



Clyde River Steamer Club

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Dear Members

It is with regret that I have to inform you that bookings for the proposed New Year charter of MV Pioneer fell well short of the required 150 persons, and facing the prospect of a £600 deficit, the Committee reluctantly, had no option but to cancel the cruise. On behalf of the Committee, may I thank you for having made the effort to support this venture, and our special thanks must go to those who did their utmost in attracting interest from outwith our membership. Might we also acknowledge those who offered transportation to Gourock for non-car owning members, and thank them for their kind consideration of their fellow members. In this season of glad tidings, I regret being the bearer of such disappointing news - softened a little by the return of your cheque/cash. Please do not be too disheartened - Saturday 4th January 1986 looks a distinct possibility as a suitable date for a charter, without the problems of non-existent rail/bus connections.

As about 100 members and friends did show an interest in sailing at New Year, the Committee agreed that we should encourage you to come sailing on Wednesday 2nd January on the scheduled ferry services, the suggested nominated sailings being:-

MV SATURN	-	WEMYSS BAY	1000	-	ROTHESAY	1030
		ROTHESAY	1100	-	WEMYSS BAY	1130
MV KENILWORTH	-	GOUROCK	1245	-	KILCREGGAN	1255
		KILCREGGAN	1310	-	GOUROCK	1320
MV JUNO	-	GOUROCK	1405	-	DUNDEE	1425
		DUNDEE	1535	-	GOUROCK	1555

Those wishing to spend longer in Rothesay, could return from there on the 1300 sailing, and still get to Gourock for the 1405 sailing. A possible alternative is island hopping by car using the Wemyss Bay/Rothesay, Rhubodach/Colintraive and Dundee/Gourock ferries. Tickets for any of these sailings should be purchased on the respective ships on the day.

The above suggested sailings allow photographic opportunities at the various piers, and there is the added interest, that both Saturn and Juno will be sporting the 'Caledonian MacBrayne' logo on their hulls.

Looking ahead to next season, here is a date for your diary. Clyde Marine Motoring Co's 'Second Snark' has been reserved for Saturday 8th June for a unique sailing to Lamlash, permission having been granted by the Arran Estate for a call at the old stone pier. Full details of the cruise will be sent out in the usual manner in due course.

Wishing you many happy hours sailing throughout the coming year.

Eric J. Schofield
Convener of Cruises
Clyde River Steamer Club