






**TRADITIONAL BOATS, SKIFFS, MUSIC & DANCE
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT & MUCH MORE**
EVENTS IN STRANGFORD LOUGH & PORTAFERRY TOWN

22-25 JUNE 2017

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John McAlea -Commadore Portaferry Sailing Club

Commodore of Portaferry Sailing Club I welcome you all to the beautiful town of Portaferry and Strangford Lough where we will be hosting the 2nd annual Portaferry Sails & Sounds Festival 2017.

The four day festival promises to be a combination of classic boats, tall ships, skiff boats and the wonderful "Lagen Currach project" along with exhibits and guests speakers. The boating highlight of the festival will be the regatta and the old gaffers skiff challenge. The music concerts Highlighting the "McPeakes & Houston Hall" and in Exploris the "Knotty Pine String Band" over the Friday and Saturday of the festival.

There will be something for everyone including free kids entertainment, from bouncy castles, kite making, paper boat workshops, face painting, drumming workshops entertainment from the stage Irish, Highland and set dancing. and lots music throughout the town with craft stalls, exhibits, vendors and the emergency services display. A fun filled exciting weekend not to be missed.



The organising committee would like to thank Ards & North Down Borough Council, Portaferry Regeneration, NIOGA, Airphone communications for their kind support and donations. A special thank you to all the volunteers and emergency services and residents, businesses of the community for their continued support and to anyone else who helped in any way with the festival preparations.

Gary Lyons, Northern Ireland Old Gaffers Association President

Gary Lyons is President of the Northern Ireland Old Gaffers Association.

The Old Gaffers both further and maintain the traditions, craft and history of the Gaff Rig - the very pretty four sided working rig of yesteryear. He sails aboard his 1959 ketch 'Ocean Dove' and regularly attends classic boating events around the Irish Sea.

Following last year's hugely successful inaugural Portaferry Sails and Sounds he is delighted to have continued the long standing relationship with Portaferry Sailing Club and hopes that this year bring equally good weather, sailing, craft and craic!



Youth Project

The NIOGA Youth Fund in tandem with Portaferry Sails and Sounds will also have the spectacular topsail schooners 'Vilma' and 'Soteria' in attendance taking school children from local schools out Saturday for an experience of a lifetime. This is part of the OGA 'The Association for Gaff Rig' greater Youth Scheme, which aims to get younger people involved in and sailing aboard traditional craft with qualified instructors.

For further details please check out <http://www.oga.org.uk/youth-fund>



KNOTTY PINE STRING BAND

**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE @ EXPLORIS
DOORS OPEN 7PM/CONCERT 8PM BAR**

Facilities Strictly over 18's

Tickets £4 available @
explorisni.com



THE Salt House RESTAURANT

- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -

STUNNING VIEWS OVER
STRANGFORD LOUGH

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WHAT'S ON IN PORTAFERRY 2017

- **PORTAFERRY GALA FESTIVAL 50TH ANNIVERSARY** 15th - 21st July 2017
Longest Running community Festival NI - www.portaferrygala.com
- **PORTAFERRY ART CLUB 40TH ANNIVERSARY ART EXHIBITION** 14th - 23rd July - follow on facebook
- **BALLYPHILIP YOUTH CLUB 40th ANNIVERSARY** Celebrations throughout the year
- **THE ULSTER FLEADTH** - 23rd - 30th July 2017 - www.ulsterfleadh.com
- **THE PORTAFERRY SPRINT TRIATHLON** Saturday 19th August 2017
www.narrowstc.co.uk
- **PORTICO - Heritage Arts** - for further information on events visit www.porticoards.com
- **SUMMER SCHEMES** - www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

For further information on the area check the Visitors Information Centre website
www.visitardsandnorthdown.com

McPEAKE
Supported by Ards CCE Entertainment Group
Friday 23rd June 2017
Doors 7:30pm / Concert 8pm
Houston Parish Hall
Church Street, Portaferry
Tickets: £10 Available @ Ticketsource.co.uk
www.portaferrysailsandsounds.co.uk

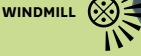


TO TARA CARAVAN PARK,
SILVER BAY CARAVAN PARK

TO BALLYQUINTIN POINT
ST. COOY'S WELLS

TO KNOCKINELDER

COOKE STREET
JETTY



VIEWPOINT

STRANGFORD LOUGH

McNEILLY ESTATE

MARINA

FERRY TO
STRANGFORD

CASTLE
SCENIC
ROUTE

30

TO CLOUGHEY
KNOCKMOYLE
HOUSE B&B

TO BELFAST / NEWTOWNARDS
LOUGH COWEY LODGE B&B
ARDKEEN B&B

KEY

- Area of Activities
- Visitor Information Centre
- One Way System
- Ancient Monument
- Telephone
- Parking

This map is not to scale

PORTAFERRY

- 1 Anne Street Football Pitch
- 2 Exploris Aquarium & Parklands
- 3 Barholm Hostel & Marina Office
- 4 Methodish Church
- 5 Portaferry Hotel
- 6 Post Office & ATM
- 7 Portico
- 8 Market House
- 9 Sea Geen Tidal Power Turbine
- 10 Fire Station
- 11 Parish Church (C of I)
- 12 Bus Stop
- 13 Portaferry Integrated Primary School
- 14 St. Columba's College
- 15 St. Patrick's Catholic Church
- 16 Cemetery
- 17 St. Mary's Primary School
- 18 ATM & Strangford Lough & Lecale Partnership (SLLP)
- 19 Health Centre
- 20 Library
- 21 Toilets
- 22 Sailing Club
- 23 Adair's B&B
- 24 Fiddler's Green Bar - Home of the Game of Thrones Door
- 25 The Port Arts & Crafts
- 26 Picnic Area & Park
- 27 Petrol Station
- 28 Portaferry Community Centre
- 29 Chemist
- 30 Portaferry Sports Centre
- 31 RNLI

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Open Easter - End of September

HOW TO GET HERE...

ACCOMMODATION

All accommodation can be sourced and book via Ards & North Down Tourism and Visitors Centre
www.visitardsandnorthdown.com
Tel 028 9182 6846 or 028 9127 0069 or 028 427 29882

PLACES TO EAT

Portaferry Sailing Club, Portaferry Hotel The Slip Inn, Joe's Hotspot, Wishing Well, The Yard, The Ferry Grill, Captain Jacks, The Narrows, Centra Deli Counter, Spar Deli Counter, Delicious

THINGS TO SEE

Game of Thrones Doors: The Cuan Strangford and Fiddlers Green, Kearney Village, Portaferry Castle, Templecraney, National Trust Woodlands Walk, Safari Boat Trips

TRANSPORT

www.translink.co.uk

FERRY SERVICE

www.nidirect.gov.uk/strangford-ferry

PORTAFERRY ONLINE

www.portaferry.info

JOURNEY TIMES

1 hr Journey from Belfast
2 hr Journey from Dublin

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Thursday 22nd June 2017

5pm

Merchandise Sale

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Merchandise T-shirts for adults and kids and wristbands from Sailing Club on sale. Paintings on sale - further info at facebook.com/duxgallery

6pm

Junior Sailors

Cooke Street

6pm

Welcome Pack Registration 1

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

7pm

Skiff Rowing on Strangford Lough

Cooke Street

7pm

Talk by Niamh Scullion Lagan Currach Boat Project

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Over nine months in 2016, a group of around 80 people from all over Belfast and beyond worked together to bring a beautiful traditional boat into existence. It is a 33ft currach made of oak, spruce, larch, three layers of canvas and tar and a whole lot of love. The currach Mamach Mór was launched on the 29th of January this year and the group have had over 200 people rowing in the boat since then. They are offering sessions in the boat at the Portaferry sails and Sounds Festival which are open to all.

9pm

Sails & Sounds Quiz

Fiddler's Green

ALL FESTIVAL LONG:

Portico Arts & Heritage Centre

Entertain the kids with cartoons and interactive tablets while you take an architecture tour of a grade A listed building (as shown recently on Channel 4's Great British Restorations). Explore the heritage exhibitions and have a go on the huge pipe organ or just pretend and let it play itself!

Self-guided Architecture Tours

suggested donation £3 - www.porticoards.com

TICKETS ON SALE FROM MERCHANDISE STAND - Portaferry Sails and Sounds Raffle lots of prizes £1 per ticket



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Friday 23rd June 2017

11am - 7pm

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4pm

Welcome Pack Registration 2

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

6pm

Arrival of Currach Boat from Lagan Belfast & Skiffs from around the Lough

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

7pm

Arrival of Two Tall Ships

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

8pm

McPeakes & Special Guest 'The Ards CCE Entertainment Group'

Houston Hall, Church Street

Tickets are £10 each and are available online via [Ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk). Doors open at 7.30pm.



**Music
throughout
the town in all
the pubs each
night!**



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 24nd June 2017

8-10.30am

Breakfast for Competitors

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

10.30am

Briefing - Race Officer

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

12noon

Race - Regatta All Boats

Strangford Lough, Shore Road

11am - 7pm

Merchandise Sale

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12-4pm

FREE Kids Entertainment

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Including Bouncy castles, face painters, balloon modeller, Craft making, paper boats Food Vendors, Stalls, Walkabuddy & lots more.

Exhibits - Information Stands

1-4pm

Afternoon Tea & Maritime Exhibition by PAST (Portaferry & Strangford Trust)

Fiddlers Green Tea Rooms

Enjoy fabulous afternoon teas for only £5 all proceeds to PAST Maritime Heritage Group PAST.



OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND

*throughout the town there will be music in all licenced premises throughout the weekend in celebration of sails and sounds - The Lep, Fiddlers Green, The Coach Inn, The Slip Inn and the Portaferry Hotel.

1pm-5pm

Youth Training Sailing Programme

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

NIOGA Schools Programme.

1pm-4pm

Irish, Highland, Set Dancers & Ceili Band

Stage at Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

4-5.00pm

The Big Lunch

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get together for neighbours. Every year in June since the idea began in 2009, millions of people stop what they're doing and get together with neighbours to celebrate community and friendship. A Big Lunch doesn't have to cost much as everyone brings something to the table: food, music, dancing, games, giant bubbles! The idea is that by starting simple, all sorts of friendships, ideas and projects can come out of a Big Lunch. It gets people together and talking - and with a few inspired folk, it can lead to people doing more within their community, and tackling the issues that matter to them most.

5.00pm

Prize Giving

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Invited Guest - Mayor of Ards & North Down.

6.00pm

Food for Competitors

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

7.45pm

Peninsula Amateur Theatre Presents 'A Shotgun Wedding'

Portaferry Community Centre

Tickets from The Lep or Action Cancer Shop
£15 (Including Two Course Meal)
Bar Facilities strictly over 18's.

8pm

The Knotty Pine String Band Concert

Exploris

Tickets from explorisni.com
£4 (concession) Doors open 7pm Bar
Facilities strictly over 18's.

10pm

Andrea Rice Band

The Lep Bar High Street

10pm

Music By Plectrum

The Slip Inn



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 25th June 2017

9-11am

Breakfast for Competitors

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

11am

Merchandise Sale

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

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11am

Maritime Talk by Robin Merrick

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

1-3pm

Skiffs Racing and Old Gaffers Skiff Challenge Race

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

12 noon - 2pm

FREE Community Drumming Workshop

The Slip Area

12 noon - 4pm

FREE Kids Entertainment

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Including Bouncy castles, face painters, balloon modeller, Craft making, paper boats Food Vendors, Stalls, Walkabuddy & lots more.

2pm

Emergency Services

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

Land Sea Air Rescue - PSNI - Coastguard- RLNI - Ambulance Service- Fire Service NI- NI Air Ambulance.

3pm

Charity Paper Boat Sail Race

Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road

£1 per paper boat (purchase at stage).

5-7pm

Live Music

Outside Portaferry Sailing Club, Shore Road





Portaferry Regeneration is pleased to be a sponsor of the Sails and Sounds Festival and congratulates the Sailing Club on organising a great event which will bring many visitors to Portaferry contributing greatly to the local economy.

Portaferry Regeneration exists to make Portaferry a more desirable place to live and visit.

For the Gala, Portaferry Regeneration congratulates the Gala Committee on the 50th anniversary of the Gala Festival and is proud to be a sponsor of the longest and best community festival in NI.

Portaferry Regeneration - making Portaferry a better place to live and visit.

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SATURDAYS | JUL AND AUG
FREE KIDS FUN, 2PM-4PM

THE STABLES, CASTLE STREET
Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm

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