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Revvng up for a Busy Season at Oban Marina, Isle of Kerrera A full calendar for 2008

Marina Manager, Susan Price and her team are looking forward to a busy summer season at Oban Marina on the Isle of Kerrera: "As well as welcoming our regular visitors, we will be hosting several regattas and exciting new events this year. Over the winter, we've been continuing with our programme of development and have extended the winter storage area and boatyard facilities; refurbished the slipway; installed modern toilet facilities and added a new water tank to ensure plentiful supplies during the peak season. Fuel sales have also increased 100% since the relocation of our fuel berth to the eastern hammerhead. This is now easily accessible at all states of tide by vessels of up to 30m."

April - New pontoons and dedicated seaplane dock: Responding to the demand for extra berths, 30 x 12 metre finger pontoon manufactured by Southampton based Solent Marine, are due to be installed by the end of the month. Bookings for berths during the summer months have increased over the past year and £175,000 has been invested in moorings and pontoons that will bring the total number of pontoon berths to 94 with 25 swinging moorings. A dedicated seaplane dock has also been installed for the popular daily service which brings boat owners and visitors from Glasgow on daytrips and charters.

Ferry shuttle improvements: The timetable has been improved this season and the marina now provides a regular ferry shuttle service for visitors to Oban Town. The shuttle runs every hour from 0730hrs to midnight until the end of September and will operate as required when hosting events.

Open Day – Sunday 1st June: Following the success of the 2007 'Open Day' and launch of the regular Loch Lomond Seaplanes service, another event is planned for Sunday 1st June. Visitors will also be able to sample the delicious local seafood at the Waypoint Bar and Grill which official opens for the season on 1st June until the end of September 2008.

June – Round Britain Offshore Powerboat Race:

Oban Marina has been chosen as a hosting venue for the 2008 Round Britain Offshore Powerboat Race - a race which runs over ten days around the coast of Britain and is the longest and toughest event for powerboat drivers in the world. The first boats are due to arrive at 1400 on 24th June. Visitors will be able to enjoy all the glitz and glamour that surround this race, which attract competitors from around the globe. The spectacle includes the largest boat in the race, the Austrian 48 footer *Wettpunkt.com*, taking part in the Super Class RB1. Watch out for a few familiar faces from the world of TV as The *Two Scoops Racing Team* comprises BBC Top Gear presenter James May and Nick Knowles from DIY as well as the James Bond stunt girl, Sarah Donohue!

July - Classic Malts Cruise: Up to 100 yachts from over 7 different countries will take part in World Cruising Club's Classic Malts Cruise between 12th and 25th July. During their stopover in Oban before the start, many boats will be docked at Oban Marina where they can enjoy the facilities on offer.

August: The first week of August sees another visit from competitors in the West Highland Yachting Week. Racing between Craobh, Oban and Tobermory, the feeder race from Oban to Craobh starts on 2nd August and after a passage race back to Oban the next day, Oban Marina will host the main party night for the fleet. / ENDS...

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