



CCA Western Isles Cruise 2025

1. Chartering Email - March 2024

Dear members who have expressed an interest in joining the 2025 Western Isles cruise and wish to charter a yacht

I have attached a list of charterers. Jonathan and I have spoken to all of them.

Some we visited on our recent trip to Scotland.

To the best of our knowledge they have all agreed to hold to 2024 prices for the CCA for 2025

Three have given a code for CCA Members to use when chartering and those are on the attached sheet.

If you charter from Largs the upside is it is only a one hour train ride from Glasgow Central

The Charter companies tend to charter from Saturday to Saturday with exception of Alba who will allow you to

Pick up on Friday but only for the smaller yachts. 30ft plus but less than 40ft

If you charter from the the Largs companies then you have two routes to Ardfern

Both will take two to three days (weather permitting) The Crinan Canal or around the Mull of Kintyre.

Because the weather has been unpredictable in the last few years the Crinan has not been able to accommodate larger yachts

Through lack of water and depth. Worth keep an eye on this as the season progresses. Having done it several times it helps

To have someone nimble on board to man the lock gates. Useful tip is to use your winches through the locks.

If you charter from Oban then it is about 25 nautical miles to Ardfern again weather allowing. Normally half a day.

The waters are tidal and in UK waters tide is more important than wind. There are good Admiralty guides to help you.

We will send round more details of those and other charts nearer the time.

Oban is about a three hour train ride from Glasgow and if your pick up is the Oban town transit marina it is in walking distance as is then nearest supermarket.

Glasgow airport has frequent buses to Glasgow Central station then a short taxi ride from Glasgow Central Station to Glasgow Queen Street for the Oban train.

The charterers have all asked that if you are going to go ahead it is important to do it sooner rather than later. They are starting to book 2025 already.

We ask that you make your arrangement direct but of course Jonathan and I will help if we can.

Best wishes

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