

CRSC – Scottish Ferry News

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CalMac Ferries Ltd:

- Ali Cat** **Gourock – Dunoon** service. Occasional weather/technical disruptions. Th 8 Aug berthed **JWD** overnight [weather]; F 9 Gourock linkspan u/s → using Small Boat Steps [until Th 22]. W 25 Sep Gourock linkspan u/s (again) → using Small Boat Steps on amended timetable. Th 3 Oct berthed JWD overnight [weather]; F 25 resumed using Gourock linkspan; M 28 **last day in service in Argyll Ferries livery**; T 29 to Dales Greenock [berthed JWD] for annual survey.
- Argyle** **Wemyss Bay – Rothesay** service. Th 1 Aug off service pm [tech], to **Gourock**; F 2 resumed service; F 30 diverted to Gourock [weather]. M 16 Sep one-boat service [*Bute* off for maintenance]; S 22 resumed normal timetable 1400. Th 3 Oct berthing trials at Gourock; T 8 off service till 1735 [tech/weather].
- Argyll Flyer** **Gourock – Dunoon** service. Occasional weather disruptions. Su 4 Aug off service [tech]; T 6 to **JWD** [repairs]; W 7 resumed service pm; F 9 Gourock linkspan u/s → using Small Boat Steps; Th 15 sustained damage while berthing at Gourock → JWD [repairs]; F 16 resumed service; Th 22 resumed using linkspan. W 25 Sep Gourock linkspan u/s (again) → using Small Boat Steps on amended timetable. Th 3 Oct berthed JWD overnight [weather]; F 25 resumed using Gourock linkspan; T 29 one-boat service [*Ali Cat* annual survey].
- Bute** **Wemyss Bay – Rothesay** service. F 30 Aug diverted to **Gourock** [weather]. M 16 Sep off service at Rothesay [essential maintenance]; Su 22 resumed service 1530. M 21 Oct roster till 1235, to **Troon** [ro-ro berth for crew cars, then drydocked for annual survey]; W 30 refloated; Th 31 trials.
- Caledonian Isles** **Ardrrossan – Brodick** service. From F 2 Aug all sailings from Arran berth [Irish berth linkspan u/s]; W 28 roster till 0915 [tech], to **JWD** for repairs; Th 29 to Brodick, resumed service 1355; F 30 berthed Brodick overnight [weather]. T 10 Sep berthed Brodick overnight [weather]. S 5 Oct pm sailings passenger-only [Arran linkspan u/s]; Su 6 roster till 1040 [pax only], then three return sailings Brodick – **Troon**; M 7 two sailings Brodick – Troon; T 8 roster 0820-1855 but pax-only [no Troon calls, weather]; W 9 resumed normal service [Arran linkspan repaired], berthed Brodick overnight [weather]; Th 10 berthed Brodick overnight [weather].
- Carvoria** **Gallanach – Kerrera** service. Occasional weather disruptions. M 19 Aug to **Dunstaffnage** for annual survey; F 23 resumed service.
- Catriona** **Lochranza – Claonaig** service. Occasional tidal disruptions. W 21, Th 29 and F 30 Aug diverted to **Tarbert** [weather]. S 5, M 7 & W 23 Oct diverted to Tarbert [weather]; S 26 last day of extended Claonaig service; Su to Tarbert, combined winter **Portavadie/Lochranza** service from 1215.
- Clansman** **Oban – Colonsay/Coll – Tiree – Barra** service. S 17 Aug pm Inner Isles cancelled [weather]; Su 18 + pm Oban – Tiree [stranded traffic]; S 31 + pm Oban – **Lochboisdale** [livestock sales]. W 4 Sep amended roster [no Barra] but + Craignure inward [weather]; Th 5 amended roster [*Isle of Lewis* tech], + 1430 Oban – Castlebay [*Isle of Mull* → Colonsay]; F 6 0630 Castlebay – Oban then Inner Isles; S 7 & Su 8 as Th 5 & F 6; M 9 resumed normal service; T 10 no Coll/Tiree [weather]; W 11 no Castlebay [stranded traffic/Tiree livestock sales]; S 14 stormbound; W 18 + Lochboisdale [livestock sales]; Th 19 off service at Oban [tech]; F 20 resumed service. Th 3 Oct no Colonsay [weather]; S 12 + 1555/1705 **Craignure** [*Isle of Mull* u/s]; W 16 amended roster [*Heb Isles* u/s], + Craignure service pm [*I/Mull* to Colonsay]; M 21 winter Oban – Coll – Tiree/Craignure/Colonsay timetable; W 23 + 1730 Oban – Castlebay [for *Isle of Arran*]; Th 24 + 0600 Castlebay – Oban; from M 28 no vehicle service to Coll [linkspan closure until Th 21 Nov].
- Coruisk** Summer **Craignure – Oban** service. W 4 Sep roster till 1200 [weather]; F 20 roster till 0810, then off service at Oban [tech]; S 21 to Craignure, roster from 0955. Su 20 Oct off service [maintenance]; M 21 to **Rothesay** for **Wemyss Bay** service from 1900.
- Finlaggan** **Kennacraig – Islay** service. Su 18 Aug 1530 ex-Kennacraig continued to **Colonsay** [*Clansman* → Tiree]. W 4 Sep only sailed 0700/0945 KEN-PEL [weather]; Su 8 1530 ex-KEN extended to Colonsay [*Isle of Lewis* tech]; Th 19 1530 ex-KEN extended to Colonsay [*Clansman* tech]. Su 20 Oct single-ship service [*Heb Isles* → Stornoway]; M 21 winter Kennacraig – Islay – Colonsay timetable.
- Gylen Lady** Chartered for **Gallanach – Kerrera** service M 19 – F 23 Aug.
- Hallaig** **Raasay – Sconser** service. S 14 Sep disrupted [weather]. W 2 Oct last day on service; Th 3 to **Lochaline** for **Fishnish** service 1425-1728, to **Craignure**; F 4 to **Largs**; Su 6 to **Troon** for annual survey [drydocked M 7 – Th 18]; M 21 to **Cumbræ Slip** and Largs; T 22 to Craignure; W 23 to Raasay for Sconser service from 1700.

- Hebridean Isles** **Kennacraig – Islay – Colonsay – Oban** service. Occasional weather disruptions/diversions. W 4 Sep only sailed 0700 PEL-KEN [weather]; S 14 roster till 1150 [Colonsay/Oban cancelled, weather]. W 16 Oct roster till 0920 [tech]; Th 17 resumed service; S 19 after roster to **Stornoway** [for freight service, arr 1000 Su 20]; Su 20 2300 **Ullapool** freight service; M 21 commenced double freight sailings (1700/2100 and 0100/0500); frequent weather disruptions incl. T 22 stormbound Stornoway.
- Hebrides** **Uig – Tarbert – Lochmaddy** service. S 14 & Su 15 Sep amended roster [weather]. Occasional weather disruptions.
- Highest Apple** Chartered from Sealife Surveys, Tobermory [Staffa Marine] for **Mallaig – Small Isles** service from S 7 Sep; S 14 stormbound. Su 6 Oct last day on charter, off hire after roster.
- Isle of Arran** **Ardrossan – Brodick – Campbeltown** service. Occasional weather disruptions. From F 2 Aug all sailings from Arran berth [Irish berth linkspan u/s]; T 6 stern-loading only [bow ramp u/s]; F 9 0735 ex-Campbeltown pax-only [weather/ramp problem], + extra afternoon Brodick sailing [traffic]; F 16 + extra Brodick sailing [traffic]; Th 22 amended roster [weather], 1350 at 1430 and cont'd to C'town; Th 29 amended roster [*Caledonian Isles* u/s]; F 30 roster till 1200, to C'town for shelter; S 31 resumed service 0735. T 10 Sep berthing trials at **Troon**; continuing problems with bow ramp/visor; M 30 last day on service. T 1 Oct to Dales **Greenock** for annual survey [drydocked from arrival until S 12]; F 18 to Ardrossan and **Kennacraig**; S 19 to **Oban** for **Castlebay** service; M 21 winter timetable [no sailings Thu or Sat]; T 22 roster till 1325 [weather]; W 23 stormbound; Th 24 + 1300 Oban – Castlebay.
- Isle of Cumbrae** **Tarbert – Portavadie** service. Occasional weather/tidal disruptions. S 26 Oct last day of extended summer timetable; Su 27 winter timetable till 1210, berthed steamer pier; M 28 to **Colintraive** and **Sandbank** [laid up].
- Isle of Lewis** **Castlebay – Oban** service. S 17 Aug stormbound. W 4 Sep roster till 1240, to Greenock [tech]; Th 5 arr **JWD** 0900 [bow visor repairs]; S 7 to Oban; Su 8 resumed service; S 14 stormbound; F 20 roster till 1240, + 1310/1430 Oban – **Craignure**, then 1550 Oban – Craignure – Castlebay [*Isle of Mull* → Colonsay]. Th 3, M 7, T 8 & W 9 Oct stormbound; S 19 roster till 1240, to **Stornoway**; Su 22 **Ullapool** service [amended roster, *Loch Seaforth* → Birkenhead]; Su 27 + 0700/1040 [stranded freight traffic].
- Isle of Mull** **Oban – Craignure** service. T 13 Aug off service am [tech]. W 4 Sep only sailed 0730/0840 [weather]; Th 5 roster till 1325, + 1325/1650 Craignure – **Colonsay**, roster from 1915 [*Isle of Lewis* tech]; F 20 roster till 0930, + 0950 Oban – Craignure – Colonsay – Oban [*Clansman* (off previous day) → Coll/Tiree], resumed roster pm. S 12 Oct off service pm for bow ramp repairs; W 16 roster till 1430, then 1445 Oban – Colonsay – **Port Askaig** – Oban [*Heb Isles* u/s]; ongoing bow ramp problems; W 21 winter Oban – Craignure/Colonsay service; S 26 berthed Oban overnight [weather].
- Larven** Chartered from Western Isles Cruises S 26 Oct for **Mallaig – Small Isles** service [*Lochnevis* u/s] and W 30 Mallaig – **Armadale** service.
- Loch Alainn** **Ardmhor – Eriskay** service. F 16 Aug stormbound; Th 29 only sailed 0700/0810 [weather]. F 6, S 7 & Su 8 Sep + extra runs [*Isle of Lewis* off]; S 14 stormbound. Th 10 Oct roster till 1340, to **Ardveinish**; F 11 to **Lochaline**; S 12 to **Campbeltown**; Su 13 to **Colintraive** for **Rhubodach** service from 1330.
- Loch Bhrusda** At **Lochboisdale** [laid up]. Su 25 Aug to **Otternish**; M 27 & T 28 **Berneray – Leverburgh** service [*Loch Portain* maintenance]; W 28 to **Mallaig**. S 7 Sep **Small Isles** service [for *Lochnevis*, sailing to amended timetable with *Highest Apple*]; S 14 stormbound. Su 6 Oct last day on service; M 7 at Mallaig [laid up]; Th 10 to **Ardmhor** for **Eriskay** service from 1420. Occasional weather disruptions.
- Loch Buie** **Fionnphort – Iona** service. Occasional weather disruptions. Su 22 Sep + two late runs [emergency services' vehicles]. Su 27 Oct roster till 1145, to **Port Askaig**; M 28 to **Lochranza**; T 29 to **Rhubodach, Colintraive** and **Ardmaleish** [slipped for annual survey].
- Loch Dunvegan** **Colintraive – Rhubodach** service. Occasional weather disruptions. Su 13 Oct roster till 1315, to **Largs**; M 14 to Dales **Greenock** for annual survey [drydocked on arrival].
- Loch Fyne** **Mallaig – Armadale** summer service. Occasional tidal/weather disruptions. S 14 Sep stormbound. M 7, T 8 & W 9 Oct stormbound; Su 20 last day on service; M 21 at Mallaig [laid up].
- Loch Linnhe** At **Sandbank** [laid up]. F 30 Aug to **Largs** for additional Cumbrae sailings [but not used]; S 31 to Sandbank. M 2 Sep to **Troon** for annual survey [drydocked M 2 – Su 15]; M 16 trials, to Largs; T 17 to **Rothsay** [shelter]; F 20 to **Cumbrae Slip** and Largs for service; Su 22 to Rothsay; F 27 to Largs for service; M 30 to **Lochranza** and **Tayinloan**. T 1 Oct to **Oban**; W 2

to **Raasay**; Th 3 **Sconser** service; W 23 last day on service; Th 24 to Mallaig; F 25 to **Tobermory**; S 26 **Kilchoan** service [*Loch Tarbert* → Iona].

- Loch Portain** **Berneray – Leverburgh** service. Occasional weather/tidal disruptions. M 26 & T 27 Aug off service [planned maintenance, *Loch Bhrusda* covering]; W 28 resumed service. S 14 Sep stormbound.
- Loch Ranza** **Gigha – Tayinloan** service. W 23 Oct broke down on 1530 ex-Gigha → service cancelled; Th 24 repaired, resumed service 1800.
- Loch Riddon** **Largs – Cumbrae Slip** service. Su 18 Aug last day of peak summer t/t. T 10 Sep to **Sandbank** [shelter]; Th 12 to Largs; Su 15 to **Troon** for annual survey [drydocked M 16 – Th 26]. T 1 Oct trials, to Largs; Th 3 ramp trials at Cumbrae Slip; F 4 to **Sandbank**; Su 6 to **Colintraive** and **Lochranza** for two additional **Claonaig** sailings [Ardrossan linkspan u/s → *Caledonian Isles* no vehicles]; M 7 to **Rhubodach** and **Rothesay**; W 9 to Rhubodach and **Campbeltown**; Th 10 to **Oban**; F 11 to **Lochaline** for additional **Fishnish** sailings [Mull Rally], berthed Oban overnight; S 12 at Oban; Su 13 & M 14 to Fishnish for additional Lochaline sailings [Mull Rally], berthing Oban; T 15 to **Dunstaffnage** [laid up]; Th 24 to Oban and **Gigha** [*Loch Ranza* u/s] for **Tayinloan** service, to **Kennacraig** overnight; F 25 to Oban; S 26 **Lismore** service [*Loch Striven* → dock]. Occasional tidal disruptions.
- Loch Seaforth** **Stornoway – Ullapool** service. Occasional weather disruptions. S 19 Oct last day on service; Su 20 to **Birkenhead**; M 21 arr 1300, to No 6 Drydock for annual survey.
- Loch Shira** **Largs – Cumbrae Slip** service. Occasional weather disruptions. S 31 Aug + late sailings [Millport Country Music Festival]. S 28 Sep + late sailings [Millport Illuminations]. F 4 Oct assisting lifeboat/coastguard with emergency off Keppel pm.
- Loch Striven** **Oban – Lismore** service. Occasional tidal disruptions. F 25 Oct last day on service; S 26 to **Campbeltown**; Su 27 to **Largs**; M 28 to Dales **Greenock** [berthed JWD] for annual survey.
- Loch Tarbert** **Tobermory – Kilchoan** service. Occasional tidal disruptions. F 25 Oct last day on service; S 26 at Tobermory; Su 27 to **Fionnphort** for **Iona** service from 1230 [*Loch Buie* → dock].
- Lochinvar** **Lochaline – Fishnish** service. Occasional tech disruptions. Th 3 Oct relieved by *Hallaig*, to **Craignure** [for gangway], to Lochaline West Pier, resumed service; from M 21 temporary passenger-only service [Lochaline slipway closed for refurbishment].
- Lochnevis** **Mallaig – Small Isles** service. Occasional weather disruptions. S 7 Sep roster till 1405 [preparing for dock]; Su 8 Mallaig – **Gourock** [arr 0745 M 9]; M 9 to Dales **Greenock** for annual survey [drydocked T 10 – M 23]. F 4 Oct trials; S 5 to Mallaig; M 7 due to resume service but stormbound; W 9 stormbound; M 21 winter **Armadale**/Small Isles service; S 26 tech problem on passage → roster cancelled [*Larven* chartered as relief]; Su 27 repaired, resumed service; W 30 pm Armadale cancelled [tech, *Larven* chartered]; Th 31 repaired, resumed service.
- Lord of the Isles** **Lochboisdale – Mallaig – Armadale** service. Occasional tidal/weather disruptions. S 17 Aug stormbound. W 4 Sep stormbound; T 10 diverted to **Oban** [weather]; S 14 stormbound. Th 3, S 5, M 7, T 8 & W 9 Oct stormbound; F 11 diverted to Oban [weather]; M 21 winter Lochboisdale – Mallaig/Oban – **Craignure** service [no sailings Tue or Thu]; W 23 stormbound; Th 24 + Lochboisdale – Oban [relief sailing].

Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd:

- Glen Sannox** New Arran ferry under construction at Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd, Port Glasgow. Political/legal wrangling ongoing. Yard placed in administration F 16 Aug and subsequently taken over by Scottish Government.
- 802** New Uig Triangle ferry under construction at Ferguson Marine Engineering Ltd, Port Glasgow.