

Rathlin Sound



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Guide

Friday 22 May -
Sunday 31 May 2015

MARITIME FESTIVAL



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Orla, Drogheda

Take a leaf out of Orla’s book and discover Northern Ireland’s Causeway Coastal Route. The home of Game of Thrones. This landscape is magical. A place of hidden gems like the amazing Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and ancient wonders like the Giant’s Causeway and its Visitor Centre. Take a roadtrip for two and explore it. Check into a fabulous spa hotel, or a coastal B&B, and stop off at pretty fishing villages and seafront restaurants.

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Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Co. Antrim

Welcome to the

RATHLIN SOUND MARITIME FESTIVAL

At the very heart of the spectacular Causeway Coast and Glens the communities of Ballycastle and Rathlin Island would like to extend a very warm welcome and would like to invite you to come along and join in and help celebrate our rich and diverse maritime culture during the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival. The festival is centred on Rathlin Sound, the body of water that lies between Rathlin Island and Ballycastle.

This programme is a guide to the activities and events that are part of this year's Festival. From the adrenaline rush of the Sailing Regatta and races as well as exciting have a go activities, to tempting food and craft markets, seriously scenic guided walks, exciting and informative talks and tours, exhibitions and demonstrations, fun competitions, laid back lunches, friendly giants, curraghs and Viking ships, there's plenty to choose from including fantastic family friendly events.

There's a fun filled and packed programme of events at the 3rd annual celebration of our rich maritime heritage. A highlight for 2015 will be the Frances Black Concert at the Marine Hotel.

Ballycastle Town Market returns with a chance to see, sample and buy some of the great local food and crafts produced and made locally. New for 2015 some of these producers will showcase how their

produce is made, with North Coast Smoke House using our world famous Bushmills Whiskey.

Adrenaline junkies - why not watch the JetMan use the power of water to soar into the air or take a hair raising ride in a powerboat...there is something for all at this year's Festival...

We invite you to enjoy the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival and to stay, enjoy and explore further the spectacular Causeway Coast and Glens.

Festival Office contact number for information & urgent matters call:

**Ballycastle Festival Office
at the Visitor Information Centre,
Portnagree House Harbour and
Marina Visitor Centre
028 2076 2024**

**Rathlin Festival Office
Michael Cecil
07740582670**

**Rathlin Boat House
Call 077 0886 9605**

**For information on berthing contact:
Harbour Master John Morton
Tel: 028 2076 8525.**

M: 078 0350 5084

E: john.morton@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

**For emergencies contact the
PSNI or Coastguard or Ambulance Service
on 999.**

At a Glance - Festival Events Quick Guide

Daily throughout the Festival

In Ballycastle

First weekend - **Traditional Boats**. Ballycastle seafront.

10am to 5pm - **Maritime Exhibition** Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre.

FREE entry children's **Treasure Hunt**.

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th.

The **RNLI** and the **Coastguard** will display their equipment and hold rescue exercises.

Everyday - **Various boating and fishing trips** throughout the Festival departing from Ballycastle and Rathlin Marinas with special festival rates.

On Rathlin

Ship Wrecks Exhibition

11am to 3pm in the Richard Branson Centre. Open until 1pm Sunday 31 May.

Everyday - **Rathlin Boat House** - with Festival Information and Museum. Open everyday from 9.30am to 5pm.

Rathlin West Light Seabird Centre

Reception building and Viewing Platform only will open to the public from 22nd May 10:00am - 5:00pm.

Boat Maintenance

Friday 22nd May - Friday 29th May Station pier slip.

Every day - **Trips to Seabird Colony & Evening Charter Trips** by arrangement.

Friday 22nd May

5pm - **Round Rathlin Sunset Cruise** departing Ballycastle.

In Ballycastle

6.30pm - **Fancy Dress Parade** From the Diamond in Ballycastle to the Seafront.

7.30 pm to 8.30pm - **Blessing of the Boats**, Rathlin Island Ferry Company/ Ballycastle Harbour.

Late evening music and other entertainment hosted by local bars.

Saturday 23rd May

In Ballycastle

10am to 5pm - **Boat Trips to see Rathlin puffins** with Aqua Sports, Ballycastle Marina.

11am to 5pm - **Ballycastle Market**, in a Marquee at the Seafront, Ballycastle.

11am to 5pm at the seafront.

Living Seas Event

11am to 1pm - **Traditional rope making** In the Family Fun Marquee (or outside if weather permitting).

12 noon to 6pm - **Dingy Sailing Taster Sessions**, Ballycastle Marina.

12 noon to 5pm - **Have a go Kayaking**, Ballycastle Marina.

12 noon to 6pm - **Have a go Power-boating Sessions**, Ballycastle Marina.

12 noon to 6pm - **Casting Taster Session** Tennis Courts at Seafront.

12 noon to 2pm **Viking Workshop**, Marquee at Seafront.

12 noon to 4pm - **Camp Art**, Ballycastle Seafront.

12.30 to 2.30pm. **Sand Painting Workshop**, Marquee at the seafront.

1pm - 2pm - **Oliver McParland - Speed Painting Demo**. Marquee at seafront.

2pm to 4pm - **Ballycastle Sailing Regatta**, Ballycastle Marina.

2pm to 4pm - **Street Entertainers Competition** around the seafront area.

2pm - **"Arrow of Portmoon" Talk** on the famous racing skiff the "Arrow of Portmoon" by James Wilkinson, Ballycastle Library.

2.30pm - **Boat Trip Carrick-a-Rede Rope bridge & Seabirds of Rathlin** departing from Ballycastle Marina.

3pm to 4.30pm - **Sand Castle/Sculpting Competition**, Ballycastle Beach.

3pm to 5pm - **Kilmore JetBoard Display** At Harbour Area, Ballycastle.

Various Times - **Cookery Demonstrations**, Seafront, Ballycastle.

Water Safety Talk - Time TBC, by Kieran Kinney in the Marquee at the seafront.

8pm to 10:30pm - **Free Family Entertainment**, Main Marquee.

On Rathlin

11.30am - **Introduction to Animation Workshop**, Parochial Hall.

9pm - **Traditional Music Session**, McCuaig's Bar.

Sunday 24th May

In Ballycastle

11am to 5pm - **Ballycastle Market**, in a Marquee at the Seafront, Ballycastle.

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12.30 to 2.30 pm at the seafront.

Cookery Demo with Derek Creagh from Great British Menu and Harrys Shack.

1pm - 3pm - **Ballycastle Big Lunch** Ballycastle Seafront.

1pm to 3pm - **Bushmills Whiskey Tasting** at the seafront.

2pm to 4pm - **Meet Our Friendly Local Giants Finn McCool and his wife Oonagh**, Ballycastle Seafront.

2pm to 3pm - **Children's Storytelling with Liz Weir** at the Family Fun

Marquee at Ballycastle Seafront.

3pm to 5pm - **Kilmore JetBoard Display**, At Harbour Area, Ballycastle.

3pm & 5.30pm - **Captain Morgan** Ballycastle Seafront.

9pm. Doors Open 8pm. **Frances Black** at the Marine Hotel.

On Rathlin

Sliding into history - Parochial Hall
Michael Barton's slide show

Traditional music session, McCuaig's Bar.

Mural Painting - McCuaig's Bar.

Ceilidh - Join Chris Dallat in Bruce's Kitchen for a night of dancing and craic.

Monday 25th May

In Ballycastle

11am to 5pm - **Ballycastle Market**, in a Marquee at the Seafront, Ballycastle.

11am - **Taste Adventure** at the seafront.

7pm - **Guided Historical Walk**
Guided Walk of Historical Ballycastle seafront area.

On Rathlin

Ship Wrecks Exhibition

11am to 3pm in the Richard Branson Centre. Open until 1pm Sunday 31 May.

12pm - **Kids Treasure Hunt**
Beginning at Breakwater Studio.

Armagh Rhymers - McCuaig's Bar / Seafront

Pub Quiz

McCuaig's Bar - Evening.

Tuesday 26th May

In Ballycastle

10am to 10.30am - **Viking Themed Rhythm & Rhyme Session**
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On Rathlin

1:30pm - **Guided walk and talk**

7.30pm - **Model Yacht Race & BBQ**
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Wednesday 27th May

On Rathlin

2.00 – 4.00pm **East Lighthouse tours**.

7.30 pm - **Murder Mystery evening**
McCuaig's Bar.

Thursday 28th May

In Ballycastle

6pm - **'Days of old Rathlin and Ballycastle' Film Showing**. Ballycastle Library.

On Rathlin

2pm - **The Undersea World of Rathlin Island**, Parochial Hall.

8pm - **"A Boat Retold"**
An Evening of Storytelling with Ian Stephen, Christine Morrison and Ken Linklater. Parochial Hall.

Friday 29th May

In Ballycastle

1pm (approx) - **Ardglass Vikings**
Ballycastle Harbour.

On Rathlin

Traditional boat racing and demonstrations. Seafront / Church Bay.

Fundraising BBQ and Naming ceremony. Seafront / Church Bay.

12noon - **Taste of Rathlin Island**
assemble at Rathlin Harbour.

8pm - **"Wallace Clark. The Seafarer and the Wild Goose"** Film Screening.
Parochial Hall.

Saturday 30th May

In Ballycastle

2pm - **A talk on the Maritime History of Ballycastle**. Ballycastle Library.

On Rathlin

Barra Best - BBC NI Weather presenter Barra Best will be visiting the Island on Saturday 30th and Sun 31st with cameraman to cover the last weekend of the festival.

10am to 12 noon - **Comhaltas Groups**, Bruce's Kitchen / McCuaig's Bar.

11am – 5pm - **Vikings, currachs and drontheims**, Seafront.

11am to 5pm at the seafront.
Living Seas Event.

11am - **Ballycastle Market Traders visit Rathlin**. McCuaig's Bar car park.

11am – 5pm - **Crazy Golf**, Seafront

12.00 to 5pm - **Have a go Kayaking**
Boat slip at Rathlin Marina.

4.00pm-6.00pm - **Rathlin Coastguard Rescue Team – line throwing competition and water safety information**. Seafront.

8pm - **Aoife Scott in concert**
Bruce's Kitchen.

Sunday 31st May

On Rathlin

11am to 5pm at the seafront.
Living Seas Event

11am – 5pm - **Crazy Golf**, Seafront

11am – 5pm **Vikings, currachs and drontheims**. Seafront.

The Rathlin Big Lunch - Seafront.

12.00 to 5pm - **Have a go Kayaking**
Boat slip at Rathlin Marina.

2pm to 4pm - **Meet Our Friendly Local Giants Finn McCool and his wife Oonagh**.

2pm - **Runabay in concert**
Bruce's Kitchen / McCuaig's Bar.

4.00-6.00 - **Rathlin Coastguard Rescue Team – line throwing competition and water safety information**
- Seafront

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MalinWaters.com are delighted to support the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival, one of Northern Ireland's most celebrated marine themed festivals, which celebrates the rich local maritime history, culture, music and food of Northern Ireland.

With a packed programme featuring a range of maritime activities including, sailing, crafts, have a go activities, demonstrations, exhibitions, seafood markets, music and entertainment, there is certainly something to suit all tastes and MalinWaters would encourage everyone to go along and support this impressive maritime festival.

The festival will no doubt introduce many people to the unforgettable beauty of Rathlin Island, Ballycastle and the spectacular North Coast and perhaps be their first experience of truly maritime event in such beautiful surroundings.

Our support is in keeping with our commitment to nurturing the development of marine and coastal activity in the MalinWaters regions and broadening our audiences. We wish all those taking part the very best of luck and we look forward to many more annual Rathlin Sound Maritime Festivals. The festival is already a significant addition to our maritime calendar of events for 2015 and one which we are very pleased to support.

Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival – Programme of events



Throughout
the Festival

IN BALLYCASTLE

TRADITIONAL BOATS

will grace Ballycastle seafront throughout the first weekend of the Festival. Including the two festival boats, the currach Mary-O and Dronthiem Portnagree. Supported by DP Energy.

MARITIME EXHIBITION

10am to 5pm, Portnagree House Harbour & Marina Visitor Centre, Ballycastle. Open today and every day until Sunday 31st May. Come along to view traditional fishing elements of days gone by. Courtesy of Causeway Museum Service, Council & local fishermen.

TREASURE HUNT

FREE entry children's Treasure Hunt, collect your form from Ballycastle

Visitor Information Centre or the Festival Site office at the Marquee at the seafront.

Don't forget to return your completed form to claim your prize and be in with a chance of winning extra prizes. Closing date Monday 1st June. Hosted by Ballycastle Chamber of Commerce.

RNLI AND COASTGUARD

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th. Throughout the weekend the RNLI and the Coastguard will display their equipment and hold rescue exercises. Hosted by RNLI.

FISHING TRIPS ON LORD MOYLE

Throughout the Festival, for special festival rate

Contact: Sean McKay
Tel: 07712167502.

FISHING TRIPS ON LADY LYNDA

Throughout the Festival, for special festival rate

Contact: Sean McKay
Tel: 07712167502.

FISHING TRIPS ON TORRA

Throughout the Festival, for special festival rate

Contact: Paul Martin
Tel: 07754294177.





ON RATHLIN

SHIP WRECKS EXHIBITION

11am to 3pm in the Richard Branson Centre.

Learn about the breeches buoy rescue of the trawler Shackelton's crew and enjoy a remarkable display of shipwreck artefacts salvaged from the waters around Rathlin Island. This popular exhibition is testimony to the rich maritime history of the area and a moving reminder of the ever-present risk to a life on the sea. Open until 1pm Sunday 31 May.

RATHLIN BOAT HOUSE - Open Daily with Festival Information and Museum

The Rathlin Boat House Visitor Centre is open 7 days a week 9.30am to 5pm. Admission is free, disabled access limited. Tel: 077 0886 9605 during opening hours only.

RATHLIN WEST LIGHT SEABIRD CENTRE

Reception building and Viewing Platform only will open to the public from 22nd May

Access to the lighthouse will follow later in the season
Opening hours 10:00am - 5:00pm

Admission costs: £3:00 Adult
£1:50 concessions

BOAT MAINTENANCE

Friday 22nd May – Friday 29th
May Station pier slip
Witness or join in with the ever increasing team of skilled craftsmen and craftswomen as they complete the fit out of last year's Drontheim throughout the festival. This year will see the bowsprit, mast and sails added to fully recreate this traditional craft. The local fleet of these vessels is a reflection of what was once present across the entire North coast of Ireland and beyond.

Ongoing maintenance of recently built Currachs will feature at the same location in preparation for the weekends racing. This year we also hope to be joined by our Scottish friends from GalGael <http://www.galgael.org/>
Supported by DP Energy

TRIPS TO SEABIRD COLONY & EVENING CHARTER TRIPS

Every day, trips to the seabird colony £10 per person and evening charter trips by arrangement. Contact Rathlin Boat Trips - On the Puffin Boat. Find them on Facebook - Rathlin Boat Trips or Tel: 07543826820.



ROUND RATHLIN SUNSET CRUISE

departing Ballycastle at 5pm, returning approximately 7pm. Enjoy on board live music and great views. Tickets £20, concessions available, booking is essential. Hosted by the Rathlin Island Ferry Company. Tel: 028 2076 9299 for details and to book.

IN BALLYCASTLE

FANCY DRESS PARADE

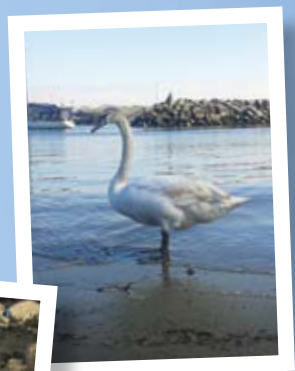
6.30pm From the Diamond in Ballycastle to the Seafront. Prizes for best Maritime Themed dressed, starts at 6.30pm
Hosted by Ballycastle Community Development Group (BCDG) and Rathlin Development and Community Association (RDCA)

BLESSING OF THE BOATS

7.30 pm to 8.30pm, Rathlin Island Ferry Company/ Ballycastle Harbour. Come along to witness and experience this unique tradition of the 'Blessing of the Boats'. Local vessels and seafarers are blessed for a safe passage at sea. Opportunity to board the Rathlin Island Ferry (Free) to go out to sea for final element of blessing. Everyone welcome. Service Hosted by Ballycastle Church Action Group, Community & Council

LATE EVENING MUSIC

and other entertainment hosted by local bars.



Saturday 23 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

BOAT TRIPS TO PUFFINS

leaving every two hours from 10am to 5pm, with Aqua Sports leaving from Ballycastle Marina. Pre-booking advisable, to book Tel: 02870 823563 M: 07962309670.

BALLYCASTLE MARKET

11am to 5pm at the Seafront. The Ballycastle Town Market offers a stage for exceptional local produce and handcrafted items, wrapped together in the dynamic community event of the Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival.

The Market is known for its great selection of produce, variety of knowledgeable, friendly traders, all eager to share their stories, and never happier than when they are talking about what they have made.

A day at the market will affect every one of your senses, with

new sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures from a diverse mix of local produce, crafts and art for sale. Including some of the very finest, mouth watering foods, unusual, quirky, intricate crafts and exquisite art. The market over the festival days has a strong maritime theme, featuring seafood, and appropriately themed arts and crafts along with some of the usual favorites! The Ballycastle Town Market is supported by the Coastal Communities Fund which is delivered by the Big Lottery Fund. You'll be amazed at the quality of our local produce and handcrafted goods. It's a treat for all the family!

LIVING SEAS EVENT

From 11am to 5pm at the seafront. Family friendly fun including seaweed hand spa, shell displays, lifesize models of seals and dolphins and marine life tank. Includes life size models of seals etc. Hosted by Ulster Wildlife.

TRADITIONAL ROPE MAKING

11am to 1pm

Traditional Rope-makers NI: demonstrating the 18th century lost trade of traditional rope-making, using a rope jack a traveller and natural fibres as yarn; explaining the method of how ropes were made, to sail the mighty ships of the 18th century across many oceans. (did you know that a large sailing ship in Nelsons navy required 23 miles of rope.) In the Family Fun Marquee (or outside if weather permitting)

DINGY SAILING TASTER SESSIONS

from 12.00 to 6pm at Ballycastle Marina. FREE opportunity to sample the delights of dingy sailing, over 8's only, sailings approx every hour. Collect your time slot voucher from Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre. Any queries contact Harbour Master Tel: 028 2076 8525 M: 078 0350 5084

E: john.morton@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk
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HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Ballycastle Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Supported by Malin Waters.



HAVE A GO POWERBOATING SESSIONS

from 12.00 to 6pm departing from Ballycastle Marina. Special Festival rate, groups of 4 passengers for total cost of £20 for one hour. Book through Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre. For more information contact Harbour Master Tel: 028 2076 8525
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CASTING TASTER SESSION

12 noon to 6pm.
Tennis Courts at Seafront.
Have a go fly casting, age 8 plus. Ballycastle Tennis Court Area at the Seafront.

VIKING WORKSHOP

12 noon to 2pm Marquee at Seafront.
Dress up, Viking touch table, weave cloth, making a wrist band, sword training and spear making and more at this FREE workshop for children from the active learning company. Hosted by BCDG.

CAMP ART

12 noon to 4pm, Ballycastle Seafront.
Camp Art, a new and unique Arts and Crafts group, join them in their caravan for arts and crafts workshops with fishy and maritime ceramic pieces just wanting to be painted. Hosted by BCDG.

SAND PAINTING WORKSHOP

12.30 to 2.30
Free sand painting workshop for children in the family friendly marquee at the seafront.

OLIVER MCPARLAND – SPEED PAINTING DEMO

1pm – 2pm Marquee at seafront.
The very talented and popular local artist Oliver McParland will be back at the festival painting up a storm in the Family Fun Marquee, watch Oliver create a work of art in a matter of minutes.

BALLYCASTLE SAILING REGATTA

from 2pm to 4pm at Ballycastle Marina. Cruising yacht races today. Lots of excitement as you watch competitors compete and display their skills and experience. Hosted by Ballycastle Marina and Cushendall Sailing and Boating Club.

“ARROW OF PORTMOON” TALK

2pm On the famous racing skiff the “Arrow of Portmoon” by James Wilkinson
Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

STREET ENTERTAINERS COMPETITION

2pm to 4pm around the seafront area. 1st Prize £200 2nd Prize £100 and 3rd Prize £50. Register from 12noon to 1.30pm at the Festival Office at the

Marquee. Prize giving at 4.30pm. Any queries Telephone: Norman 07845763873 or email: norman.perry@furnitureproof.coop

BOAT TRIP CARRICK-AREDE ROPE BRIDGE & SEABIRDS OF RATHLIN

at 2.30pm by Aquaholics departing from Ballycastle Marina.
Special festival rate adults normally £30 but will be £21, kids normally £20 but £14
Booking essential
Tel: 028 70832584 or
Email: info@aquaholics.co.uk
More info: www.aquaholics.co.uk

SANDCASTLE/SCULPTING COMPETITION

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm
- Sandcastle/Sculpting Competition at Ballycastle Beach. Various prizes, hosted by BDCG.

KILMORE JETBOARD DISPLAY

From 3pm to 5pm at Harbour Area, Ballycastle. At approx. 15 minute intervals watch as





the 'JetBoard' shoots into the air! Weather dependent. www.kilmorejetworks.com Hosted by BCDG

COOKERY DEMONSTRATIONS

At the seafront area with some of our local chefs preparing our great local seafood and some of our amazing local food producers showing us how they make their produce. Includes tastings.

WATER SAFETY TALK

Time TBC, talk by Kieran Kinney on water safety in the Marquee at the seafront.

ENTERTAINMENT

8pm to 10:30pm FREE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Main Marquee

Kick of an evening of live music with The Maguires a traditional Irish group from Wicklow. They children all started playing traditional Irish music at a young age. All three of the Maguire kids are Leinster Champion musicians and

multi-instrumentalists. The band's range of instruments includes fiddle, concertina, flute, uilleann pipes, whistle, bodhrán, guitar and piano. Followed by Bad Toys and guests a local band playing contemporary rock.

ON RATHLIN

INTRODUCTION TO ANIMATION WORKSHOP

Saturday 23rd May - 11.30, Parochial Hall

Introduction to Animation Workshop - from the creators of the hit children's animated TV programme "Puffin Rock".

Puffin Rock follows the adventures of puffin Oona, her little brother Baba and their family and friends on a wild and beautiful island off the coast of Ireland so there are lots of ways to find similarities

between the fictional island and beautiful Rathlin!

The Introduction to Animation workshop will use flip books, clips, and sketches etc., and is open to young (8+) and old alike (up to 30 people), to work with some of the Puffin Rock team, and to do stuff rather than being talked at!

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION

Live traditional Irish session in McCuaig's Bar at 9pm
Come along and join Buzzceol for a lively evening of traditional Irish music!

Cormac Ó Briain has been playing the pipes for over 25 years in sessions around Ireland. He will be joined by other musicians in what is guaranteed to be a lively session.



Sunday
24 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

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COOKERY DEMO

Cookery Demo with Derek Creagh from Great British Menu and Harrys Shack from 12.30 to 2.30 pm at the seafront. Derek who won Georgina Campbell Chef of the Year Award has worked with proprietor Donal Doherty of Harrys Shack to open the new restaurant at Portstewart Strand in August 2014 which also won a Georgina Campbell Award for Best Newcomer. Derek's approach to cooking is modern and innovative with a strong commitment to local quality

produce. Naturally calm and amicable, he is always keen to pass on his enthusiasm and passion for cooking.

BALLYCASTLE BIG LUNCH

1pm - 3pm
The awarding winning Ballycastle Big Lunch is back from 1pm to 3pm, at



Ballycastle Seafront bring along a rug and a picnic, a great excuse to enjoy an open air picnic and rekindle old friendships and make new ones. The Big Lunch. Hosted by BCDG.

BUSHMILLS WHISKEY TASTING

From 1pm to 3pm at the seafront. Try some new blends offered by the famous Bushmills Distillery. Hosted by Bushmills Distillery

MEET OUR FRIENDLY LOCAL GIANTS FINN MCCOOL AND HIS WIFE OONAGH

coming over from the Giant's Causeway from 2pm to 4pm to visit Ballycastle Seafront. Say 'Hello' and get your photograph taken with our friendly giants. Benandonner, Finn's rival may even join us. Hosted by the Giant's Causeway Visitors Centre, National Trust.

CHILDREN'S STORYTELLING WITH LIZ WEIR

from 2 -3pm at the Family Fun Marquee at Ballycastle Seafront. Come along to hear internationally renowned Irish Story Teller Liz Weir bring our maritime heritage alive. Hosted by BCDG.

KILMORE JETBOARD DISPLAY

From 3pm to 5pm at Harbour Area, Ballycastle. At approx. 15 minute intervals watch as the 'JetBoard' shoots into the air! Weather dependent. www.kilmorejetworks.com Hosted by BCDG.

CAPTAIN MORGAN

3pm & 5.30pm Ballycastle Seafront.

A gentleman explorer who has travelled far and wide learning new skills, telling tall tales and picking up a sea shanty or two. On his adventures he has sailed with Pirates, met Vikings, learnt the ways of the Fakir and escaped from a French hospital - all the while retaining his gentlemanly sensibility. A show of juggling, comedy and danger. You may even learn a thing or two! Two 35 minute long shows.

FRANCES BLACK AT THE MARINE HOTEL

Frances Black will be playing in the Marine Hotel, Ballycastle. This is Frances only show outside of Belfast. It will be a great coming home concert not to be missed. Although born in Dublin, her father was a native of Rathlin Island and she has a great love for the area. Doors open at 8pm Concert starts at 9pm. Hosted by the Marine Hotel.

Tickets on sale from the Marine Hotel Tel: 028 2076 2222

Email: reception@marinehotelballycastle.com



ON RATHLIN

SLIDING INTO HISTORY

Parochial Hall

Michael Barton's slide show, Remembering 60s, 70s and 80s style Rathlin Island holidays through a series of slides with added narrative, come along and help identify who was who and what they might have been up to!

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION

McCuaig's Bar

The first of many ad-hoc traditional music sessions brought to you by residents of Rathlin who have recently revived this music scene on the Island.

MURAL PAINTING

Everyone, young and not so young, is invited to come along to McCuaig's Bar and help decorate the outside wall with maritime themed murals, this will continue throughout the week until complete.

CEILIDH

Join Chris Dallat in Bruce's Kitchen for a night of dancing and craic, don't worry if you are unsure of the dances, the locals will keep you right!





Monday
25 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

BALLYCASTLE MARKET

11am to 5pm at the Seafront. Continues today with its great selection of produce, variety of knowledgeable friendly traders all eager to share their stories and never happier than when they are talking about what they have made. The Ballycastle Town Market is supported by the Coastal Communities Fund which is delivered by the Big Lottery Fund.

TASTE ADVENTURE

11am at the seafront. Buoys and gills, make sure you visit The Food NI Taste Adventure. This exciting activity hopes to put your five senses to the test and brush up on your local maritime food knowledge! Use some fun resources and smell, taste, touch, look and listen to guess the hidden foods.

GUIDED HISTORICAL WALK

7pm Guided Walk of Historical Ballycastle seafront area by local historians Peter Molloy and James McCurdy. Meet at front of Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre.

ON RATHLIN

SHIPWRECK EXHIBITION

11am to 3pm. Pop in to the Richard Branson Centre and enjoy a remarkable display of shipwreck

artefacts salvaged from the waters around Rathlin Island. This popular exhibition is testimony to the rich maritime history of the area and a moving reminder of the ever present risk to a life on the sea.

KIDS TREASURE HUNT

Beginning at Breakwater Studios at 12pm

Come along and join us for a treasure hunt along the seafront where you will discover treasure from sunken ships and perhaps meet a pirate or two along the way.

ARMAGH RHYMERS

McCuaig's Bar / Seafront

The Armagh Rhymers are one of Europe's most celebrated folk theatre ensembles. A respected professional group of entertainers that have delighted audiences for over 30 years with our unique blend of Mumming, poetry, music, drama, song and dance. Their style is deeply rooted in the old Irish Mumming traditions and they are easily recognised by their willow masks.

PUB QUIZ

McCuaig's Bar. Join local quizmasters George and Liz Withers for a fun evening of quizzing (with a nautical leaning!) with proceeds from the evening going to the RNLI. £10 per table, with a maximum of 4 people per table.

Tuesday
26 May

IN BALLYCASTLE

VIKING THEMED RHYTHM & RHYME SESSION

10am to 10.30am - 0-4 years, Ballycastle Library Hosted by Libraries NI. Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

ON RATHLIN

GUIDED WALK AND TALK

1:30pm sharp

Join Nicky at the main harbour and she will lead you on walk number two from her recently published walking guide (available to buy in the ferry terminal). This takes in the East lighthouse on the Island as well as the old coastguard lookout building. Terri will be present at the coastguard hut to deliver an exhibit and short talk inspired by the shipping forecast, created by herself with contributions from the people of Rathlin.



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MODEL YACHT RACE & BBQ

7.30pm, Ushet Lough
Stroll down to the beautiful freshwater Ushet Lough in Rathlin's Lower End for a traditional model yacht race. These races have taken place on Rathlin for many years, with hand-carved wooden boats set to sail a course across the lough and back. Enjoy the scenery and the spectacle (and the BBQ!) of this traditional island community event. There may also be music!



ON RATHLIN

EAST LIGHTHOUSE TOURS:

2.00 – 4.00pm
Visit one of Rathlin's three working lighthouses and enjoy a fascinating and spectacular perspective on the coastline. (Visits will be limited due to space, and involve a lot of winding stairs...)

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Murder Mystery night in McCuaig's Bar
Beginning at 7.30 pm followed by reggae disco courtesy of DJ "buzz sound" £15 per person includes complimentary drinks, buffet and disco. Spaces limited so book early with Aoife – 07876662942 – to avoid disappointment.

Somewhere in the tropics between the Port of Indecision and Southwest of Disorder you'll find that murder meets mayhem and the intrigue begins! While most vacation at Margaritaland, an exclusive tropical resort, to get away from their troubles, for one unfortunate soul, it will mean the

end of their travels all together. Has the lottery winner's luck run out? Will it be the bartender who has served his last drink? Is the honeymoon over for two lovebirds before it nearly began? Or will the stars collide for one Hollywood star? At the resort, the guilty will mingle among the guests and everyone will be left with the task of deciphering between the facts and falsehoods that plague this paradise in order to make a killer pay for their crime. The night itself will be a criminal concoction that will have you searching for much more than your long lost shaker of salt.



IN BALLYCASTLE

'DAYS OF OLD RATHLIN AND BALLYCASTLE' FILM SHOWING

6pm, Ballycastle Library. Booking essential, hosted by Libraries NI
Contact: Ballycastle Library 028 2076 2566 for more details.

ON RATHLIN

THE UNDERSEA WORLD OF RATHLIN ISLAND

2pm Parochial Hall
Dive into the undersea world of Rathlin Island with Joe Breen and Gary Burrows, marine biologist divers with DOE Marine Division. This illustrated presentation will show you that the marine life around Rathlin Island is a match for any coral reef in the world (if only a little cooler)



“A BOAT RETOLD”

An Evening of Storytelling with Ian Stephen, Christine Morrison and Ken Linklater.

8pm Parochial Hall.

Isle of Lewis storyteller Ian Stephen will host an evening of storytelling and music, including a screening of “A Boat Retold”, a short film about the rebuilding of an 18foot traditional Scottish Isles boat and its voyage to the Shiant Islands. The event will also feature images from the revival of Lewis lugsail boats and stories linked to them. Ian, Christine and Ken were a popular addition to the 2014 Festival programme, and this will be another evening not to be missed.

ON RATHLIN

TRADITIONAL BOAT RACING AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Seafront / Church Bay

The festival really starts to come alive as the traditional boats take to the water to compete and showcase the crews’ skills. Later in the evening a hoard of Vikings in their longship will arrive, most likely causing chaos in their wake.

FUNDRAISING BBQ AND NAMING CEREMONY

Seafront / Church Bay

Come along and help support the people who risk their lives at sea to keep everyone safe. As more and more visiting boats arrive at the marina food will be available at the seafront in the lead up to the naming ceremony of the Rathlin Drontheim.

TASTE OF RATHLIN ISLAND

12noon, assemble at Rathlin Harbour. Meet the McFaul family who produce and distribute organic kelp. Join us for a guided tour and learn how the product is harvested and prepared for export. We recommend you contact Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd 028 207 69299 to arrange ferry travel and that sensible footwear is advised.

Pre-booking is required, 028 2075 2100 or email tierna@ccght.org
Hosted by Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust.



“WALLACE CLARK. THE SEAFARER AND THE WILD GOOSE” FILM SCREENING.

8pm Parochial Hall

A short film about the renowned sailor and writer Wallace Clark (1926-2011) – who was a frequent sailing visitor to Rathlin Island – presented by his son Bruce. Wallace was the author of – among others – “Sailing Round Ireland”, “Rathlin. Its Island Story”, “Donegal Islands” and his last, posthumously published book “The Call of the Running Tide, and was a pioneer from the 1940s onwards of sailing around and writing about the Irish and Scottish coasts. With a wealth of contributions from family and friends and with wonderful archive footage and photographs, this newly-extended documentary will delight those who knew Wallace as well as those who didn’t, and remembers well this charismatic and ground-breaking author and sailor.



IN BALLYCASTLE

ARDGLASS VIKINGS

To arrive in Ballycastle from approx 1pm. Come along to view the long boat and vikings as they arrive at Ballycastle Harbour before departing for Rathlin Island.







IN BALLYCASTLE

A TALK ON THE MARITIME HISTORY OF BALLYCASTLE.

2pm Ballycastle Library. Hosted by the Friends of Ballycastle Museum and Libraries NI.

ON RATHLIN

BARRA BEST

BBC NI Weather presenter Barra Best will be visiting the Island on Saturday 30th and Sun 31st with cameraman to cover the last weekend of the festival. Catch up with him out and about and test his expert weather knowledge!

COMHALTAS GROUPS

From 10am to 12noon in Bruce's Kitchen / McCuaig's Bar
Traditional music with groups



from Ballycastle and around and about.

VIKINGS, CURRACHS AND DRONTHEIMS

Seafront 11am – 5pm
Witness the spectacle of pitched Viking battles on the beach while the currach and drontheim teams compete in the background for their own glory.

LIVING SEAS EVENT

From 11am to 5pm at the seafront.
Family friendly fun including seaweed hand spa, shell displays, lifesize models of seals and dolphins and marine life tank. Includes life size models of seals etc. Hosted by Ulster Wildlife.

BALLYCASTLE MARKET TRADERS VISIT RATHLIN

McCuaig's Bar car park 11am
Browse the ever popular market and pick up some handcrafted gifts to remind you of your visit to this year's festival.

CRAZY GOLF

Seafront 11am – 5pm
Try your skill at crazy golf (free of charge).



HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Rathlin Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Supported by Malin Waters.

RATHLIN COASTGUARD RESCUE TEAM – LINE THROWING COMPETITION AND WATER SAFETY INFORMATION

4.00-6.00 - Seafront
Rathlin's volunteer Coastguard Rescue Team will be out and about around the island's harbour and seafront with a fun line-throwing competition open to all, and providing important maritime safety information.

AOIFE SCOTT IN CONCERT

Join us at 8pm in Bruce's Kitchen to enjoy an evening with Aoife Scott and band.
That the apple doesn't fall far from the tree is an oft-stated truism, but in Aoife Scott's case that doesn't make it any less valid. Born into the legendary Black Family - which includes her mother, Frances, and her aunt, Mary - she has been surrounded by and immersed in music from



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an early age, from listening to her grandparents, mother, aunt and uncles making music around the fire, to observing the backstage workings of festivals both here and abroad. Now she is making her own way in the music business.

Aoife moved to the west coast of Ireland several years ago and her passion for the native Irish language spoken there is reflected in her choice of songs. She possesses a voice that evokes the wild western landscape: fragile one minute and forceful the next. Her experiences while living in the west, the people, the places and the sounds of Connemara, can be heard in her remarkable and unique performances. Now living in Dublin, her character-laden voice has been quietly generating a buzz amongst her fellow musicians for several years. Her work includes prestigious performances with some of Ireland's finest musicians and international acts including Sharon Shannon, Séamus Begley, Brian Kennedy, Altan, Cherish the Ladies, Eddi Reader, John Prine, and of course the Black Family.



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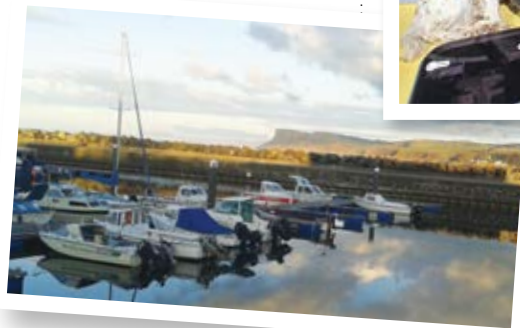
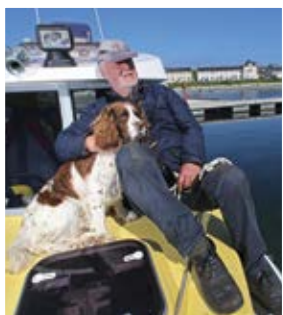
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THE RATHLIN BIG LUNCH

Come along to the seafront and join the biggest picnic on the Island, help us out by bringing something to share – pastas, breads, fruit etc.

This will be our fourth consecutive Big Lunch, an event that now coincides with the closing day of the annual Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival. The Island, as a community, has always been close but the Big Lunch not only brings communities together but can help cement those bonds year on year. Ours serves to remind us how dependant on our neighbours we really are throughout the year and gives everyone a chance to repay a kindness to those we know or make new friends for the future.



Our event is growing more and more as people become aware and spread the word. There is no pressure to come along or to bring anything except a smile but people have an inbuilt desire to meet new people and share what they can.

HAVE A GO KAYAKING

from 12.00 to 5pm. From boat slip at Rathlin Marina, FREE activity, 30 minutes sessions. Supported by Malin Waters.

MEET OUR FRIENDLY LOCAL GIANTS FINN MCCOOL AND HIS WIFE OONAGH

coming over from the Giant's Causeway from 2pm to 4pm to visit Rathlin. Say 'Hello' and get your photograph taken with our friendly giants. Benandonner, Finn's rival may even join us. Hosted by the Giant's Causeway Visitors Centre, National Trust.

RUNABAY IN CONCERT

2pm Make your way once again to Bruce's Kitchen / McCuaig's Bar for the closing concert of the festival.

Runabay is a six-piece indie folk band creating catchy, uplifting and joyous music. Although they have only been together since early 2014, they have an impressive list of gigs behind them. Members are John McManus (vocals/guitar), Gary Graham (guitar/vocals) Gerard McHugh (vocals/percussion) Dean Walker (bass/vocals), Declan McCartan (cello/vocals) and George Sloan (drums/vocals). They draw their musical influences from Irish traditional folk music and indie bands like Fleet Foxes, The Shins, Hozier plus all the greats from every genre.

Their hometowns such as Cushendall, Peterborough, Belfast and Cushendun are equally as varied. Winter 2014 saw Runabay back in the studio recording their debut EP. Runabay's profile is increasing rapidly; they have released their debut single, Sequences, it has immediately propelled them in the spotlight, securing the band being played on a number of BBC Radio Ulster shows and being sought after for far afield gigs, with their recent guest appearance on BBC2 NI's I Lár an Aonaigh on November 24th 2014 and having just supported The Rapparees in sold out gigs in Limelight and Mandela Hall. They look forward to releasing their EP in the coming months and seeing what 2015 has to offer.

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RATHLIN SOUND MARITIME FESTIVAL

22 May to 31 May 2015

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1st Prize Dinner in Marconi's Pizzeria and Bed and Breakfast for a family of two adults and three children.

2nd Prize A meal for two in restaurant of your choice

Male

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Age 18-25

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Are you here today as SELF

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Where did you travel from, for the events: _____

If staying overnight where are you staying: B&B

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How did you hear about the event: Word of Mouth

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What are your key interests in visiting this or other areas, please tick all areas that interest you.

Activities e.g. walking, diving, sailing, culture, other _____

Events e.g. festivals, culture, music, other _____

Entertainment - eg local music, storytelling, other _____

Food and local produce - please provide details _____

Attractions, historic and local interest _____

Have you visited the Ballycastle/Rathlin area before? Yes

No

What changes would you make to improve the event? _____

If you would like to register for a quarterly e-zine please put your email address here:

Thank you for your time. Remember to return your completed forms to Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre at Portnagree House Harbour and Marina Visitor Centre for a chance to win a prize.

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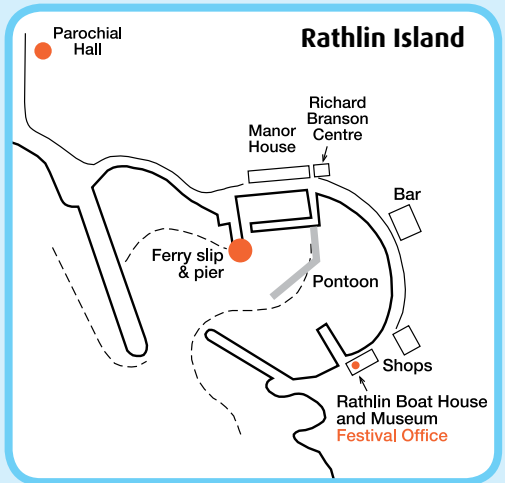
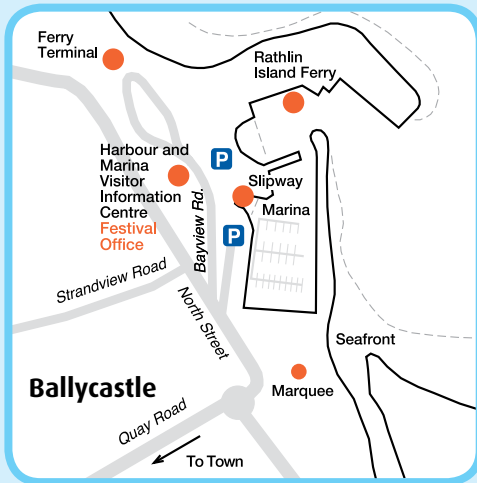
at the Visitor Information Centre, Portnagree House Harbour and Marina Visitor Centre 028 2076 2024

Rathlin Festival Office, Rathlin Boat House, call 077 0886 9605

For information on berthing contact: Harbour Master John Morton Tel: 028 2076 8525

M: 078 0350 5084 E: ballycastlemarina@moyle-council.org

For emergencies contact the PSNI or Coastguard on 999.



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- All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events, including parade.
- Events are weather dependent and subject to change.
- Events are free of charge (excluding travel costs) except where indicated.
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