

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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September 2025



Welcome to the late September 2025 edition of the club newsletter.

Our season has now ended and we have managed to get all 14 championship swims away.

My thanks to all the volunteers (in the boats and on the shore) who made it possible for the swimmers to achieve their aims this season.

We have also had a cross tay training swim for 3 swimmers who completed the crossing in good conditions on the evening chosen for the swim. Nice to see lots of smiling faces at the end of the swim.

As we reflect on the season, we have had a wash up meeting on Sun 7th September to review the swims and get the views around the table, in order that we can hopefully improve things for next year, that perhaps didn't work as well as we had hoped this year.

As we go forward into the "quieter" season, we will be looking to run some training sessions down at the pier. We also have a few fundraisers coming up in the next few months, please support us if you are able.

Our next big event, is the Dook on 1st January, for which planning is at an advanced stage. We will need about 40 volunteers on the day to make it run successfully. Will you be one of them?

Drop an email to our secretary, Clare McRobbie, via the following email address: secretary@yeaaba.org (or our communications convener, John Walker, via communication@yeaaba.org) if you are interested in finding out more about any of our activities.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE



Below is a list of the planned fundraising events for this coming year

- 27th September Race Night/Presentation night at Crows Nest Carnoustie - Looking for Race Sponsors and Raffle prizes.
- 11th October we hope to hold a Beetle Drive in St Stephens B/Ferry.
- 1st November - Sponsored Santa Fun Run (Joint with Mid-Lin Day Care)
- Christmas hamper £1 a strip draw on 19th December.

Helen Dunnin, as always, will be at St Johns pool on Fridays from 5pm to 8pm for any prizes that you wish to donate. Also collection point at entrance to changing rooms in clubhouse if you wish to drop anything off down there.

Easyfundraising: Please when buying something, join Easyfundraising first as we may receive a percentage of the cost of your purchases. Every little helps, as they say !!



Spond Usage

For the 25/26 season, we would encourage all members to join the club spond app. It can be accessed via a web browser or using the mobile Spond app, which is available for both Android and iPhone.

Spond is one of our prime methods of keeping members up to date.

We currently have 45 members active on Spond, so not all members are signed up yet.

Booking onto our harbour training sessions will only be available via the spond app. Training dates will appear 14 days before the event and members can also sign up for either Swimmer / Boat Crew or shore Volunteer roles.

If insufficient safety crew or shore volunteers come forward to meet the needs of the swimmers, as defined in the risk assessment for the activity, then that session will have to be cancelled.

If you still need access to the app then use this link

<https://spond.com/invite/ESAAF>

and complete the required information. The admins will be advised of your request and will approve access to club members, so that you can see our events and notices Etc

Proposed Swims in 2026

September, 2025				
6	Sat	3:15pm - 6:15pm	Club Senior Championship	3 / 10
January, 2026				
1	Thu	1pm - 2pm	YeABBA Dook 2026	1 / 300
June				
4	Thu	6:15pm - 7:15pm	Club Single Tay	0 / 10
13	Sat	1 day	Temporary SASA Membership	0 / 30
		2pm - 3:30pm	Harbour Relay	0 / 10
14	Sun	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Monifieth Championship	0 / 10
27	Sat	1 day	Temporary SASA Membership	0 / 30
		2:15pm - 5:15pm	Stannergate Championship	0 / 10
28	Sun	1:30pm - 5:30pm	Woodhaven Champoinship	0 / 10
July				
25	Sat	12:45pm - 2:45pm	Tayport Cup	0 / 10
26	Sun	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Kirkton of Balmerino Championship	0 / 10
August				
2	Sun	6:15pm - 8:15pm	Double Tay	0 / 10
15	Sat	1 day	Temporary SASA Membership	0 / 30
		10am - 4pm	Full Loch Earn	0 / 6
16	Sun	1 day	Temporary SASA Membership	0 / 30
		10am - 1pm	Half Loch Earn	0 / 6
		2pm - 3:30pm	Crannog Isle	0 / 20
23	Sun	1 day	Temporary SASA Membership	0 / 30
		12pm - 2pm	Discovery Mile	0 / 50
30	Sun	5pm - 6:30pm	Veterans Single Tay	0 / 10
September				
13	Sun	5:15pm - 8:15pm	Club Senior Championship	0 / 10

Proposed Harbour Training 2026

May, 2026

3	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
4	Mon	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
6	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
10	Sun	12pm - 1pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
17	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
18	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
19	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
20	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
31	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25

June

1	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
3	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
7	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
16	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
17	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
18	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
21	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25

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
9	Sun	2pm - 3pm	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

September

2	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
3	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25
6	Sun	12pm - 1pm	Harbour Training Session	0 / 25

Stannergate Swim

Sun 10th August saw 6 swimmers take part in the stannergate championship swim, starting at the stannergate steps and swimming downriver, back to Broughty Ferry harbour.

The results from the championship were:

Ksenia Mann	Junior Female	33 M 30 S
Katie Oparka	Senior Female	37 M 08 S
Jillian Livie	Senior Female	42 M 42 S
Louise Dunnin	Senior Female	42 M 48 S
Iona MacDougall	Senior Female	43 M 02 S
Maverick Wong	Senior Male	49 M 55 S

Well done to all our swimmers.

As always, a few photos from the event - full gallery on website.



Full Loch Earn Championship

This 6.5 Mile swim took place in Glorious weather on Sat 16th August starting at 10:00 am from Lochearnhead.

The 4 swimmers had all completed the swim in just over 4 hours with the results as follows:

Freya Scutt (*) Senior Female 03 H 40 M 46 S

Gemma Morgan (*) Senior Female 03 H 46 M 01 S

Ksenia Mann Junior Female 03 H 50 M 18 S

Robert Jobling (*) Senior Male 04 H 05 M 02 S

(*) Wetsuit Category

Well done to all the swimmers.

A few Photos from the event below — Full gallery on the website - Enjoy !



Veterans Single Tay

The event took place in near perfect conditions on the evening of Thu 31 July. Swimmers set off from tayport for the 1 mile crossing back to Broughty Ferry Harbour. There were 4 swimmers competing in the event and all completed the swim with the following results.

Kris Copeland 0 H 28 M 00 S

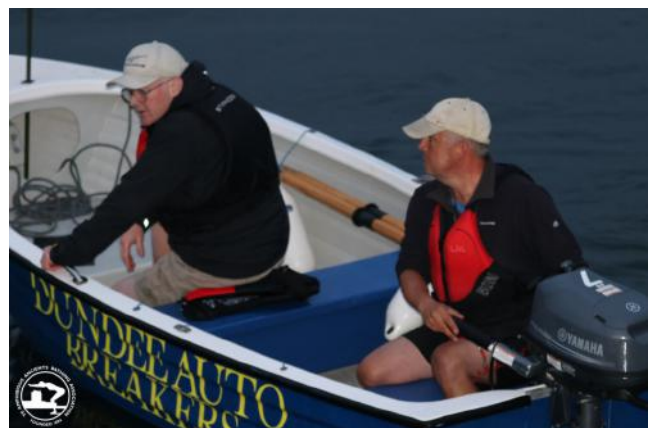
Katie Oparka 0 H 30 M 40 S

Linda McInally 0 H 46 M 49 S

Lindsay Rennie 1 H 10 M 51 S

Well done to all the swimmers and in particular to Lindsay who was using it to raise money for charity.

As always a few photo's from the evening.



Discovery Mile Swim

Well, at the 3rd attempt, on Sun 24th August, we managed to get the Discovery Mile Swim off, in good weather.

Setting off at 16:55 from Bridgeview cafe, 11 swimmers set up under the guidance of Neil Valentine, our official starter for the event.

Results of the swim are as follows:

Ladies Senior Category

Isla Kidd	26 M 18 S
Katie Oparka	27 M 26 S
Erin Livie	28 M 24 S
Jillian Livie	30 M 28 S
Victoria Watson	34 M 43 S

Gents Senior Category

Steven Laws	23 M 25 S
Kris Copeland	26 M 33 S
John Jarvis	34 M 11 S
Ged Hemblade	34 M 18 S
Stuart Miller	39 M 03 S

Ladies Junior Category

Ksenia Mann	23 M 45 S
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Well done to all the swimmers. We hope you enjoyed the event, and thank you to all the volunteers, without whom, we could not run these events. As always a few photos from the day.





Half Loch Earn Championship

This 3.25 Mile swim took place in Glorious weather on Sun 17th August starting at 10:00 am from Derry Point back up the loch to Lochearnhead.

The 4 swimmers had all completed the swim in just over 2 hours with the results as follows:

April Mark (*) Senior Female 01 H 34 M 36 S

Ritchie Oparka Senior Male 01 H 42 M 34 S

Lyndsey Coupland Veteran Female 01 H 44 M 29 S

Val Lindsay Veteran Female 02 H 17 M 06 S

(*) Wetsuit Category

Well done to all the swimmers on their achievements today.

A few photos from the swim below — Full gallery on the website - Enjoy



CRANNOG ISLE 2025

This 1 Mile swim took again took place in Glorious weather (Air Temp was 24 Dec) on Sun 17th August starting at 14:00 and was from Lochearnhead Pier across the loch, around Crannog Island and back to Lochearnhead Pier.

A smaller field than in previous years, but the 4 swimmers had all completed the swim in just over 1 hour with the results as follows:

Ksenia Mann Junior Female 00 H 27 M 20 S

Katie Oparka Senior Female 00 H 33 M 57 S

Ged Hemblade Senior Male 00 H 48 M 44 S

Janet Wilson Veteran Ladies 01 H 04 M 27 S

Well done to all the swimmers on their achievements today.

A few photos from the event below — full gallery on website - Enjoy !



SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Well the final swim of the season was upon us. Sat 9th September saw our Club Senior Championship take place with 5 swimmers setting off from the slipway behind RRS Discovery back to the harbour at Broughty Ferry. Although a tidal assisted swim the swimmers faced a stiff breeze blowing against them during the swim.

As always here are the results of the swim:

Mhairi Murdoch	Senior Female	1 Hr 30 Min 58 Sec
Richie Oparka	Senior Male	1 Hr 34 Min 06 Sec
Katie Oparka	Senior Female	1 Hr 41 Min 00 Sec
Louise Dunnin	Senior Female	1 Hr 45 Min 40 Sec

Thanks to all the volunteers in the boats and on the shore who all make these events possible. We couldn't do it without you.

Some photo's from the event for you below - full gallery on website:



Statement of Balances **FY2526****Total to Date****£****Receipts****Voluntary Receipts**

Fundraising	£	1,831.85
50/50	£	520.00
Donations and collections	£	181.78
Grants	£	3,500.00

Bank Interest	£	-
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Receipts from charitable activities

Membership & Pool Fees	£	2,456.03
LTS Fees	£	4,711.00
Entrance Fees (Swims & Dook)	£	1,916.56
Sponsorship / Advertising	£	623.44
Sundry Income	£	694.60

Total Income	£	16,435.26
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Payments

Fundraising costs	£	534.56
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Cost of charitable activities

Upkeep & hire of boats	£	2,748.02
Clubhouse Maintenance	£	655.33
Training Courses	£	65.00
Insurance, Rent and Utilities	£	4,275.17
Membership Fees	£	1,342.50
Travel Costs	£	436.70

Administration

Pool & Swim Expenses	£	6,021.28
Stationary / Office Equip & IT	£	0.12
Advertising & Dook Expenses	£	317.84
Professional Charges	£	283.20

Other Costs	£	4,521.60
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Total Expenditure	£	21,201.32
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Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	£	4,766.06
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Statement of Balances**Funds Reconciliation**

Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2025	£	19,046.14
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	-£	4,766.06
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2026	£	14,280.08

Bank & Cash Balances

Bank Current Account	£	14,280.08
Bank Deposit Account	£	-
Total Cash at Bank	£	14,280.08

Other Fixed Assets (Boats / Equip)	£	38,447.00
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Total Assets	£	52,727.08
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Treasurers Update

At this time, we have a little over £14K in the bank.

However, we still have the damaged CCTV cameras on the south face of the clubhouse to replace, which were vandalised during May.

We are aiming to get this work completed as soon as possible as we go into the quiet season.

You will find details of our planned fundraisers elsewhere in the newsletter. Please support them if you are able to.

On the left you will see a breakdown of the club's income and expenditure to date for FY 25/26, as at 12 Sep 2025,

CLUB AGM 2025

The club AGM will take place on Sun 5th Oct at 1pm in Mid-Lin Day Care Centre, which is located at 59 Pitkerro Drive, Dundee, DD4 8AT (what 3 words: skill.apples.reason).

Calling notice went out to members 28 days prior to the AGM date via email from the membership list. It is also on our Spond App and Website.

Relevant paperwork will be issued in due course via same route to members.

Will we see you there?

LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS is now almost at capacity.

We now have over 80 swimmers in the LTS, so our advertising and the loss of school pools has worked in our favour.

Louise Dunnin, who leads the LTS swimming at St Johns has been hard at work over the past few months recruiting new swimmers to the pool.

Any enquiries, please contact Louise Dunnin 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

27-09-25 Race Night / Presentation Night

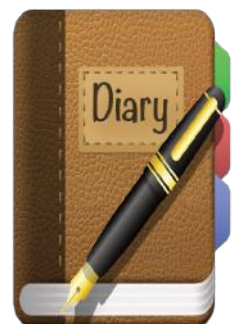
05-10-25 YeAABA AGM

11-10-25 Beetle Drive (Provisional)

01-11-25 Sponsored Santa Fun Run

19-12-25 Christmas Hamper Draw

14-03-26 BLDSA Dinner in Broughty Ferry



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