

2019 Cruise in company report

Firstly, my sincere thanks to those who put time and effort into the programme as event co-ordinators. They made a big contribution to what was a very successful cruise in company season. I don't intend to make a detailed report on each cruise as all the events were well written up with accompanying photographs on the club website and Facebook.

The programme had seven weekend events in the calendar. All were well run and well supported with the exception of the Tarbert Seafood Festival weekend in early July which had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. This was probably due to many club members being away from the Clyde on a longer cruise at the time.

The number of participating boats ranged from three to twelve, with an average number being seven boats at each event. It was also pleasing to welcome the members who were new to the Cruise in Company concept.

The co-ordinators' choice of destination was partly driven by some horrible weather, but it was good to see that they selected destinations such as Troon, Rhu and Kames that had not featured in our programme for some time. However, all destinations were pontoon berthing except the Kames event which used the hotel swinging moorings. Maybe next season we could look at more anchoring or swinging moorings for our weekends.

This demonstrates an appetite for the weekend cruises in the club, but that many members leave the Clyde in mid June for their longer cruise so maybe we should consider leaving mid June to late July free on the 2020 calendar. It is also apparent that the longer extended cruise in company no longer suits the membership in a way that it once did. We do however, have the means to keep each other informed of our whereabouts and intentions so that members can meet during their longer cruise.

I think the weekend cruise programme is popular and that we should continue with a similar programme in 2020.

Thanks to all who participated in the six successful events, and let's hope for a good 2020 season.

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