

Dear participant,

Not long to go to inaugural **Skate Tagathon Event** run by **SSACN** in the Argyll area of West Scotland...

We have noted below some information and an update on how the area is fishing.

The headquarters for the event is the **Galley Of Lorne Hotel in Ardfern** with the **registration times being 7.30pm to 9.00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights** at the hotel and **7.30am to 9.00am on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at the Marina**. It would be very helpful if you could let us know when you would likely be arriving.

Tagging demonstrations will also take place each evening at the Hotel at approx 8.00pm.

Data Collection

Please complete your **tag record cards** when you catch a fish and hand these in at the registration point each evening at the hotel or to one of the organisers who will be floating around. There will also be someone at the Marina on Sunday at 5.00pm to collect the Sunday cards. Data can also be uploaded direct to the Tagsharks website at www.tagsharks.com/submit-tag-data

Launch Sites

The main launch site for small boats is at **Ardfern Marina** although you are free to launch and fish anywhere you like. More info on launch sites can be found at www.tagsharks.com/skate-tagathon-info

We have secured the following discounted rates for Ardfern Marina : **Launch and retrieve £15 ... covers upto 3 full days. Nightly berthing alongside pontoons is £7.50 per night or 3 nights for £20** (This does not include an electrical connection to the shore power supply).

All boat owners to report to the office and register providing boat details along with car registration numbers.

A big thank you must be said to **Ardfern Marina** for these discounted rates and the use of the facilities and their support in this event.

The use of the **Slipway at Crinan** is limited with the tides for only a couple of hours each side of high water there is also some locals upset at the boaters using the slipway so please be courteous and respectful to the locals and the public in general. **There is a charge for use of the slipway at £5 per launch and retrieve...** this should be paid to **Gordon Goldie or to the office at the Crinan boat yard**.

Anchoring

Please be aware of the deep waters and strong tides in the area when anchoring please leave adequate space to other boats and be aware that the direction of flow can change very quickly. We strongly recommend that you read the information on anchoring on the website at www.tagsharks.com/skate-tagathon-info

There have been good numbers of skate being tagged in the past week so it is looking good for the event ... we hope you have all been in training for the hard work ahead!!

More event info can be found at www.tagsharks.com/skate-tagathon-info

If you require any further information then please just ask... either reply to this email, or call **Stuart on 01292 479526** or **Willie on 07810 487200**.

We hope you have a great weekend!!

The Tagathon Team

