

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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June 2026

We have got our First 3 swims BLDSA Safety Audit assessments cleared by BLDSA, which paves the way for us starting on our championship swims this season. The Safety audits for 27/28 June have just been submitted.

Work is also continuing the 2027 Dook administration and we are now reaching out to potential sponsors.

We are now required to assess the impact of Martyn's Law within the dook planning, which is a new requirement looking at anti terrorism measures required for public events.

This, it would appear, is going to add a further admin burden on the organisation of this event in order to comply with this new requirement.

On the swimming front, we already have a number of swimmers signed up for the Monifieth, Stannergate, Woodhaven, Discovery Mile, Balmerino and Full Loch swims. We have also had our first four Dook 27 entrants sign up. This is a very promising situation for the season ahead.

I continue to be grateful to all the committee volunteers who are working hard to make it all run smoothly and who continue to be a great support to me.

I will be away during the Harbour Relay and Monifieth events, but I go in the knowledge that the events are in good hands. The only thing we cannot control is the weather, unfortunately.



Drop an email to our communications convener, John Walker, via communication@yeaaba.org if you are interested in finding out more about any of our activities.

Or if you want to contact me directly then I'm on johndaviee1969@gmail.com.

John Davie (President - YeAABA)

24 Hr Sponsored Swim

What is the event

As a Fundraiser for the club we are looking for between 12 - 24 swimmers (minimum) to help undertake a 24 Hour Sponsored Swim for the club funds.



Swimmers may swim in 1 hour slots during the 24Hr period, with the aim being to have at least 1 swimmer in the water during the 24 hour period.

Volunteer boat crews will also be required to provide safety cover for the period, along with harbour based personnel.

When is the event?

From 11am on Sat 8 Aug to 11am on Sun 9 Aug

When do I need to sign up?

Sponsor forms have been issued, so that swimmers will then have 2 months to get sponsors.

If you haven't already signed up, it is open till 01 July at

https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events

And sponsor form can be downloaded when you apply.

YeAABA Awards Dinner 2026

YeAABA are planning to hold our awards dinner on Sat 26 Sep 2026 at Mains Castle in Dundee.

Tickets will be available at our Misc Events Booking Site https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events once numbers and costs are finalised.

We will post on Facebook and email the membership when they will go live for booking.

The Dinner will be followed by the club's AGM on the Sunday at 1pm at Midlin Day Care.

And We're Off.....

Club Single Tay - 4 Jun 2026

Our first swim of the season took place on Tu 4 June, which was a crossing of the tay from Tayport to Broughty Ferry.

After an afternoon of heavy rain / thunderstorms, the skies cleared and the wind dropped around 6pm just in time for the event start.

8 swimmers set off from Tayport around 6:15. However, by 6:30 the wind had picked up quite a bit, which caused the swimmers some issues on the crossing.

4 swimmers did however manage to successfully completed the crossing:

1. Lily White 24 M 36 S
2. Ella McMillan 36 M 22 S
3. Laura Binger 39 M 06 S
4. Jillian Livie 46 M 43 S

The other 4 swimmers retired from the event, due to the tide and the strengthening wind.

Here are a few photos from the swim.





Our thanks to Michael Brown from TSPC who came along to present the trophies and medals to the swimmers. Michael is no stranger to YeAABA having been a swimmer with us in years gone by and has undertaken a number of our championship swims whilst a member of the club.

He also brought along some “**I swam the Tay**” caps which he presented to the successful swimmers.

Thanks also to the Boatmen and Lifesavers who had a pretty choppy hour or so in the boats, whilst supporting the swimmers.

YeAABA Race Night



The race night on Saturday, 16 May '26 in St Stephens & West Church Hall, was a great success raising a total of £1,412.28 for the club funds.

A magnificent buffet was provided by Wendy Davie, and much appreciated by all those who attended the evening.

Thanks to all who came along and made it such a great evening and raising a fantastic amount for the club. This money has been split with £1000 put towards the cost of the replacement Rib and £400 put towards the cost of a branded Gazebo (See sperate article).

Keeping our Swimmers Safe

We are looking to replace the "John Barrowman" Rib which is now over 20 years old with a more modern replacement. To that end we will be looking to maximise our income from our fund raising events, as well as submitting some funding bids to various sources to raise the capital required to make this happen.

As our bank funds above are just enough for 12 months running of the club, we need to source / raise some 15K to achieve the Rib replacement, which won't happen before the end of the 2026 season, in all probability.

UPGRADING OUR BRAND IMAGE



This is a mock up of the Gazebo and branding that we are looking to get to promote the club at local events and also at any of our swims where it can be used.

It is 4.5 x 3 Metres and I hope you will agree that it stands out well in projecting the club branding. Hope to have it for the Gala in July. Watch this space.

HARBOUR TRAINING (JUL / AUG 2026)

Below are a list of the harbour training dates for July and August 2026.

Dates for September will be in the next Newsletter. Booking site can be found here:

<https://bookwhen.com/yeaabatrainingschedule>

July				
1	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
2	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
5	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
6	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
12	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
15	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
16	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
19	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
20	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
30	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
August				
3	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
5	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
6	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
17	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
18	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
19	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
20	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
31	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25

BOOKING A TRAINING SESSION IN 2026

Training sessions next year will be via our booking portal. You only need to book if you are planning to attend a training session, either as a swimmer or a volunteer. (You don't need to do anything if you are unable to attend.)



There is no cost to book onto a session, it merely records who is coming along so the sessions can be assessed for viability in numbers of swimmers and volunteers who are able to attend.

You will be able to book onto a session up to 4 weeks in advance of the session, and booking will close 2 days prior to session to allow time to contact people if there are insufficient volunteers (or swimmers) to make the session happen.

The link for harbour training is

<https://bookwhen.com/yeaabatrainingschedule>

A more detailed guide to booking a training session is available.

BOOKING A CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM IN 2026



All our championship swims next year will be via our booking portal.

All swims are now open for booking.

The site is automated and swim entries will close automatically on the Date / Time shown on the entry.

Payment is built into the system so that after swim entry information is entered, you will be taken to the payment section to complete the booking.

Booking is not complete until payment is processed. You will receive confirmation of your booking from the system once it is completed.

The details of the swims for booking can be found here:

www.bookwhen.com/yeaaba1884

We look forward to seeing you at our 2026 events.

YeAABA CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR 2026 SEASON

Championship swims for 26/27 season. Bookings now open at <https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba1884>.

June, 2026				
13	Sat	2pm - 3:30pm	Harbour Relay	2 / 10
14	Sun	1pm - 4pm	Monifieth Championship	1 / 10
27	Sat	2:15pm - 5:15pm	Stannergate Championship	1 / 10
28	Sun	1pm - 5pm	Woodhaven Champoinship	2 / 10
July				
25	Sat	12:45pm - 2:45pm	Tayport Cup	0 / 10
26	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Kirkton of Balmerino Championship	4 / 10
August				
2	Sun	6:15pm - 8:15pm	Double Tay	0 / 10
15	Sat	10am - 4pm	Full Loch Earn	2 / 10
16	Sun	10am - 1pm	Half Loch Earn	0 / 10
		2pm - 3:30pm	Crannog Isle	0 / 20
23	Sun	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Discovery Mile	2 / 50
30	Sun	5pm - 6:30pm	Veterans Single Tay	0 / 10
September				
13	Sun	5:15pm - 8:15pm	Club Senior Championship	0 / 10
January, 2027				
1	Fri	10am - 11am	YeABBA Dook 2027	4 / 350

Dook 2027

There are some important changes for the 2027 dook.

Because of the early tide (09:18) the dook will take place at 10 am on 1 Jan 2027. In addition in order to ensure that we have all items for Goody Bags ordered and in Situ, entry will be **ON-Line only** and will **close at Mid-Day on 7 Dec 2026**.

This means that there will be **NO - ON THE DAY ENTRIES FOR THIS EVENT**.

The goody bags for 2027 will contain:

T-Shirt / Beanie Hat / Towel / Certificate.

To cover the costs of the enhanced goody Bags, the entry costs for 2027 will be

Adult £20

Junior £12

Team (10) £150

A social media campaign will start very shortly to push out this message frequently between now and Dec 2026.

JUST REMEMBER - NO BOOKIE - NO DOOKIE



LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS still has some availability.

We are now off for the school Summer holidays and the next block will run from Fri 21 Aug to Fri 9 Oct so it will be an 8 Week block

Any enquiries, please contact Scott Spalding via email at swimschool@yeaaba.org

The LTS sessions run from 5 - 7 pm and the club members session runs from 7 - 8 pm on a Fri evening at St Johns High School in Dundee (Term time Only).

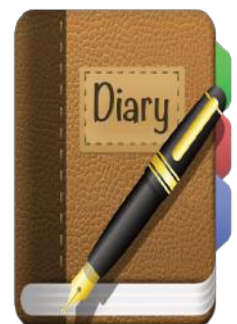
From the Editor

In the meantime, if you have any articles that you would like to see published, please send them for the attention of the communication convener by email at communication@yeaaba.org.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter and see you all again soon.

Dates for the Diary

07 Jun 26	Lifesaver / Water Rescue Training Day
05 Jul 26	Broughty Ferry Gala Day Stall
8/9 Aug 26	24 Hr Sponsored Swim
26 Sep 26	YeAABA Dinner and Awards Evening
27 Sep 26	YeAABA AGM
TBA Oct / Nov	Quiz Night @ Doc Ferry's
1 st Jan 27	New Years Day Dook / Annual Raffle Draw



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