



SEA FEVER SAILING

# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises 2025

**Sea Fever Sailing is a new venture, weaving strands of everything that's great about sailing in Scotland, into truly memorable experiences...**

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Sunday 24th of August  
Sunday 31st of August

As a commercial skipper and RYA Yachtmaster Instructor, Dónal Boyle has drawn on his time working with some of the best operators in Scotland for over 30 years to produce a range of holiday, adventure and instruction cruises designed to give you the best possible time onboard.







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## Our Boats

We use Beneteau Oceanis 45s for all of the cruises we run. These boats are modern, spacious, fast, stable, comfortable, great fun to sail and live on board.

As such, they have the edge over many of their competitors and in our opinion, represent a step change in the sailing cruising experience.





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# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Sailing

Our cruises are based in the stunning, sheltered waters of the Firth of Clyde - stretching from the fjord-like sea lochs in the north, to the Kintyre peninsula, majestic Ailsa Craig and the rugged coastline of South Ayrshire. In the safe hands of skipper Dónal and host Kitty, you will have the opportunity to explore some truly delightful places and sample the best of local fare, history and culture.

The beauty of a week's holiday cruising in the Clyde is that we can plan our route to make the most of the conditions - breaking our trip into lots of short legs to explore the amazing coastline in sheltered waters, even if it's windy.

Everyone's welcome to get involved in steering and handling/trimming the sails.



# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Skipper

In 1986 Dónal moved to Arran and began his sailing (and music!) apprenticeship. Learning to sail with the Junior Sailing Club and Ocean Youth Club, Dónal went on to study Yacht Design in Glasgow. In 1990, he started skippering small yachts in the Clyde and Northern Ireland.

A Yachtmaster at 24 and Instructor at 25, Dónal worked at the Scottish National Watersports Centre, Cumbrae from 1997-2003 where he cut his teeth with many of the best sailors in the country.

Following a career break, Dónal returned to the sailing world in 2019 and in 2023 he moved to Dunoon and came back to commercial sailing full-time, freelancing for several of the Scottish charter and motor cruising companies. In 2024 he revalidated his RYA Yachtmaster Instructor's certificate and went back to running the full range of RYA courses for sailing schools based in Largs Yacht Haven.

Dónal has been working on Sea Fever Sailing for a few years and feels it's time to bring it to market.



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# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Wildlife

Whilst specific sightings are never guaranteed, the wildlife within the Clyde area can be spectacular.

Dolphins, porpoises, whales, seals and basking sharks are regularly seen, along with the full gamut of sea birds.



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## Hospitality

You can expect to be well looked after during your time onboard. The food offering will showcase local produce with complimentary Sea Change wine, along with the area's own special beers and spirits.

Beneteau 45s are well-equipped for catering and this enables us to provide a high standard of hospitality. We carefully pre-plan each week's menu, taking account of any dietary requirements and work with local suppliers to deliver Bistro-quality food, with all the trimmings.

What really makes all of this special though, is your host Kitty - an experienced sailor and all-round hospitality professional, with a sense of humour to match!



# Sample Menu

## Breakfast

Eggs Benedict

Pancakes, Bacon, Maple Syrup

Scrambled Eggs, Sourdough Toast

French Toast, Berries, Cream

Breakfast Burrito

Full Scottish Breakfast

All served with Muesli, Yoghurt, Fruit, Preserves, Breads / Toast

## Lunch

**Cullen Skink** Crusty Bread, Butter

**Moroccan Couscous** Roasted Vegetables, Chickpeas, Harissa, Yoghurt, Flatbread

**Quiche Smoked Cheese and Leek** with Mustard-Dressed Leaves

**Ploughman's Lunch** Homemade Pork Pies, Pickles, Cheese, home-cured Ham, Soup

**Antipasti Board** Charcuterie, Local Cheese, Pickles, Olives, Breads

**Spanakopita Parcels** Dill Yoghurt and Salad of Mint, Cucumber, and Peas

## Dinner

**Starter:** Bruschetta with Tomato, Crushed Garlic, Basil Oil

**Main:** Chicken & Leek Pie with Herbed Mash, Steamed greens

**Main:** Chicken Balmoral with Whisky Sauce, Neeps, Tatties

**Dessert:** Cranachan with Raspberries, Honey

**Starter:** Dressed Crab with Oatcakes, Leaf

**Main:** Local Lamb leg Steak, Crushed New Potatoes, with Tomato & Oregano Sauce

**Main:** Venison Loin with Juniper Jus, Crushed Roots, Green Beans

**Dessert:** Dark Chocolate Mousse with Sea Salt Crumble

**Cheese board:** Isle of Mull Cheddar, Blue Murder, and Clava Brie, Oatcakes, Chutney

**Starter:** Langoustines with Garlic Herb Butter

**Main:** Cod Fillet Coconut Curry with Rice, Lime, Coriander.



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## Host

Meet Kitty Poynter-Dalton, a friendly face in the hospitality world with 25 years of experience! She has worked at places like Costley and Costley, Macdonald Aviemore Resort, and Crofters Arran, taking on various roles from front-of-house to kitchen duties.

After years of helping others, Kitty followed her dream and opened her own charming bed and breakfast in Brodick on the Isle of Arran. These days, she's bringing her expertise to freelance hospitality staffing, popping up at events all around the Clyde area.

Kitty's love for sailing began with trips to Loch Lomond with her dad, a passion she now shares with her children through paddleboarding and sea kayaking.

Recently, she's been having a blast learning to sail with Go West. When she's not busy at Sea Fever Sailing or hosting on the Clipper 60 Taeping for Ocean Sailing Scotland, you can find her daysailing a Westerly Fulmar on the Clyde.



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# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Experience

You don't need any sailing experience to enjoy your time aboard, nor do you have to get involved with sailing the boat; it can be all about relaxing and watching the world go by...

If you would like to get hands-on, you will be very welcome to learn to steer and trim the sails. If you already have some experience, there will be opportunities for you to hone your skills.

Perhaps you're an experienced sailor who wants to introduce family or friends to cruising, ensure they have a great time and want to do it again!





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## Activities

A new day and we're sailing to new places - each with its own charm, geology, history and wildlife.

Sailing at our leisure, we plan to visit one of the many distilleries, enjoy lunch ashore, get a taste of the Clyde's rich history with a visit to a castle from the time of Robert the Bruce.

We usually anchor and take a run ashore with the inflatable tender (for those wanting to explore the remote islands and beaches) but if you'd rather stay onboard to enjoy the peace and quiet, that's fine too!

In the villages, there will be opportunity to walk to historic sites, distilleries, museums, to hire bikes, play a round of golf and go to local pubs and music venues. On one of the evenings, we will eat ashore at a local restaurant.





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From time to time, Dónal likes to play fiddle tunes and sing a few songs with the guitar; mostly traditional Scots, Irish and some American folk thrown in for good measure. Guests are very welcome to play an instrument themselves or sing along.

For those who fancy it, Kitty will do a few tasting flights to allow guests to “compare and contrast” the local whisky, gin and beer offerings. The odd cocktail too, apparently!







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## Relaxation

One of the reasons we limit numbers to 4 guests plus skipper and host is to ensure that there is plenty of room to relax.

We're not crammed in and everyone has personal space for that all-important "timeout" that we need on holiday sometimes; to simply kick back and let the world slip gently by.

One of our destinations, Portavadie, has an award-winning Spa featuring therapeutic spa treatments, hydro pool, Scandinavian sauna, steam room and a relaxation space, all with breathtaking floor to ceiling views across Loch Fyne to the Isle of Arran.

The itinerary is designed to allow time for everything - we don't need to rush...



# A day with Sea Fever Sailing...

## **Morning Coffee**

Selection of Tea, Herbal Teas, Coffee

## **Breakfast**

Eggs Benedict

with Muesli, Yoghurt, Fruit, Preserves, Breads / Toast

## **Engine on, sails up...**

Let the adventure begin!

## **Eleveneses**

Warm Drinks: Selection of Teas / Coffee / Hot Chocolate  
Homemade Biscuits

## **Drop the Hook**

Anchor for Lunch in a peaceful secluded anchorage

## **Lunch**

Cullen Skink Crusty Bread, Butter

## **Adventure Ashore**

Trip in the tender and time to explore

## **Afternoon Tea**

Warm Drinks / Prosecco / Gin & Tonic  
Petite Fours

## **Weigh the Anchor...**

And head for Harbour

## **Dinner**

**Main:** Chicken Balmoral with Whisky Sauce, Neeps, Tatties

**Dessert:** Cranachan with Raspberries, Honey

## **Gin Flight**

ABC of Clyde Gins featuring:

Gins from the Islands of Arran, Bute, Cumbrae and few surprises.

## **Live Music from Dónal**

A performance from Dónal on Fiddle and Guitar

with selection of Traditional Scots / Irish and Transatlantic Music



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**\*Promotion\***

Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises are a first for Sea Fever Sailing and as such, we are offering a discount of £1000 (from £8995 to £7995) on the understanding that guests are happy to provide constructive feedback and help us refine the product for 2026. We would appreciate the opportunity to take photos and video footage during the cruise for use in future marketing.

Private Charter for a group of 4  
Start & Finish at Largs Yacht Haven  
1900 Sunday to 1500 Saturday  
24th or 31st of August 2025





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# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Included

6-Day cruise, exploring the stunning islands and small coastal towns of the Firth of Clyde

Well-appointed Beneteau Oceanis 45 cruising yacht

Generous guest cabins, 1 double and 2 singles or 2 doubles

2 separate heads (toilets)

Quality, home-cooked food using fresh, local produce

Selection of complimentary drinks with dinner, featuring Sea Change wine

A complimentary range of local beers and spirits, with tasting flights

Live music onboard and ashore

Relaxed, informal atmosphere

All boat running costs included – no hidden extras





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## Additional Costs

One lunch ashore

One evening meal ashore

Honesty bar for additional drinks

Distillery Tour (optional)

Cycle Hire (optional)

Spa treatments (optional)

Round of Golf (optional)

Waterproof clothing by arrangement





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## How to Book

To make a booking with Sea Fever Sailing please email [Hello@seafeversailing.com](mailto:Hello@seafeversailing.com) or call 01475 339456.

Bookings made before 29th of June 2025 require a 30% deposit at the time. The remaining balance due on the 29th of June.

Bookings after 29th of June require the full cost to be paid at the time.





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## Reservations

Reservations are confirmed when the completed booking form and a non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total fee has been received.

Provisional bookings by phone or email will be held for a period of 48 hours pending receipt of the completed booking form and deposit. Upon receipt of your deposit we shall send you a confirmation invoice for the balance and advise you of the date of payment of the same. This date is 8 weeks before the start of the cruise.

Every person making a booking on behalf of a passenger or group of passengers warrants and confirms that he/she has the authority of that passenger and that each such passenger/group agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions.

Payment will be accepted by BACS.





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# Clyde Islands Holiday Cruises Cancellations

Cancellations: must be notified to us in writing by the person who made the booking. If you cancel your holiday: More than 56 days prior to the start of your holiday/cruise, you will only be charged your deposit.

Between 56 and 30 days, you will be charged 50% of the holiday/cruise cost. Between 30 and 14 days, you will be charged 75% of the holiday/cruise cost.

Note: If less than 14 days before the start of your holiday/cruise or on or after the commencement of the cruise, you must pay the full holiday/cruise cost.

Note: We appreciate that wholly unforeseen events may result in cancellation. In view of the above and for your peace of mind we therefore strongly advise you to take out appropriate comprehensive Accident and Cancellation Insurance at the time of your booking. Amendments/Cancellation Administration Fee – Sea Fever Sailing reserves the right to charge an administration fee of £30 in respect of any changes made to a booking after receipt of the 30% deposit.