



The Vikings Are Back!

Join us in Portsoy on 24th & 25th June to celebrate the maritime and cultural heritage of the north east at the annual Scottish Traditional Boat Festival. We promise something for all the family to enjoy!

Our Friends From The North

With special thanks to NorthLink Ferries, there is going to be much to see coming from Orkney and Shetland.

The Vikings Are Back! This year we will be joined by the 2017 Up Helly Aa Viking Squad, including the Guizer Jarl. Come along and meet a real Viking, have a photo taken with them and find out all about Viking life.

Renowned boat builders Ian Richardson from Orkney and Tommy Isbister from Shetland will be at the Festival to talk about boat building and to demonstrate their skills.



Also on hand will be Mike Tupper from the Lowestoft International Boat Building College, with one of their current apprentices in training from Orkney, to present and talk about the courses they provide.

Sail making skills will also be on show by skilled crafter Mark Shiner. Mark will be demonstrating and talking about a wide range of related subjects from Dittybag canvas work, traditional rope work, sea chest handles to sail design.

Not on the water, but on display, there's the replica Neolithic boat, built by Ian Richardson and others for the BBC Orkney series. Come along and see this fascinating boat and meet some of the crew who rowed it across the Pentland Firth!

On The Water

Over the weekend we will welcome beautiful historic vessels, along with a splendid array of small boats - you are invited to come aboard and talk with the skippers and crew.

Exciting skiff racing will feature on the water and there's a chance for you to try rowing too. Come and cheer on the teams in a hotly contested skiffs versus Orkney and Shetland goals showdown!



Dance The Night Away

Friday night's Gig at the Green welcomes back Urang Matang, led by Portsoy's own Jim Paterson, with support from Scottish folk rock band Journey North. On Saturday night, Festival friends, De Kinkels will be back to rock the stage with support from Irish band, The Great Okwardo. Tickets available online now.



Our popular outdoor family ceilidh, Hootenany at the Hut, will return to The Scout Hut at Loch Soy on Saturday 24th June from 7pm. Join ceilidh band Bourach and dancers Feerochie, who will have the dancefloor at capacity. Bring your own bottle. This is a free event, donations welcome.



Art Fair

New for this year, we are introducing an Art Fair. Find a collection of our local skilled and talented artists and photographers in the Art Fair in the Town Hall, Portsoy over Festival weekend.

What can you see through your porthole? A craft session for children over 5 years will take place on Saturday and Sunday from 2pm-4pm. This is a free event, donations welcome.

For Our Younger Visitors

An exciting programme for children and the young at heart will be happening, with events to be found throughout the town.

The Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre will be performing over the weekend on both Saturday and Sunday. We're keeping the show theme a secret at the moment, but all will be revealed soon!

The popular Walking Theatre Company will be joining us for two interactive Treasure Island parades on Saturday, which will take the children through the Festival as pirates.

The popular Little Red Bus will be back touring around the streets of the Festival. We also have Fly In The Sky with bungee trampolines, bouncy castles, face painting, balloons, storytelling and much more.



Valkyrie's Water Slide

The water slide will return to the Festival in a new and better location – find it on Culbert Street just off of The Square, a street with enough gradient to give the ultimate slide down to satisfy our thrill seekers!

Don't forget you can buy online discounted tickets now at www.stbfportsoy.org This is a weekend you definitely don't want to miss!

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