

Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival 2022 Programme

EVENTS IN BALLYCASTLE

(See separate programme for events on Rathlin Island)

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The Leader Tall Ship here for the duration of the Festival.

Trips bookable with Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Tel: 028 2076 2024 or email visitor.information@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Friday 27th May to Thursday – 2nd June 10.00 – 13.00 and Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th 14.30 – 16.30 access on board Tall Ship whilst berthed, Ballycastle Harbour - Free

Entertainment and special seafood menus in bars, cafes and restaurants all week.

Friday 27th May

15.15 – 15.45

Maritime story time for 4-8 year olds, Ballycastle Library. Booking preferred on 028 2076 2566 - Free.

18.30 – 18.50

Blessing of the Boats

Rathlin and Ballycastle - Pausing at the dawn of the Festival to reflect on the beauty, fragility and often the harsh reality of our seas and oceans in what it gives and what it takes and offer a blessing for all who work or travel on our seas and oceans. Joined by our neighbours from Rathlin who have had a blessing ceremony this afternoon – see Rathlin Itinerary for more.

19.00 – 19.30

Blessing of Boats continued -

Board ferry for placing of the wreath – Free.

19.00

Kintra Boats - Blessings of the boats - trip

Price £15 / Child £10

All profits from the blessings of the boats will be donated to charity.

19.00 – 20.30

Coastal Connections Guided Walking Tour -

Nine Glens Adventure Tours

Discussing local place-names, industrial heritage and local shipwrecks.

Limited to 20 places –

Booking essential with Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Tel: (028) 2076 2024

Meet at Portnagree House – Free.

21.00 to late

Traditional music session in House of McDonnell

Saturday 28th May

***Please note quiet time for children with additional needs is from 11am to 12noon.**

08.40

Kintra Boats - Puffins, Seals and Lighthouses

Adult £30, Child £25 Book at Ballycastle VIC or online.

Times Vary

Auqaholics Boat Trips - Various trips available during the festival.

Book at www.aquaholics.co.uk

or with Ballycastle VIC.

11.00 - 17.00

Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market, Ballycastle Seafront - Free.

Comhaltas Ad Hoc Music.

11.00 - 14:00

Mask and puppet making with Rosie for children. Marquee - Free.

11.00 – 14:00

Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group (CCGMHG) Traditional boat display of Colmcille, Dronthiem and Curraghs. With opportunity to have a go for £5 per person for non-members. Pay and book at slip on the day.

11.00 – 16.00

Hoddmimir's Wood Craft Viking Workshop

at The Seafront – Free.

11.00 – 16.00

Lakes Vikings Weapons Display

at The Seafront – Free.

11.00 to 16.00

National Museums NI – Marine Display

at The Seafront - Free.

11.00 – 17.00

Children’s Pirate Treasure Hunt

Through Ballycastle Town, forms available from Festival Office. The Seafront – Free.

11:00 – 16:00

Kitecrew Ireland Display of large inflatable kites at Ballycastle Beach – Free.

11.00 – 17.00

Static display of historic images and place names. Drop in and have a chat with the volunteers of Friends of Ballycastle Museum & staff from Museum Services and delve into how the sea shaped our local social and physical landscape. Marquee- Free.

12.00 – 14.00

Logainmneacha - Place-names of the Coast –

Walk in Workshop. Unlocking the old Gaeilge names and showing people not just how the names are shaped by time and events but how to find out more and the resources available. Marquee - Free.

12.00 – 18.00

Have a go kayaking (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) from Harbour slipway, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free

12.00 – 17:00

Valkyrie Craft Coracle making demonstration – Watch John craft a coracle using age old traditional skills. The Seafront - Free.

14.30 – 16.00

Ceol le Chéile – Walk in Workshop - Intergenerational and interactive event bringing our rich heritage of songs and music of our coastal community to people of all ages. Live musicians/singers will lead participants in a varied programme of songs in Irish, Scots and English. Marquee - Free.

14.30 – 17.00 & 18.30 – 21.00

The Leader Tall Ship Trips - £25 per person, concessions available for families.

Book with Ballycastle VIC Tel: 028 2076 2024

15.00 – 16.30

Ulster Wildlife best practice shark tagging training.

Ballycastle VIC, Portnagree House - Free

For more information and to book -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ulster-wildlife-best-practice-shark-tagging-training-tickets-339914382067>

16:00

Children's Nautical Fancy Dress with Kintra Boats

Price Adult £15, Child £10 Bring along your sailors, pirates, mermaids, fish etc for this one-off fancy dress. Dress as your favourite Maritime character to start the festival off in style. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC.

16.00 – 18.30

Ballycastle Traditional Music Trail brings you closer to the instruments, the people who play them and the language, customs and history that make up our vibrant musical culture and traditions. £20 per person pre-booking essential www.ballycastletradtrail.com

or at Ballycastle VIC.

16.15 - 17.30

Cois na mara - By the sea

A celebration of sea traditions, words and music connected to Irish and Ulster Scots with stories and poems. Guest speaker Niall Cromer of the Ulster University and local poets Anne McMaster and Michaél Sands. Leanaí Lír - The children of Lír / Banphrionsa Taise: - Princess Taisie - Storytelling workshop and arts/crafts for children based on learning about The Children of Lir and Princess Taisie. Marquee - Free.

19:00 – 20:30

Céilí on the Coast.

Live music from local musicians. Have a go at some traditional céilí dances - no experience necessary – Free.

Sunday 29th May

Times Vary - Dawn's Daybreak Tour

Price Adult £25, Child £20 The early morning sunrise is a great way to start a day on the North Coast, arriving back in to Ballycastle in time for breakfast. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC.

10:00, 13:30 & 17:00

Join Causeway Boats and Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust for a pleasant boat trip from Ballintoy Harbour via Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge to Rathlin Island's West Lighthouse. £30 per person pre-booking essential.

Book at www.causewayboats.com

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Comhaltas Ad Hoc Music - Free.

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Lakes Vikings Weapons Display

at The Seafront – Free.

11:00 – 16:00

Kitecrew Ireland Display of large inflatable kites at Ballycastle Beach – Free.

11.00 to 16:00

Rope Making demonstration at The Seafront – Free.

12:00 – 17:00

Mask and puppet making with Rosie for children in Marquee - Free.

12.00 – 16.00

Fun with Drums

Come along and make some noise to your own beat! The Seafront - Free.

12.00 – 18.00

Have a go kayaking (30-minute sessions, allow 1 hour) from harbour slipway at Ballycastle Marina, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free.

12.00 – 13:00

Children's Storytelling Bring the kids along to listen to some tall tales and local folklore by the renowned Irish storyteller and writer Liz Weir - Free.

11.00 – 17.00

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12.00 – 17.00

Valkyrie Craft beside Marquee Coracle making demonstration – Watch John craft a coracle using age old traditional skills – Free.

12.00 to 16.00

Cookery bites

Watch some of our local chefs prepare some of their most popular dishes. Pick up some cookery tips and try some delicious local produce at our cookery bites theatre. Marquee - The Seafront - Free.

13.00 – 15.00 Kelly Neill Dance Co.

Dance performances. Opportunity for dance along at 13.45. Ballycastle Seafront - Free.

13.00 – 15.00

Sand Sculpting Competition.

Time to get the buckets and spades out.

Head to the beach and get creative. Judging at 3pm by sand sculptor Tony Hawkins – Free.

14.30 – 17.00 & 18.30 – 21.00

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Monday 30th May

07.00

Morning Meditation with Daniel McKee from Wildbay Retreats Price £55pp

Join Daniel McKee, Wildbay Retreats, on board Kintra II for a Sunrise meditation session. You will be guided through a meditation with the sound of the ocean waves and wild birds in the early morning. Bring warm clothes, light breakfast provided. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC.

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18.30

Redbay RNLi live exercise. To mark the 50th Anniversary of Redbay RNLi they will take to the water to do a live demonstration, in collaboration with Kintra Boat Tours.

You can take to the water on board Kintra II with RNLi crew and Kintra Crew. Onboard price- Adult £15, Child £10. The tour will consist of a 1 hour trip out into the bay where you can view the live demonstration. There will be a meet and greet with crew on return to the pier for those on board. All profits from this tour will be donated to Redbay RNLi. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC .

Wednesday 1st June

13.40

Kintra Boats Puffins Seals and Lighthouses Adult £30, Child £25. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC.

20:00 Doors Open

Bay City Rollerworld with support from The Smokie Experience. Tickets £17.50

At the Marine Hotel, book with the Hotel.

Thursday 2nd June

18:00

Charles Celestial Tides and Tales Tour with Kintra Boats Price £69.50

Have you ever wondered how boats found their way around the sea? Come along and join our masters, Charles and Dawn on this truly unique experience, where they guide you through the tides with tales of past voyages.

Book online or with Ballycastle VIC .

21.00 to late

Traditional Music Session, O'Connor's

Friday 3rd June

9.30am

Dragonstone to Iron Islands Sea Safari Tour with Aquaholics and Giant Tours Ireland £60 per person. Book at www.aquaholics.co.uk or with Ballycastle VIC.

Various Times

Fairhead Climbing Meet

3rd to 5th June. Organised by the Dal Riada Climbing Club, hosted by the McBride family and supported by Mountaineering Ireland. Climbers from Ireland and abroad. Enjoy one of the most iconic climbs in Ireland. Also BBQ and presentation from world famous climber Sonnie Trotter on the Saturday evening.

Tickets and more information available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/314475443517>

11.00 - 16.00

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Comhaltas Ad Hoc Music - Free.

11:00 – 13.30 & 18.30 – 21.00

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18:00

Kintra Boat Tours and Ballycastle Traditional Music Trail present a Traditional Music Tour £45pp Step into the tunes, songs, stories and dance of the Causeway Coast and Glens in the lively company of two skilled local musicians. They will take you on a musical journey from the seafront, with its tales of the sea and songs of sailors along the bay of Ballycastle under the beauty of Fairhead. Book online with Kintra Boats or with Ballycastle VIC.

Saturday 4th June

11:00 – 13.30 & 18.30 – 21.00

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16.00 – 18.30

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18.00

Twilight and Tunes with Amanda St John -

£32 per person. Join us on board Kintra II for an evening of sailing and song with live acoustic music on the boat with Amanda St John. She will perform an acoustic set on the boat as a soulful backdrop to our twilight cruise. We will then meet back at Tessie's Bar for another acoustic session and some good vibes. Book online or with Ballycastle VIC.

Sunday 5th June

4.30am approx

Dawn's Daybreak Adventure with Kintra boats – 4.30am – Adult £25, Child £20 Departing Ballycastle harbour before the village awakens, we depart at daybreak (times vary), slipping out through the harbour mouth in anticipation of the sunrise over the water, making our way eastwards to the rising sun. Pre-booking essential online or at Ballycastle VIC.

Important Information applying to all events

Please note a number of the activities in this programme are weather dependent and subject to change. For updates please check Rathlin Sound Maritime Festival Social Media or festival office at seafront in Ballycastle, Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre or Rathlin Boathouse Visitor's Centre.

Details correct at time of going to print. For up to date information during the festival visit the RSMF Facebook page.

- All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events.
- Events may be photographed or filmed and used on future publicity.
- Follow the instructions of the event stewards at all times
- We hope you enjoy our maritime programme