

Sail Caledonia Birthday Calendar



*With photographs
from Sail Caledonia 2004
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Herring Drifter **Eala Bhan**



Barge **Fingal of Caledonia**

Herring Drifter *Eala Bhan*

Eala Bhan (Gaelic for 'White Swan') is a 20 m (24 m with bowsprit) 50-ton traditional wooden Herring Drifter. She was built in Peterhead 40 years ago and she fished the seas of the Outer Hebrides for over 30 years. She has been refitted extensively for cruising service. 5 comfortable centrally heated 2/3-bunk cabins for a total of 12 guests. Featuring also: Colour echo sounder for Loch Ness Monster surveillance.

Crew during Sail Caledonia 2004: Iain MacKay (Skipper), Kate Balcombe, Beth Hunter, Penny MacDonald, Matt Johns, Ian Taylor.

Barge *Fingal of Caledonia*

Fingal of Caledonia is a 1930's Belgian 'Spitz' Barge 128 feet long with a beam of 16 feet. She worked carrying cargo on the European canals and rivers but was brought over to England and then Scotland to be converted for cruising in comfort. She was bought by Martin Balcombe and Don Hind and converted in 1995 at Don's boatyard at Corpach, Fort William. 6 comfortable centrally heated 2-bunk cabins for a total of 12 guests.

Owner / usual skipper: Martin Balcombe
Crew during Sail Caledonia 2004: Graham Moss (Skipper), David Roberts (Mate / RIB driver), Jason Gascoigne (Bosun / RIB driver), Debbie Huntsman (Cook), Sian Bamping (Assistant)



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Sail Caledonia is an annual international expedition -or 'raid'- for boats powered by sail and oars which takes place in the highlands of Scotland in early summer. Using the three major lochs of the Great Glen and the 200 year old Caledonian Canal, the fleet of up to 25 boats races, explores and ceilidhies their way up the Glen from Fort William through Fort Augustus and Loch Ness before finishing the journey in the Highland Capital Inverness.

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