Largs p.m. F 9 Sep to Lochranza for Claonaig roster (L/Tarbert u/s); S 10 diverted to Tarbert p.m.; Su 11 one run only, to Tarbert; M 12 stormbound after first run; Th 22 handed over to <i>L/Bhrusda</i> , to Largs.
Loch Shira	Largs–Cumbræ Slip roster. M 23 May roster till 1210 (weather); Su 29 two-ferry service commenced. Th 7 - S 9 Jul, Su 21 Aug, F 9 Sep on own (<i>L/Riddon</i> to Lochranza/Colintraive). M 12 Sep roster till 1140 + 1715 (weather).
Loch Striven	Raasay–Sconser roster. M 23 May disrupted p.m. (weather)
Loch Tarbert	Lochranza–Claonaig roster. Occasional weather disruptions and diversions to Tarbert . W 11 – M 16 May off service (tech – <i>Loch Riddon</i> relieving); M 23 stormbound. Th 7 Jul off service (tech); F 15 to Rosneath for repairs; Th 28 to Gourock and Lochranza; F 29 resumed roster. F 9 Sep relieved by <i>L/Riddon</i> , to Rosneath (tech, for repairs).
Lochnevis	Mallaig–Small Isles roster. Occasional weather disruptions. M 23 May & T 6 Sep stormbound.
Lord of the Isles	Oban–Coll–Tiree/Barra–S Uist/ Colonsay/Craignure roster. M 23 May stormbound Oban; T 24 after roster → Oban; W 25 special sailing (traffic) Oban-Barra-S Uist-Oban; M 30 after roster → Oban; T 31 special sailing (traffic) Oban- Coll-Tiree- Oban. W 3 Aug +1500 Oban-Barra-Oban (<i>Clansman</i> u/s). T 6 & W 7 Sep took Craignure sailings (<i>Isle of Mull</i> u/s); M 12 stormbound Oban; T 27 + Craignure (<i>IoM</i> u/s).
Muirneag	Stornoway–Ullapool freight roster. Numerous weather disruptions.
Raasay	At Oban (spare). W 25 – M 30 May Lismore roster (<i>Eigg</i> u/s). Su 28 Aug to Corpach for annual survey. Th 22 Sep to Oban.
Saturn	Gourock–Dunoon roster. M 23 May stormbound Gourock. W 25 May announcement that Dunoon ferry service contract awarded to Argyll Ferries Ltd . W 29 Jun final day of operation of Gourock Pier – Dunoon Pier car ferry service . Th 30 to Brodick and Ardrossan . S 2 Jul commenced secondary Arran roster (occasional weather disruptions); Su 17 to Gourock (shelter); M 18 to Ardrossan for roster. F 19 Aug to Gourock; S 20 to Wemyss Bay for extra Rothesay sailings (Bute Games), to Brodick p.m.; Th 25 to Dunoon (New Pier) for berthing trials, returned to Ardrossan for roster; F 26 to Gourock after roster; S 27 chartered to Argyll Ferries Ltd for extra <u>passenger-only</u> Dunoon sailings (Cowal Games), berthed Gourock overnight; T 30 to Rosneath for lay-up.
Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd:	
Canna	Chartered to Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd for Rathlin–Ballycastle service.
Juno	Th 21 Apr sold to DRB Marine, Rosneath, for scrapping . W 18 May beached at side of Rosneath Pier using own power (aft engine only) and workboats. Work completed by end of July.