

# Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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March 2026

We believe that the outcome of the Dundee council budget review, which could have potentially seen the school pools closed at the end of March 2026 as a cost saving measure has been favourable to us, in that they will not close any school pools this year. That is a huge relief to us and means that we can continue to have our swimming sessions on a Friday evening at St Johns pool.

We are gearing up for the new season, with our Open Day planning at an advanced stage. And we are also reviewing all our swim risk assessments to get them ready for submission to BLDSA.

Work is also ongoing preparing the Dook paperwork for submission to Dundee City Council and how we approach potential sponsors for the 2027 dook program.

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 26<sup>th</sup> July. We have also had our first Dook 27 entrant sign up, all within 24 hours of the entries opening. This is a great start.

I have to give my thanks to the committee volunteers who are working hard to make it all run smoothly



Welcome to Iona McDougall, who has taken the role of Membership secretary and to Margaret Moodie who has stepped in as Club Secretary.

Drop an email to our communications convener, John Walker, via [communication@yeaaba.org](mailto: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](mailto:johndavie1969@gmail.com).

John Davie (President - YeAABA)

# FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**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 !!



Shortly a plan of fundraising events for 2026 will be set and advertised to the membership. Anyone who is willing to assist the fundraising team, please contact the club treasurer in the first instance via [treasurer@yeaaba.org](mailto:treasurer@yeaaba.org) who will pass the details onto the team.

## 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.



## NEW MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

All current members should have received a guide by email during February detailing how to access the new system, check and update your personal information and pay your renewal fees for the 2026/27 season.

Note - there is no renewal fee for Life Members, but you can please check and update your personal information.

If you have not received a copy of the guide, please email [communication@yeaaba.org](mailto:communication@yeaaba.org) with this information.

The new system will provide members with a membership card and to cover the cost of this, we will charge volunteers a fee of £10. When updating your information, you can upload a passport size photograph which will be used for your membership card.

Any issues when accessing the new site, please contact [communication@yeaaba.org](mailto:communication@yeaaba.org) in the first instance. Or general membership queries go to [member\\_sec@yeaaba.org](mailto:member_sec@yeaaba.org)



# 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](https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events)

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Easter Raffle



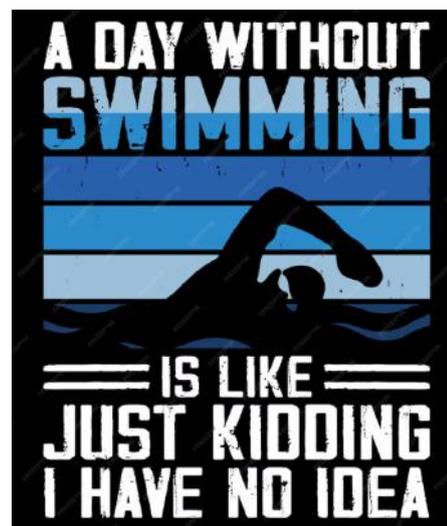
TICKETS £1 PER STRIP

Available from committee members  
or online at

<https://yeaaba.charityhive.co.uk/shop/14/easter-hamper-tickets>

Draw will take place Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March

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# BLDSA Dinner 2026



British Long Distance Swimming Association

The British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) will hold their 2026 AGM and Annual Dinner here in Broughty Ferry, and YeABBA will act as hosts for the event.

Both events take place at Lodge Broughty Ferry No 486 which is located in Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. BLDSA will hold their AGM on the afternoon of Sat 14<sup>th</sup> March and their annual dinner will take place on the Sat evening.

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

On the Sunday any BLDSA members who wish to come along to the clubhouse at Noon, to have a look around our facilities and join some of our members for a dip in the harbour. (High Tide is at 12:09 and will be around 4.5M).

## BLDSA

### TRANSITION UPDATE

All OSCR approvals are in place and our new constitution will be in effect from 01 April 2026.

We are also well underway in processing PVG's for our pool staff, as those held by Scottish Swimming on our behalf will lapse on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

We are still on target to have all our processes completed and in place for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

## Treasurers Update

At this time, we have around £13.9K in the bank.

We are running a deficit of just over £5K for the financial year FY25/26 at this time.

That's why it is important for us to fundraise annually to offset the costs of running the club, which during covid was around £9K (as we had no income in that year. So

Things like the sponsored swim are important to all of us.

## 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 will hold its first fundraising quiz night for 2026 on Thu 26<sup>th</sup> 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 we hope to raise much needed cash for the club.

Look forward to seeing as many teams as possible taking part on the night. Good luck to you all.



## 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](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](http://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**



## **YeAABA 50/50 Club**

The 50/50 club is open to club members, friends and family, and allows them to participate in a quarterly prize draw (drawn at end Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each Financial Year). Members can pick any available, free number (between 1 and 100 - see table below for which numbers are currently available) and entry costs £4 / month payable by Standing Order.

Members may have more than one number selected.

50% of the quarterly income received goes to club funds, and the other 50% forms the prize pot for the draw.

There are 3 Prizes each quarter:

1st Prize (46.0% of prize pot)

2nd Prize (31.0% of prize pot)

3rd Prize (23.0% of prize pot)

\* Members may select more than 1 number.

\* We would prefer payment by Standing Order (SO) directly from your bank. Being a monthly payment, you can then fix the date to best suit your finances. A Standing Order form can be obtained from the treasurer or you can use the one included in this newsletter. (We would ask that monies are paid no later than 23rd of the month so that all monies are in, in time for the quarterly draw.)

\* You can join the 50/50 club in Apr, Jul, Oct or Jan (which is the start of a new quarters draw).

\* Contributions towards the 50/50 cannot be recorded as Gift Aid notifications to YeAABA.

\* Quarterly draws will take place at the end of Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each year.

### **How many numbers are available?**

The draw itself has the Numbers 1 thru 100 available and the table below shows the current status. If all numbers were taken, then the club would raise £2,400 per annum from this draw.

**You've Got to be  
In it to win it !!**

## Table of current 50/50/ Draw Numbers Available (As at 06 Oct 2025)

Latest table can be found here: <https://www.yeaaba.org/5050-club>

**	**	**	**	5	**	7	**	9	10
11	**	**	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	**	**	**	**	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
**	42	43	44	45	46	**	**	49	**
**	52	53	54	55	56	**	58	59	**
61	62	**	**	**	**	67	68	69	70
71	**	73	74	75	**	**	78	**	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	**	98	99	**

### How do I enter the draw?

Firstly, check with the treasurer that the numbers you wish are available. Email [communication@yeaaba.org][1] or call / text on 07894 129257.

You will be allocated the numbers if free and table will be updated.

Secondly complete Parts A and B of the provided 50/50 Club Standing Order mandate and pass the completed Part A to your bank who will set up the standing order on your account. Return the completed Part B to the treasurer who will update the 50/50 club records with your details.

If you have digital banking, then you may be able to set up a standing order online. The YeAABA bank details are on Part A of the form, which you will need for this purpose. If you do set up the SO via digital banking, you only need to complete the Part B and return to the treasurer by post (c/o 25 Crathes Way, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3BY) or by email to [treasurer@yeaaba.org][2].

Grab your favourite  
Numbers now

# PART A

## STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: The Manager

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Address: \_\_\_\_\_



Please Pay:

Clydesdale Bank  
6/8 High Street  
Dundee  
DD1 1SS

This Standing Order  
Mandate supersedes  
all previous standing  
orders to YeAABA  
50/50 Club

For the Credit Of: Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Assoc

Bank Details:

Account No: 00585760

Sort Code: 82-62-14

The sum of: £ \_\_\_\_\_ and in words \_\_\_\_\_

Commencing on / / and thereafter on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month  
until further notice and debit my account accordingly:

Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference\*:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference\* (family Surname  
plus initial. Then 50/50)

E.g. Jones J. - 50/50

**Please send completed Part A of this form to **YOUR** bank  
for processing.**

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# PART B

## YeAABA 50/50 INFO RECORD

Holders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number(s) Selected \_\_\_\_\_

Holders Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Payments commence on / / and thereafter on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
each month.

To enable payment of any winnings to holders Bank Account:

Bank Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_



### Part B: Return Address:

Please return the completed Part B form for processing to:

YeAABA Treasurer  
C/O 25 Crathes Way  
Balgillo Park  
Broughty Ferry  
Dundee  
DD5 3BY

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# LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS is now almost at capacity.

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

Scott Spalding, who leads the LTS swimming at St Johns has been hard at work, getting ready to take things forward now that pools are safe from closure.

Any enquiries, please contact Scott Spalding via email at [swimschool@yeaaba.org](mailto: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).

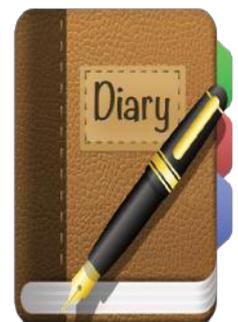
## *From the Editor*

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](mailto: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 <sup>st</sup> Jan 27	New Years Day Dook / Annual Raffle Draw



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