

Lochranza Bay in the North end of Arran has a rich history as a safe anchorage for vessels of all kinds. The demise of a vibrant fishing industry was slowly replaced as an area of recreational boating use. In recent years, this has largely overtaken the minimal, but still present, occasional commercial visits.

At a central location in the Clyde Estuary, the bay and its pontoon, present a welcome hub for visiting recreational mariners, and indeed, those from around the island communities, and the mainland who wish to keep a boat on a permanent mooring.

Development of the bay as a stopping point for visitors and permanent location for others has brought economic benefits to the area, in terms of local hostelries and our local distillery which enjoys many maritime gusts.

For over 20 years now, the Lochranza Mooring Owners Association, has worked to supervise and coordinate permanent moorings in the bay to the benefit of all, working together to preserve the location for future users. Environmental issues are high on our agenda as we are aware of the high quality of the environment in which we operate. Although not in a designated area of any kind, we act responsibly to minimise disruption, by insisting all share a designated and certified mooring contractor.

Further action is taken in the area with annual beach cleans in association with our local community association, where marine debris such as rusting abandoned boat trailers are removed. In addition the visual impact of our beautiful bay would be much diminished without boats of all kinds sitting quietly on moorings.

We believe we are demonstrating a responsible and environmentally friendly agenda, and maintaining the nautical heritage, albeit in a recreational direction.

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