

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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April 2026

We have got our Open Day and Training Sessions risk assessments cleared by BLDSA, which paves the way for us starting on our championship swims risk assessments going forward.

Work is also ongoing the 2027 Dook administration and we will be reaching out to potential sponsors shortly.

On the swimming front, we already have 2 swimmers signed up for the Balmerino swim from out of the area, **so we are looking for 2 volunteers to act as lifesavers for them on Sun 26th July**. We have also had our first two Dook 27 entrants sign up. This is a very promising start for the season ahead.

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

This newsletter contains a report on our very successful BLDSA dinner on 14th Mar, which I was gutted to miss due to coming down with a virulent stomach bug the night before.

I did manage however, to pop down on the Sunday to the shed and meet some of the BLDSA members who made the journey up to Scotland and who had come down to have a look around our Clubhouse / Boatshed.



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 johndavie1969@gmail.com.

John Davie (President - YeAABA)



YeAABA Open Day 2026

When and Where

1pm on 26th April 2026 down at our Clubhouse on Broughty Ferry Pier.



About the Day

The club will be open to the public to enable you to come along and find out what we do. Chat to our members and have a tea / coffee with us.

If you have an interest in Open Water Swimming or Volunteering with the club, then we would be delighted to see you on the day.

New swimmers will have an opportunity to join our members for a swim in the harbour in the afternoon.

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?

This event will remain open for 3 months (31 Jan - 30 Apr) to gauge interest. If we have sufficient interest by 01 May, we will confirm the event and issue sponsor forms so that swimmers will then have 3 months to get sponsors.

It is important therefore for us to know by 01 May that we have sufficient support available to make this event happen.

Register your interest here:

https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events

BLDSA Dinner 2026



British Long Distance Swimming Association event.

The British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) held their 2026 Annual Dinner here in Broughty Ferry, and YeABBA acted as hosts for the

The event take place at Lodge Broughty Castle No 486 which is located in Brook Street, Broughty Ferry.

Following the meal, there was music, time to relax, dance or simply make new acquaintances.

On the sunday any BLDSA some members came along to the clubhouse at Noon, to have a look around our facilities although the weather was not conducive in going for a dip.



Here are s few photos taken on the night.

Our thanks go to Mains Castle Kitchen for the superb meal and for our musicians for the lively, toe tapping music to round off the evening.

Hope you all enjoyed it.....





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.

YeAABA Race Night



This will be held on Saturday, 16 May '26 (7pm - 11pm) in St Stephens & West Church Hall, Dundee Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 1DW.

This is one of our annual fundraisers. A good night of fun is guaranteed at the race night.

Ticket price of £10 will include the cost of a buffet at the event.

There will be a raffle on the night, so as well as bringing money for betting on the races a pound or two for raffle tickets would also be much appreciated.

Please note that the event is licensed.

YeAABA Quiz Night

YeAABA held its first fundraising quiz night for 2026 on Thu 26th March at Doc Ferrys in Broughty Ferry. Thanks to David Glass once again for agreeing acting as Quizmaster.

Between the raffle and the entry fees, we raised £290 for the club. Thanks to all who supported the event.



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 in the next newsletter 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.

HARBOUR TRAINING (MAY / JUNE 2026)

Below are a list of the harbour training dates for May and June 2026.

Dates for July and August will be in the next Newsletter. Booking site can be found here:

<https://bookwhen.com/yeaabatrainingschedule>

May, 2026

3	Sun	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
4	Mon	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
6	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
7	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
10	Sun	12pm - 1pm	Harbour Training Session
17	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session
18	Mon	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
19	Tue	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
20	Wed	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
21	Thu	7pm - 8pm	Harbour Training Session
24	Sun	12pm - 1pm	Harbour Training Session
31	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Harbour Training Session

June

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

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

4	Thu	6:15pm - 7:15pm	Club Single Tay
13	Sat	2pm - 3:30pm	Harbour Relay
14	Sun	1pm - 4pm	Monifieth Championship
27	Sat	2:15pm - 5:15pm	Stannergate Championship
28	Sun	1pm - 5pm	Woodhaven Champoinship

July

25	Sat	12:45pm - 2:45pm	Tayport Cup
26	Sun	2pm - 3pm	Kirkton of Balmerino Championship

August

2	Sun	6:15pm - 8:15pm	Double Tay
15	Sat	10am - 4pm	Full Loch Earn
16	Sun	10am - 1pm	Half Loch Earn
		2pm - 3:30pm	Crannog Isle
23	Sun	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Discovery Mile
30	Sun	5pm - 6:30pm	Veterans Single Tay

September

13	Sun	5:15pm - 8:15pm	Club Senior Championship
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January, 2027

1	Fri	10am - 11am	YeABBA Dook 2027
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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 is now almost at capacity.

We are now off for the school Easter holidays and the next block will run from Fri 24 April to Fri 03 Jul, but note there is no swimming on Fri 22 May (due to an In Service Day) so it will be

an 10 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).

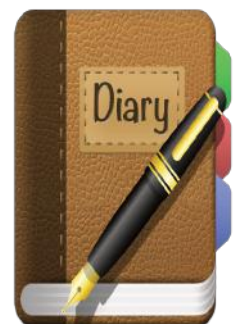
From the Editor

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

26 Apr 26	YeAABA Open Day
16 May 26	Race Night Fundraiser
8/9 Jun 26	First Aid / 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
1 st Jan 27	New Years Day Dook / Annual Raffle Draw



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