

CRSC – Scottish Ferry News

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CalMac Ferries Ltd:

- Argyle** **Wemyss Bay – Rothesay** rosters. W 30 Oct to **Garvel/JWD** after roster for annual survey. S 2 Nov drydocked (joined by *H/Isles M 11*).
- Bute** **Wemyss Bay – Rothesay** rosters. S 19 Oct off service a.m. (tech); Su 20 to **Garvel/JWD** after roster for annual survey; M 21 drydocked; W 30 refloated, trials, to **Gourock** and Rothesay; Th 31 resumed service.
- Caledonian Isles** **Ardrossan – Brodick** roster. Occasional weather disruptions. Th 7 disrupted p.m. (fouled propeller).
- Clansman** **Oban – Coll – Tiree/Barra – S Uist** roster. Su 20 Oct winter Oban – Barra – S Uist winter roster; Th 31 berthed Castlebay overnight (weather). F 1 Nov only sailed Barra – Oban; S 2 Inner Isles roster (livestock sales → amended roster + additional sailing p.m.); M 4 delayed a.m. (tech), resumed own roster p.m. (at 1550 for 1340); S 9 light to Oban; Su 10 Coll – Tiree/**Craignure** roster.
- Clipper Ranger** Chartered from Seatruck Ferries for overnight **Stornoway-Ullapool freight service**. M 11 Nov first weather disruption (sailing cancelled).
- Coruisk** **Mallaig – Armadale** roster. S 19 Oct completed summer timetable; Su 20 to **Rothesay**; M 21 **Wemyss Bay** roster (alternating with *Argyle/Bute*).
- Eigg** **Oban – Lismore** roster. Su 20 Oct roster till 1150, handed over to *L/Linnhe*; Th 24 on service a.m.; S 26 resumed roster.
- Finlaggan** **Kennacraig – Islay** roster. Occasional weather disruptions → diverted sailings. S 5 Oct roster till 1445, to **Lochmaddy**; Su 6 Lochmaddy – **Tarbert – Uig** roster (*I/Lewis u/s* → *Hebrides* → Stornoway); F 11 roster till p.m. then Tarbert – Kennacraig; S 12 resumed own roster; Th 17 roster till 1155, to **Oban** for 1445 Oban – Port Askaig – Kennacraig (accident → road closed east of Kennacraig); F 18 'wrong' roster till 1505, light to Port Ellen, resumed own roster.
- Hallaig** **Handed over to Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd by Ferguson Shipbuilders Ltd on Th 31 Oct; chartered to CalMac Ferries Ltd.** Trails continuing between **Raasay** and **Sconser**. F 1 Nov assisted by *Loch Striven* after temporary power loss off Sconser.
- Hebridean Isles** **Kennacraig – Islay – Colonsay – Oban** roster. S 5 Oct roster till 1325 then to Port Askaig for *Finlaggan's* roster incl. additional sailings as req'd; S 12 resumed own roster; Th 17 roster till 0905, to Port Askaig and Oban, 1820 Oban – Port Askaig (accident → road closed east of Kennacraig); F 18 'wrong' roster till 1155, light to Port Askaig; resumed own roster; S 19 roster till 1735, to Oban; Su 20 new Oban – **Coll – Tiree/Craignure** winter roster. Occasional weather disruptions. F 1 Nov Oban – **Barra – S Uist** roster (*Clansman* covering Inner Isles roster + livestock sales); M 4 resumed own roster p.m.; F 8 relief sailing to Tiree/Coll (disrupted previous day); S 9 after roster to Port Askaig; Su 10 to **Garvel/JWD** for annual survey; M 11 tdrydocked (joining *Argyle*).
- Hebrides** **Uig – Tarbert/Lochmaddy** roster. S 5 Oct + additional sailing p.m. (*I/Lewis u/s*); Su 6 to **Stornoway** for **Ullapool** roster; F 11 to Tarbert p.m. for own roster from 1600.
- Isle of Arran** At **Ardrossan**. T 1 Oct to **Troon** for lay-up; S 5 to Ardrossan, **Kennacraig** and **Colonsay** for **Islay** roster from 1625; (on *H/Isles'* roster, *Finlaggan* → Uig); W 9 roster till 0950 (poor weather → Colonsay/Oban cancelled), to Kennacraig for 1700 sailing to Port Askaig; S 12 roster till 0905, to Ardrossan; Th 17 to Port Ellen; F 18 + additional return sailing to Kennacraig (traffic backlog); S 19 Islay roster from 1800 (though at 1820 ex-Port Ellen). Occasional weather disruptions → diverted sailings.
- Isle of Cumbrae** **Tarbert – Portavadie** roster. Th 17 Oct commenced service till 1215 (crew unable to reach vessel, road blocked east of Kennacraig); S 26 last day of full Portavadie roster; Su 27 combined Tarbert – Portavadie/**Lochranza** winter roster till 1510, to Largs; M 28 to **Rosneath** for lay-up.
- Isle of Lewis** **Stornoway – Ullapool** roster. F 4 Oct completed service despite tech problems; S 5 ex-Stornoway for **Garvel Drydock** (arr p.m. Su 6); Th 10 repairs complete, to Stornoway (arr F 11) for own roster. F 1 Nov delayed a.m. (stern door latch problems); S 2 p.m. sailing cancelled (tech); Su 3 delayed p.m. (tech).
- Isle of Mull** **Oban – Craignure** roster. Occasional delays (weather/technical). Su 20 winter roster incl. **Colonsay**.
- Loch Alainn** **Barra – Eriskay** roster. Su 3 Nov to **Oban**; M 4 to **Campbeltown**; T 5 to **Largs** and **Rothesay**; S 9 to **Colintraive** for **Rhubodach** roster.
- Loch Bhrusda** **Mallaig – Small Isles** roster (sharing duty with *Orion*). F 4 Oct last day on roster; Su 6 to **Port Askaig**; M 7 to **Campbeltown** for lay-up. F 1 Nov to **Craignure**; S 2 to **Ardmhor**; Su 3 **Eriskay** roster.

Loch Buie	Fionnphort – Iona roster.
Loch Dunvegan	Colintraive – Rhubodach roster. S 9 Nov to Garvel/Troon for annual survey; T 12 drydocked.
Loch Fyne	Lochaline – Fishnish roster.
Loch Linnhe	Tobermory - Kilchoan roster. Su 13 to Lochaline for additional Fishnish sailings (Mull Car Rally traffic), returned to Tobermory p.m.; Su 20 to Oban, picked up Lismore roster p.m. (till F 25); M 28 to Campbeltown ; T 29 to Rhubodach, Rothesay and Ardmaleish for annual survey.
Loch Portain	Berneray – Leverburgh roster. Occasional disruptions (tide or weather).
Loch Ranza	Gigha – Tayinloan roster. Occasional weather disruptions.
Loch Riddon	At Largs . M 21 Oct to Ardmaleish for annual survey. F 1 Nov to Rothesay ; W 6 to Largs and Lochranza ; S 9 to Campbeltown ; Su 10 to Oban .
Loch Shira	Largs – Cumbrae Slip roster.
Loch Striven	Raasay – Sconser roster. F 1 Nov assisted <i>Hallaig</i> off Sconser.
Loch Tarbert	Lochranza – Claonaig roster. W 16 Oct diverted to Tarbert (weather); S 26 last day of Claonaig roster; Su 27 to Tarbert for combined winter Portavadie/Lochranza roster from 1515.
Lochnevis	On passage from Birkenhead . T 1 Oct arr Mallaig 0930; S 5 resumed Small Isles roster, assisted vessel in difficulty off Loch Eynort → delayed; Su 20 combined Armadale/Small Isles roster; Su 27 delayed a.m. (tech, ongoing). F 1 Nov off service (repairs at Mallaig); S 2 resumed service. Occasional weather disruptions.
Lord of the Isles	Oban – Coll – Tiree/Barra – S Uist/Colonsay/Craignure roster. W 9 Oct called Craignure inward + p.m. (weather causing problems for <i>I/Mull</i>); Su 20 to Birkenhead (arr M 21) for annual survey. F 8 Nov ex-Birkenhead; S 9 arr Oban, to Mallaig (berthing trials) and Lochboisdale; Su 10 commenced new winter Oban – Barra – S Uist – Mallaig roster; T 12 first scheduled Lochboisdale – Mallaig sailings cancelled (weather).
Orion	Chartered from Sea.fari for Mallaig – Armadale/Small Isles roster F 1 Nov (<i>Lochnevis</i> u/s, poor weather → Small Isles cancelled).
Raasay	At Corpach for annual survey. Th 3 Oct to Oban ; Su 20 to Tobermory ; M 21 Kilchoan roster; W 30 off service (slipway obstructed); Th 31 resumed service.

Argyll Ferries Ltd:

Ali Cat	Gourock – Dunoon rosters. Occasional weather disruptions. Su 3 Nov to Ardmaleish for annual survey.
Argyll Flyer	Gourock – Dunoon rosters. Occasional weather disruptions. Su 3 Nov commenced single-ship refit roster.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd:

Canna	Chartered to Rathlin Island Ferry Ltd for Rathlin – Ballycastle service.
Saturn	At Rosneath (laid up).
Hallaig	Fitting out at Newark Quay, Port Glasgow. Th 10 Oct trials; F 11 to Campbeltown ; S 12 to Oban ; Su 13 to Raasay ; M 14 commenced trials on crossing to Sconser ; Th 31 handed over to CMAL and chartered to CFL.
Lochinvar	Fitting out at Newark Quay, Port Glasgow.
Flensburg 764	Under construction at Flensburg, Germany. To be named ' <i>Loch Seaforth</i> '. First steel cut M 16 Sep.

Western Ferries: *Cammell Laird Ship No 1388* was 'launched' on M 22 Jul, and *Ship No 1387* on Th 25 Jul; both vessels moved to Tranmere Basin for fitting out. They were formally named *Sound of Seil* (1387) and *Sound of Soay* (1388) on Th 15 Aug. Trials took place on W 4 Sep (*S/Seil*) and S 21 Sep (*S/Soay*). Th 3 Oct commenced delivery voyage to Clyde; F 4 Oct arr **Hunter's Quay**, carried out berthing trials at HQ and **McInroy's Point**, to **JWD**. Following final certification by the MCA *Sound of Soay* entered service on Th 10 Oct, and *Sound of Seil* on T 15.

Sound of Sanda and *Sound of Scalpay* were both sold to The Underwater Centre at Fort William and left the Clyde on W 16 Oct, arriving at Fort William next day.

Sound of Shuna visited Garvel for annual survey between M 28 Oct and Th 7 Nov.

Sound of Seil moved to Garvel for guarantee work on Su 10 Nov – on completion of this she will be followed by her sister.