



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Fly Up for the Weekend South Coast Sailors 'Desk to Dock' Seaplane charter service to Oban Marina**

Since its inaugural flight in August, Europe's first city centre seaplane service has proved popular with yachtsmen and other visitors using the regular fast service from Glasgow to Oban Marina. Loch Lomond Seaplanes has been flying passengers from Glasgow's city centre direct into Oban Bay, where it is possible (with a flight time of around 22 minutes) to get from 'desk to dock' in under **40** minutes!



Now, charter flights are also possible from virtually anywhere in the UK in the new nine seater Cessna seaplane, making a long weekend of cruising in Scotland a real possibility. The lure for berthholders in over-crowded South Coast marinas is clear: Cost-effective berthing, reduced travelling time, unspoilt cruising grounds and the knowledge that this unique mode of transport is sustainable and creates minimal impact on the environment.

The short flight from Glasgow has already proved popular with boats owners who leave their yachts in Oban Marina and fly up with their crew for a long weekend cruising or racing on the West Coast of Scotland.

David West, owner of Loch Lomond Seaplanes commented: "Most people have busy lives and very little time to spare, so this service makes it possible to leave work on a Friday afternoon and be on board enjoying Kerrera Oysters and scallops by supper! A full weekend of sailing and boating can be had before heading back to the city for Monday morning. Our charter service from anywhere in the UK and regular services from Glasgow city centre means we've opened up the West Coast of Scotland."

"Another big incentive to berth at Oban Marina is the 25% discount on Loch Lomond Seaplanes flights." Says Marina Manager Susan Price. "This offer is available to owners, their crews and family and friends, so we think this will attract a number of South Coast owners to keep their boats in Western Scotland for a season or longer. Economical berthing, haul out, dry standing, winter storage and all the usual marina services are also an attraction so the seaplane service makes it all the more feasible."

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3. Loch Lomond Seaplanes: Europe's first city centre seaplane service has been honoured with a Scottish Thistle Award - the Oscars of the tourism industry. Loch Lomond Seaplanes won the coveted Innovation Award in the wake of the introduction of their new service from the River Clyde to Oban, gateway to the Western isles.  
  
Over the last three years the company has been instrumental in re-establishing the seaplane as a commercially viable and sustainable form of transport for Scotland, requiring nominal infrastructure at a fraction of the cost of new runways or airports and creating minimal impact on the environment.  
Further information: [www.lochlomondseaplanes.com](http://www.lochlomondseaplanes.com)
  
4. Oban Marina is the second marina in an expanding portfolio for the owners of the highly successful Nanny Cay Marina & Hotel on Tortola, British Virgin Islands. [www.nannycay.com](http://www.nannycay.com)