



# Drumchapel & Clydebank Kayak Club

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## Diary

Tuesday 01.06.14  
Club Night Loch Lomond

Sat 05 - Sun 06.07.14  
River Weekend  
Open to all  
Sandy 07962226280

Tuesday 08.07.14  
Club Night Loch Lomond  
Sea trip to Dunoon  
Rab 01877382141

Wednesday 09.06.14  
Club Night Pinkston

Sat 12 - Sun 13.07.14  
Sea and Hill weekend  
Sandy 07962226280

Tuesday 15.07.14  
Club Night Loch Lomond

Wednesday 16.07.14  
Club Night Pinkston

Friday 18.07.14  
Gerry carries the  
Queen's baton!

Fri 18 - Mon 21.07.14  
Canna and Rhum  
Sea Trip - Grade C  
Rab 01877382141

Sat 19.07.14  
Safety Kayak event and  
loch paddle. Graham

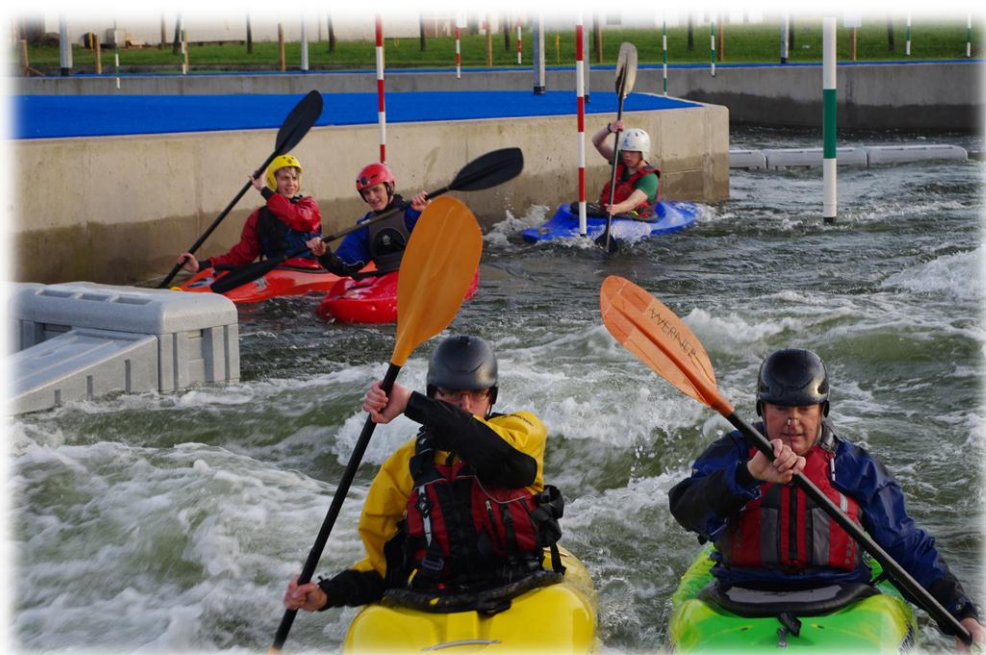
Sunday 20.07.14  
River trip  
Sandy 07962226280

Tuesday 22.07.14  
Club Night Loch Lomond  
Sea Kayak Rescue  
Session Clyde Estuary

## Summer Programme in full swing!

**July 2014**

The Summer programme seems to be going well with lots of sea, river and loch paddling taking place. The Tuesday nights continue to be well attended and the river paddlers are making the most of the Wednesday night sessions at Pinkston.



With regards to Pinkston Watersports, we are hoping to make the session available for other club members to use as it is not just a white water course. There is a flat water basin which the white water course empties into and this provides a flow in the flat water basin which could be utilised by the sea paddlers to practice moving water skills and also for rolling practice. The river paddlers are currently paying £8 per session however the use of the flat water basin would be at a reduced cost of £2 for kids and £4 for adults.

There are also polo pitches and we can have the use of these for a half hour session between 19.30 and 20.00 without any extra charge, so if you fancy a little bit of polo training the option is there as well. All we ask is that if you are interested in coming along you let one of the club coaches know so that we can provide the coaching and support so that you can get the most out of the experience! The white water course is booked for club members use from 20.00 to 21.30, most Wednesdays.



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## Forthcoming Events

This is a busy month! So much so, there wasn't space to list all the events on the first page of the newsletter. The ones that didn't make the front page are:

Wednesday 23.07.14 - Club Night Pinkston Watersports

Sunday 27.07.14 - River Awe Dam release - Sandy 07962226280

Tuesday 29.07.14 - Club Night Loch Lomond

Wednesday 30.07.14 - Club Night Pinkston

Then there are the weekends. The first of these is the River weekend that Sandy is running over the 5 to 6 July. He is hoping to base this at the SCA campsite at Grantully and the plan is to paddle the River Tay both in open boats and also in kayaks. This weekend is open to any club member who wants to attend although junior members will need to be accompanied by an adult. We should be able to cater for all levels of ability

The next one is the sea and hill weekend, again organised by Sandy. The plan here is to use sea kayaks to paddle in to a point where we can set off on a hillwalk before paddling back out again. This will again involve camping and the participants should have some experience of sea kayaking. In the past we have paddled into Knoydart to go munro bashing. The venue this time will be dependent on who's going. If you are interested in this let Sandy know so that he can start planning.

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Friday the 18th of July promises to be a memorable evening. Gerry will be representing the club carrying the Queen's Baton in the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay. Plans are afoot to have club paddlers on the water, there is talk of fireworks and even a celebrity that Gerry will be handing the baton to.....

That same weekend Rab is running a trip for experienced sea paddlers to Canna and Rhum. On the Saturday Graham is looking for assistance in providing safety kayakers for the open water swim at the Loch Lomond Games in Balloch, and on the Sunday Sandy is running a river trip.

It's a busy July right enough, and there's even more in August.....Rab has a sea weekend over the first weekend and we are also hoping to arrange the 3 star assessments for the sea paddlers.

It's all happening, so make the most of these opportunities. They will only take place if you get out and support them. Remember to give the organiser plenty of notice if you want to take part!

## Trip Reports

### AYRSHIRE COAST TRIP REPORT - JUNE 9TH, 2014

The planned route was to paddle from Ballantrae in South Ayrshire, down to Portandea, then back.

The weather forecast was easterly winds averaging 15mph, gradually moving to being from the south later in the afternoon. This suited the location perfectly as this stretch of coastline is very high, providing shelter from any easterly winds, then providing some assistance on the return leg north from Portandea back to Ballantrae.

Andrew, Michael & Colin set off from Ballantrae Harbour, heading south across Ballantrae Bay to reach the more dramatic rocky coastline beyond.



Conditions were perfect with a gentle swell from the west but not breaking on the coastline. Rain had been forecast for the afternoon but materialised as drizzly showers throughout the day.





The coast consists of small coves and deep crevices in the rock. As the swell was so light we could get in close, allowing plenty of exploring.

In one cove we found a herd of goats at a high cave.



We turned into Portandea which is a small south-west facing bay with a beach for a break and food. In unfavourable conditions Portandea can be prone to surf but there were no problems today.



More goats at Portandea



The northbound return was made easier by a sporadic southerly breeze which nudged us home, in between more rock hopping.





Pillow Lava at Wilsons Glen

Total trip length was 19km taken at a leisurely pace. An enjoyable trip was rounded off with a pint and a gab in the local pub.

### **Volunteer Rescue Kayakers Wanted**

If you are interesting in being a safety kayaker, the Lomond Masters open water swimming club (one of our partners in the Loch Lomond Sports Hub project) are looking for kayakers/canoeists to provide safety cover at an open water swim on Loch Lomond on Saturday 19th of July. They will have have 300 swimmers, going in 3 waves about 20 minutes apart, 100 swimmers in the water at one time so we were hoping to have a ration of 1 kayak to 10 swimmers, so 10 kayaks & kayakers. If you are willing to volunteer you would get a 1/2 pint, free entry to Loch Lomond Highland Games and a goodie bag. If interested, please contact Graham Swanson.

### **Permanent Equipment Amnesty and Equipment Donations**

Just a quick note that we are always happy to have any DCKC equipment returned to us, even if it has been hidden in the back of a cupboard for a year or two! We also are happy to receive any donations of people's old kit that they no longer use/need. From buoyancy aids, to cags, old paddles to air bags. Please contact one of the committee when handing something in as we will need to check them out and get them marked up.

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## Loch Sessions

The Loch Lomond evening sessions have got off to a flying start with over 40 people out on a Tuesday evening. We normally have a few options available-

- **going for a paddle in sea boats**, heading up the loch. Ideally you will have paddled a sea kayak before and have practiced capsizing and being helped back into your boats (e.g. an x-rescue). If you need to practice and x-rescue we can arrange this at the end of the night.
- **A sea kayak skills session** with Sandy, practicing the skills needed for some of the Scottish Canoe Association (SCA) star awards.
- **A shore group of kayaks and canoes**. What we do varies each week depending on any planned events, how many coaches are there on the evening and the weather but the group may be divided into canoes and kayak, kids and adults, novices and "experts".

Some evenings there may be other activities available away from the loch - see the calendar for more info.

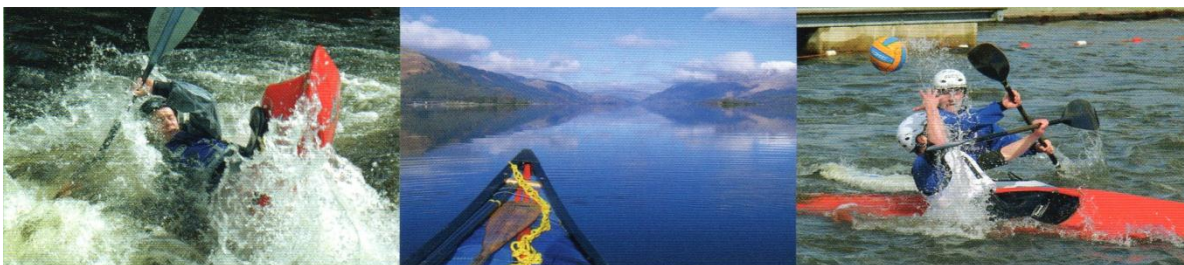




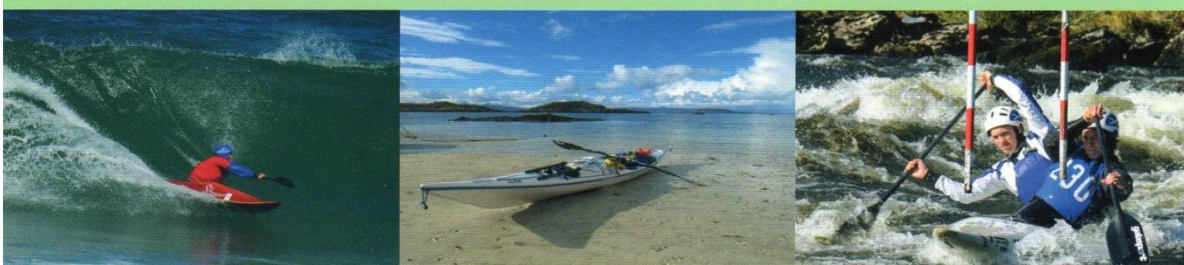
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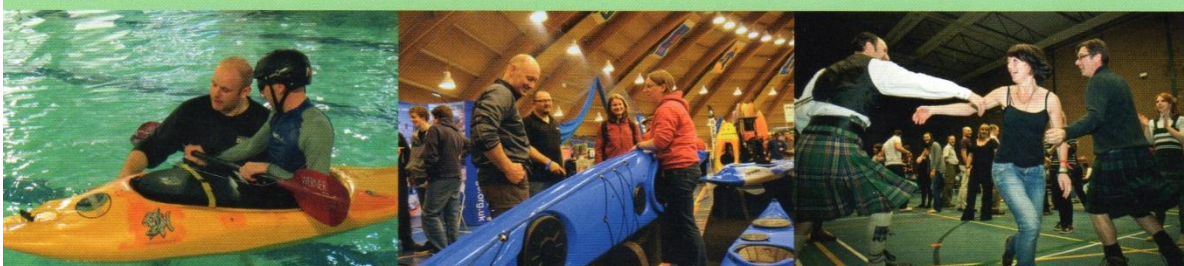




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