

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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September 2026

Well here we are at the end of the season already, where did the time go?

We manage to run 12 out of the 14 swims this year, with 4 attempts at the harbour relay being thwarted by the weather every time, and no swimmers in the woodhaven event.

Well done to all our swimmers, who never cease to amaze me, with their determination to complete an event, out there on the water.

We have used the Gazebo on a few occasions and I have to say, it's difficult to miss us when it's at an event.

We took delivery of our new rib part way through the season and it was blessed down at the harbour before it's first use on the water. It handles very well and will be a great asset to the club and its swimmers.

I am continually grateful to all the committee and the volunteers who work hard to make every event run smoothly and who continue to be a great support to me.

We have been working this year under the auspices of the BLDSA and there has been a learning curve involved here as well. But as usual, the team has stepped up to the plate and got it all in hand.

Now we look forward to some training and social events during the "closed" season for swimming and of course the upcoming "Dook" which we can't forget, on 1 Jan 2027. The 2027 event is early (10:00am) and we will need at least 30 volunteers to assist on the day.



Drop an email to our communications convener, John Walker, via communication@yeaaba.org if you are interested in finding out more about any of our activities.

Or if you want to contact me directly then I'm on johndaviee1969@gmail.com.

John Davie (President - YeAABA)

24 Hr Sponsored Swim

Well, our 24 Hr Sponsored swim is now well and truly completed.

Thanks to all our swimmers who took part in the event



Jillian Livie

Stephan Delaney

Mhairi Murdoch

Ritchie Hawkins

Graeme Malloch

Kim Samson

Linda McNally

Jamie Killington

Val Lindsay

Laura Binger

Ashlyn McMillan

Ella McMillan

Matthew Smallwood



View the full gallery at:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/24-hr-swim-2026>

You were all fantastic throughout the event.

Also to all our Boat Crews and Volunteers who kept us entertained and fed during the event. Also our president John "All Day" Davie who was there for the duration of the whole 24 hours.

And indeed the weather gods were very kind to us as the winds were much lighter than forecast and rain didn't appear until around 6 am.



Monifieth Championship - 14 Jun 2026

The Monifieth Championship took place on Sun 14th June commencing at 13:15 Hrs off monifieth beach.

The only swimmer this year, Katie Oparka, completed the event (Breaststroke) in a time of 1 Hr 10 M and 22 S, which is just outside the record for this event.

Well done Katie, on such a tremendous achievement.

Trophy and Medal was presented by John Walker, who is the Club Treasurer.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/monifieth-swim-2026>

Stannergate Swim - 27 Jun 2026

Today was the Stannergate Championship swim. With 4 swimmers (2 Junior and 2 Senior) we got the swim off on time at 2:15 from Stannergate.

A absolutely cracking swim with the results being as follows:

Senior Female

Laura Binger F/S 35 m 25 s

Val Lindsay F/S 47 m 29 s

Junior Girls

Lily White F/S 31 m 17 s

Ella McMillan F/S 35 m 55 s

This event is sponsored by BK Plus and we were delighted to have Laura Kyles from BK Plus come along to present the tophies, medals and certificates to the swimmers. Thank you Laura.

You might spot our new acquisition in the photos, you can hardly miss it. We aim to be seen at local events.....



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/stannergate-2026>

Broughty Gala Day 2026

We attended the Broughty Ferry Gala Day on 5th July on the Castle Green with our new Marquee and had a few fund raisers in play on the day.

In addition, as part of the Tay Estuary Activities we 4 four intrepid swimmers giving a demonstration of Open Water Swimming along the shore to the Castle, accompanied by one of our rescue craft. They are pictured below.

The wind picked up near the end of the day and caused our Gazebo to flip over, damaging two of the legs, despite being weighed down to prevent such an occurrence.

The manufacturer quickly supplied two replacement legs and we swapped them over ourselves, so we had the Gazebo back in action very quickly.

Gala Day Takings

Activity	Total
Hook a Duck	£ 160.00
Tombola	£ 119.00
Water / Wine	£ 116.00
Total	£ 395.00



BROUGHTY FERRY XMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Thu 18th November will see the switch on of the Broughty Ferry Christmas Lights, and we always hand out our Dook programs at this event. So we will be looking for volunteers to help with this exercise on this evening.

We will have, by the end of September, some 10,000 programs delivered from the printer and we get most of these out to local businesses and shops, but we retain a few boxes to distribute to the crowds who attend this high profile event in the ferry.



Our New Rib is Here



Our new rib had its first outing at our 24 Hr sponsored swim in Mid August. Our president drove down to hull to collect the rib from Humber ribs and brought it back up to the boatshed. After a trip to David Anderson Marine to get equipment transferred from the old John Barrowman it was ready for use.

However before we use any new boat on the water, it has to be blessed and christened in true maritime fashion. This was done

just prior to the 24 hour swim start, and was carried out by our Life President, Joyce McIntosh. That done the boat was immediately launched and covered the full 24 hours without missing a beat.

We look forward to years of service from this new addition to our fleet.

OUR NEW BRAND IMAGE

Last time we showed you a mock up of our proposed new Gazebo and advertising flag plus branded tablecover. How accurate was it? Well judge for yourself.



We are more than happy with the image it presents. It's **BIG** and **BOLD** and hard to miss (even at a distance). It will be in use at the Broughty Ferry Gala Day and also up at the Lochearnhead weekend. Pop in and say Hi if you see us out and about.

HARBOUR TRAINING (APR / SEP 2027)

April, 2027

25	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
26	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
27	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session

May

2	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
9	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
10	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
11	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
12	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
16	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
23	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
24	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
25	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
26	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
27	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
30	Sun	1pm - 2pm	Harbour Training Session

June

7	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
8	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
9	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
10	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
21	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
22	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
23	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
27	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session

July

4	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
7	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
8	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
11	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
18	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
21	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
22	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
25	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
26	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session

August

5	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
19	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
23	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
24	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
25	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
29	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session

September

5	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
6	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session

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BOOKING A TRAINING SESSION IN 2027

Training sessions next year will be via our booking portal. You only need to book if you are planning to attend a training session, either as a swimmer or a volunteer. (You don't need to do anything if you are unable to attend.)



There is no cost to book onto a session, it merely records who is coming along so the sessions can be assessed for viability in numbers of swimmers and volunteers who are able to attend.

You will be able to book onto a session up to 4 weeks in advance of the session, and booking will close 1 days prior to session to allow time to contact people if there are insufficient volunteers (or swimmers) to make the session happen.

The link for harbour training is

<https://bookwhen.com/yeaabatrainingschedule>

A more detailed guide to booking a training session is available.

BOOKING A CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM IN 2027



All our championship swims next year will be via our booking portal.

All swims will open for booking on 01 Oct 26.

The site is automated and swim entries will close automatically on the Date / Time shown on the entry.

Payment is built into the system so that after swim entry information is entered, you will be taken to the payment section to complete the booking.

Booking is not complete until payment is processed. You will receive confirmation of your booking from the system once it is completed.

The details of the swims for booking can be found here:

www.bookwhen.com/yeaaba1884

We look forward to seeing you at our 2027 events.

YeAABA CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2027 SEASON

Championship swims for 27/28 season. Bookings open from 01 October 2026 at <https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba1884>.

January, 2027

1	Fri	10am - 11am	YeABBA Dook 2027
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June

6	Sun	4:45pm - 6:45pm	Club Single Tay 2027
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12	Sat	9:45am - 11:45am	Harbour Relay 2027
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13	Sun	11am - 2pm	Monifieth Championship 2027
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20	Sun	5pm - 9pm	Woodhaven Champoinship 2027
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24	Thu	7:15pm - 8:15pm	Stannergate Championship 2027
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July

31	Sat	2pm - 5pm	Tayport Cup 2027
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August

1	Sun	3pm - 8pm	Kirkton of Balmerino Championship 2027
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8	Sun	8:15pm - 9:15pm	Veterans Single Tay 27
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14	Sat	10am - 2pm	Full Loch Earn 2027
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15	Sun	10am - 1pm	Half Loch Earn 2027
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		2pm - 3pm	Crannog Isle 2027
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22	Sun	6:45pm - 8:45pm	Discovery Mile 2027
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28	Sat	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Double Tay 2027
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September

12	Sun	2pm - 5pm	Club Senior Championship 2027
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Tayport Cup - 17 Aug 2026

On a very wet Monday evening (17th August), we managed to get the re-scheduled Tayport Cup off. This event saw 4 swimmers cross the Tay from Broughty Ferry Harbour to Tayport Harbour.

The results of the swim were as follows:

Lily White (J)	24 M 33 S
Laura Binger	29 M 54 S
Stephan Delaney	33 M 50 S
Ged Hemblade	47 M 26 S

Well done to all the swimmers and a tremendous effort from the Boat Crews and officials under such awful weather conditions.

Thanks to Cobbies Inn for the refreshments and for somewhere dry and warm to do the presentations.

Thanks also to Jillian Livie for the photographs from this event.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/tayport-cup-2026>

YeAABA Awards Dinner 2026

YeAABA are planning to hold our awards dinner on Fri 25 Sep 2026 at Douglas Social Club in Dundee.

Tickets are available at our Misc Events Booking Site https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events and cost £10 per person.

They are live for booking right now.

The Dinner will be followed by the club's AGM on the Sunday 27 Sep at 1pm at Midlin Day Care.

QUIZ NIGHT

YeAABA QUIZ NIGHT

Doc Ferry's Bar
Broughty Ferry

THU 29TH OCT
7 PM FOR 7:30 PM

Teams of 4
£3.00/Person (£12/Team)



Raffle on The night

Balmerino - 26 Jul 2026

After a weather call off on Sat for the Tayport Cup, we had better fortunes today with the Kirkton of Balmerino Championship.

The winds were light and skys were clear at the start of the event.

2 pm saw 4 swimmers set off from Kirkton of Balmerino for an 8 mile swim back to Broughty Ferry Harbour.

During the course of the swim the participants experienced torrential rain, sunshine and even the famous tay haar for a brief spell. Just a typical scottish summers day ,many might say.

All 4 swimmers completed the course in under 3 hours and we would like to say a big thank you to our two BLDSA swimmers (Andrew Wells and David Lowe) who travelled from south of the border to swim with us today. We hope you enjoyed your time with us on this swim.

Thanks to all the boat crews and officials who made the event happen. You know who you are.....

Finally, thanks to Michael Brown on behalf of the swim sponsor, TSPC, who came along to present the medals and certificates.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/balmerino-2026>

Double Tay - 2 Aug 2026

Today saw our double tay championship swim take place at 6pm with 1 Senior Female and 2 Junior Female swimmers taking part.

On a relatively calm wind, and fair weather, the swimmers all completed the return crossing with the following results

1st	Lily White	Junior Female	51 M 39 S
2nd	Mhairi Murdoch	Senior Female	51 M 40 S
3rd	Ella MacMillan	Junior Female	1 H 19 M

Very well done to our 2 juniors, the first time since 2009 that we have had any Junior Girls complete this event.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/double-tay-2026>

Loch Earn Swim Weekend - 15 / 16 Aug 2026

YeAABA held 3 events over the weekend of 15 and 16 August up on Loch Earn in Perthshire.

Sat 15th saw 4 swimmers set off on the full loch event (6.5 Miles) from Lochearnhead to St Fillans. Unfortunately one swimmer had to pull out at the half way marker at Derry Point.

The other three swimmers went on to complete the event with the following times.

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| 1. Lorna Wellingsclare | 3 H 19 M 26 S |
| 2. Ian Foy | 3 H 30 M 45 S |
| 3. Nick White | 4 H 16 M 52 S |

On the Sunday morning we had 2 swimmers in the Half Loch Event (3.25 Miles) from Derry Point to Lochearnhead.

Both swimmers completed the event on the following times:

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| 1. Jasmine Lightfoot | 2 H 19 M 34 S |
| 2. Matthew Smallwood | 2 H 44 M 19 S |

On the Sunday afternoon , we had 5 swimmers enter the Crannog Isle Swim (1 Mile) from Lochearnhead across to Crannog Isle, around the Island and back to Lochearnhead.

All swimmers completed the event with the following times:

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| 1. Lily White (J) | 27 M 01 S |
| 2. Laura Binger | 33 M 13 S |
| 3. Lee Brown | 36 M 44 S |
| 4. Jillian Livie | 40 M 12 S |
| 5. Janet Wilson | 1 H 14 M 06 S |

All swimmers received a certificate and also Trophies and Medals were awarded as well.

Well done to all the swimmers, and thanks to all the volunteers (boat crews and officials and others) who made these events happen.

On the next page, we have a selection of photos taken over the weekend.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/lochearn-swims-2026>

Dook 2027

There are some important changes for the 2027 dook.

Because of the early tide (09:18) the dook will take place at 10 am on 1 Jan 2027. In addition in order to ensure that we have all items for Goody Bags ordered and in Situ, entry will be **ON-Line only** and will **close at Mid-Day on 7 Dec 2026**.

This means that there will be **NO - ON THE DAY ENTRIES FOR THIS EVENT**.

The goody bags for 2027 will contain:

T-Shirt / Beanie Hat / Towel / Certificate.

To cover the costs of the enhanced goody Bags, the entry costs for 2027 will be

Adult £20

Junior £12

Team (10) £150

A social media campaign will start very shortly to push out this message frequently between now and Dec 2026.

JUST REMEMBER - NO BOOKIE - NO DOOKIE



Discovery Mile - 23 Aug 2026

With a bumper field of 31 swimmers, the event took place today (Sun 23rd Aug) with good weather for the duration of the swim and beyond. This is a one mile swim, starting at Bridgeview cafe, and following the shore line along to the rear of RRS discovery, where the finish buoy was anchored.

Listed by finishing times the results were:

1. Jack Robertson	24 M 41 S
2. Jamie Killington	24 M 53 S
3. Leo Watson	24 M 54 S
4. Euan Stewart	25 M 52 S
5. Fraser Miller	27 M 03 S
6. Ella McMillan	27 M 10 S
7. Katie Oparka	27 M 21 S
8. Annabelle Gabriel-Clarke	27 M 52 S
9. Laura Binger	27 M 55 S
10. Ewan Eadie	28 M 31 S
11. Amelie Hawkins	28 M 47 S
12. Connie Malloch	28 M 48 S
13. Ritchie Hawkins	28 M 53 S
14. Lee Brown	28 M 59 S
15. Stephan Delaney	29 M 18 S
16. Lynsey Coupland	29 M 40 S
17. Jane Blake	29 M 53 S
18. Gavin Love	30 M 31 S
19. Jillian Livie	31 M 24 S
20. John Jarvis	32 M 52 S
21. Wendy Reid	33 M 09 S
22. Caitlin Rice	33 M 28 S
23. Val Lindsay	33 M 44 S
24. Ged Hemblade	33 M 44 S
25. Victoria Watson	34 M 02 S



26. Erin Farley	34 M 09 S
27. Kim Samson	34 M 16 S
28. Graeme Malloch	35 M 09 S
29. Stuart Miller	36 M 45 S
30. Maureen Miller	40 M 07 S
31. Rory Alan Budds	40 M 19 S

Trophies and medals were awarded in the following categories:

Senior Ladies:

1st Katie Oparka

2nd Laura Binger

3rd Lynsey Coupland

Senior Mens:

1st Jack Robertson

2nd Euan Stewart

3rd Ewan Eadie

Junior Girls:

1st Ella McMillan

2nd Annabelle Gabriel-Clark

3rd Amelie Hawkins

Junior Boys:

1st Jamie Killington

2nd Leo Watson








WEST END MOTOR GROUP

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www.westendmotorgroup.co.uk

All swimmers received a certificate and a commemorative T-Shirt as the swim was sponsored by West End Suzuki in Broughty Ferry.

Well done to all the swimmers and thanks to all the boat crews and officials for their support, without which we could not run the event.

[View the full gallery here:](#)

<https://www.yeaaba.org/discovery-mile-2026>

Veterans Single Tay - 15 / 16 Aug 2026

The event took place on Sunday 30 August with 4 swimmers setting out from Tayport Harbour at 5 pm to cross the tay back to Broughty Ferry.

Despite the weather forecast of 90% chance of rain and a Yellow Thunerstorm advisory in place across central scotland, it remained dry, fair and with light winds for the duration of the event.

One swimmer pulled out due to effects of the cold but 3 swimmers completed the tay crossing in the following time:

1st. Steshan Delaney 35 M 12 S

2nd Kim Samson 52 M 43 S

3rd Simon Mackay 1 H 08 M 40 S

Presentations were made by Michael Brown on behalf of TSPC, who were the sponsors of the event.

Our thanks go to all the boat crews and volunteers who make these events happen, and to our swimmers who once again rose to the challenge.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/vets-single-tay-2026>

Club Senior - 13 Sep 2026

Our final event of the 2026 season took place in near perfect conditions on Sun 13th September.

Two swimmers set off from the slipway at the rear of Discovery point to swim back to Broughty Ferry Harbour, a distance of some 4 miles.

With virtually no wind and on an ebbing tide the completed the event in the following times.

Laura Binger 1 Hr 28 M 34 S

Stephan Delaney 1 Hr 30 M 56 S

Well done to both swimmers on completing this championship swim.

Thanks also to all the boat crews and volunteers who made this all possible.



View the full gallery here:

<https://www.yeaaba.org/club-senior-2026>

LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS still has some availability.

We are now back after the school Summer holidays and the current block will run from Fri 21 Aug to Fri 9 Oct so it will be an 8 Week block

Any enquiries, please contact Jenny Spalding via email at swimschool@yeaaba.org

The LTS sessions run from 5 - 7 pm and the club members session runs from 7 - 8 pm on a Fri evening at St Johns High School in Dundee (Term time Only).

From the Editor

In the meantime, if you have any articles that you would like to see published, please send them for the attention of the communication convener by email at communication@yeaaba.org.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter and see you all again soon.

Dates for the Diary

We are planning to undertake some training and social events during the winter months. Dates are not yet available for this edition but be aware that we will be publishing details in next few weeks. Keep a look out on our social media for details.

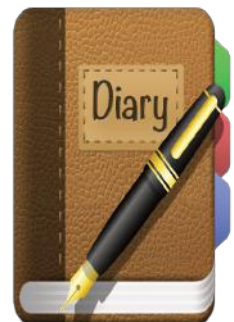
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27 Sep 26
29 Oct

YeAABA Awards Evening & Buffet
YeAABA AGM
Quiz Night @ Doc Ferry's

2027

1st Jan 27
?? Apr 27
25 Apr 27
6 Jun 27

New Years Day Dook / Annual Raffle Draw
Open Day
First Harbour Training Session
First Championship Swim of the season



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