

Cross-Party Group Registration Form

Name of Cross-Party Group
Cross-Party Group on Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism
Purpose of The Group and Proposed Discussion Topics The CPG on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism will meet to discuss the merits and opportunities in taking forward the strategy for the nationally growing market of Marine Tourism in Scotland.
<p>Stuart McMillan MSP established the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism (CPG) in May 2009 following a members debate he secured in the Parliament on 26th November 2008 on sailing and boating, the first of its kind in the Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>The aim of the CPG was to bring together the various aspects of the sector and encourage a unified approach particularly in response to the developing Marine (Scotland) Act, then the National Marine Plan, the Regional Marine Planning Process and the emerging Marine Protected Areas Network as well as tourism initiatives such as the 2020 Strategy.</p> <p>The CPG continued to evolve and topics such as the need for additional spatial and economic data about the sector as well as skills development, communications and the need for an overarching tourism strategy for the sector emerged.</p> <p>The CPG created a forum where individuals and organisations could share concerns and gather inspiration and knowledge. Attendance and input by a number of MSPs created a swell of support which bolstered project work which is outlined below.</p> <p>The Secretariat for the CPG was initially provided by the British Marine Federation Scotland, supported by Scottish Boating Alliance. More</p>

recently the secretariat passed to Firth of Clyde Forum with support from Royal Yachting Association Scotland and the Crown Estate.

The first Marine Tourism Strategy 'Awakening the Giant' emerged from the work of the CPG and was launched on 5th March 2015 with the second Marine Tourism Strategy 'Giant Strides' was published on 10th March 2020. The first has driven progress in the sector and the second will drive that on further to 2025.

The Group anticipate discussing the following topics over the next 12 months:

1. Low Carbon Travel

The first meeting after the election to have this as a focus topic agenda.

2. Look at other areas that could become focus topics for both this Cross Party Group and other groups that are established post-election with single focus topic.

3. Hybrid boats and the setting up the infrastructure.

4. National Covid-19 Recovery Plan

Align items and have key line that is the environment so we should keep it on the horizon so that we are it is relevant to COVID.

5. Giant Strides Marine Tourism Strategy – Our Waters Clean and Blue

- The return of the 3-mile fishing zone seeking CPG views.
- Impact of dredging on fishing inshore.
- Other issues re marine environment

6. Our Waters Clean and Blue

Gather environmental items under this heading.

MSP Members of the Group

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Stuart McMillan MSP SNP

Emma Harper MSP	SNP
Jenni Minto MSP	SNP
Elena Whitham MSP	SNP
Katy Clark MSP	Labour
Sharon Dowey MSP	Conservative
Alex Rowley MSP	Labour
Finlay Carson MSP	Conservative

Non-MSP Members of the Group

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	Gordon Daly Momchil Terziev
Organisations	Blue Sea Consulting LLP British Marine British Marine Scotland British Ports Association British Divers Marine Life Rescue Canalside Hub (Paddle sports liaison) Clyde Cruising Club Crown Estate Scotland Cruise Loch Lomond Ltd Cruise Scotland Edinburgh Boat Charters Edinburgh Canal Society

	Forth Estuary Forum
	Forth Yacht Clubs Association
	Fort William Marina and Shoreline Company Ltd
	Gordon Ritchie Marketing
	Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust
	Holt Leisure Group
	Holy Loch Port/Marina
	Inland Waterways Association
	Keep Scotland Beautiful
	Kinloch Castle Friends Association
	Kintyre Seaports
	Largs Yacht Haven
	Linlithgow Union Canal Society
	Lowland Canals Association
	Lowland Canals Volunteer Group
	Marine Conservation Society
	Marine Scotland
	National Trust for Scotland
	Northern Light
	Ocean Sailing Scotland
	Port Edgar Berth Holders Association
	RoSPA
	Royal Yachting Association Scotland
	Sail Scotland

	<p>Scotboats</p> <p>Scottish Adventure Activities Forum</p> <p>Scottish Canals</p> <p>Scottish Canoe Association</p> <p>Scottish Coastal Rowing Association</p> <p>Scottish Environment Link</p> <p>Scottish Tourism Alliance</p> <p>Scottish Waterways for all Advisory Group</p> <p>Sea Cadet Association in Scotland</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Solway Firth Partnership</p> <p>sportscotland</p> <p>Stranraer Watersports Association</p> <p>Stravaigin Sailing</p> <p>Tarbert Harbour Authority</p> <p>The Hebridean Whale Trail</p> <p>Thomas Telford Corpach Marina</p> <p>Transport Scotland</p> <p>University of Highlands and Islands</p> <p>VisitScotland</p> <p>Water Safety Scotland</p> <p>West Coast Waters</p> <p>West Highland Anchorages and Moorings Association</p>
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Group Office Bearers

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Stuart McMillan MSP
Deputy Convener	Elena Whitham MSP
Secretary	James Allan, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Yachting Association Scotland Pauline McGrow, Senior Administrator, Royal Yachting Association Scotland
Treasurer	Not applicable

Financial Benefits or Other Benefits

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates receiving from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Not applicable.

Subscription Charged by the Group

Please provide details of the amount to be charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

Not applicable

Convener Contact Details	
Name	Stuart McMillan MSP
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Statement on Compliance with The Code Of Conduct	
I declare that the Cross-Party Group on <SUBJECT> is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.	
Signed	
Date	