

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>
Cross-Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June 2016</b>
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]
<b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>
<b>26th July 2018</b>
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>  Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.  Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
<b><u>28<sup>th</sup> November 2017</u></b>  <b><u>Attendance: 3 MSPs, 19 Non MSPs</u></b>

Presentation was given by Sarah Kennedy at Fort William and Shoreline Company. Sarah Kennedy sought support from the Cross Party Group for the Support the initial expansion of the Fort William Pontoons

- \* Support in principle of the long term plans for a permanent cruise ship berth
- \* Support in principle for a marina along the waterfront in Fort William
- \*Recognise the significant impact that providing this extension will bring to Fort William in economic benefits to the area

Discussions also took place on EU/Brexit, Update on the Marine Tourism Strategy and Events.

There was also decisions ratified from the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **27 February 2018**

#### **Attendance:5 MSPs, 17 Non MSPs**

Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs provided an update on EU/Brexit and there was also a discussion on the Year of Coast and Water 2020. There was a Careers and Industry Training presentation by Martin Latimer and Simon Limb. Other items discussed were The Green Blue, Update on the EU, Update on Marine Tourism Strategy and Events and an update provided on the Marine Tourism Conference by Daniel Steel, Sail Scotland.

### **26 June 2018**

#### **Attendance: 6 MSPs, 29 Non MSPs**

Discussion took place on Scottish Canals with Andrew Thin, Catherine Topley and Richard Millar. There were also presentations from the British Divers Marine Life Rescue and also Whale and Dolphin Conservation and an update on the EU/Brexit was provided.

### **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Stuart McMillan SNP,  
Liam Kerr CON,  
Clare Adamson SNP  
Jackie Baillie LAB,  
Kenneth Gibson SNP,  
Angus MacDonald SNP,

Joan McAlpine SNP,  
John Finnie GREEN,  
Lewis MacDonald LAB,  
Liam McArthur LIB.

### **NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	Charles Warlow Chrisy Southgate Gordon Daly Robert Welsh Sarah Brown William Wilson Denis Lata
Organisations	Bidwells Blue Sea Marinas British Marine Scotland British Ports Association British Divers Marine Life Rescue Canalside Hub (Paddlesports liaison) Capercaillie Cruisers Clyde Yacht Clubs Association Crown Estate Scotland Cruise Scotland Dundee City Council East Lothian Council Edinburgh Boat Charters

	Forth and Clyde Canal Society
	Forth Estuary Forum
	Forth Yacht Clubs Association
	Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company Ltd
	Glenuig Inn
	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust
	Holt Leisure Group
	Holy Loch Port/Marama
	Hulley Marine
	Inverness Marina
	Isle of Skye Yachts
	Kip Marina
	Largs Yacht Haven
	Linlithgow Union Canal Society
	Lowland Canals Association
	Lowland Canals Volunteer Group
	Marine Conservation Society
	Marine Scotland
	National Trust for Scotland
	Northern Light
	Peel Ports
	Port Edgar Berth Holders Association
	Re-Union Canal Boats Ltd
	ROSPA - Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
	Royal Forth Yacht Club
	Royal Yachting Association Scotland

	<p>Sail Scotland</p> <p>Scottish Canals</p> <p>Scottish Canoe Association</p> <p>Scottish Coastal Forum</p> <p>Scottish Coastal Rowing Association</p> <p>Scottish Environment LINK</p> <p>Scottish Government</p> <p>Scottish Seabird Centre</p> <p>Scottish Tourism Alliance</p> <p>Sea Cadet Association in Scotland</p> <p>Seagull Trust Cruises</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>sportscotland</p> <p>Stornoway Port Authority</p> <p>The Bridge 19-40 Union Canal Society</p> <p>The Majestic Line</p> <p>Thomas Telford Corpach Marina</p> <p>Tobermory Harbour Association</p> <p>VisitScotland</p> <p>Water Safety Scotland</p> <p>West Highland Anchorages and Moorings Association</p> <p>Whale and Dolphin Conservation</p>
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**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to



**SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Not applicable

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