



21K in the wake of Somerled

An invitation to take part in the Loch Shiel Viking Challenge 2014

Fellow paddlers & Vikings

The first Loch Shiel Viking Challenge sea kayak race will take place over the weekend of 29th & 30th March 2014 as a means of raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support who provides such a great service for all our communities.

The organisers are very keen to have many local paddlers involved in the event along with seasoned sea kayak competitors from across Scotland and the UK who are showing interest in the event. Paddlers over the age of 18 years are most welcome to take part in this early season paddling event in an iconic location. If you cannot take up this invitation to take part in the 2014 Loch Shiel Viking Challenge please feel free to forward this e-mail to others in your network of contacts, and post on Facebook and other social media.

This unique sea kayak race will be run over a longer 21 Km and shorter 12 Km course starting from Monument Beach at Glenfinnan with classes for Performance, Touring & Ocean Surf Skis in categories for male, female, seniors and veterans.

To extend the challenge, using chip telemetry wristbands, competitors will clock in to a series of waypoints to test not only paddling but navigation skills providing us with accurate timing and progress location. See the website for a map of the loch.

For this, our first year, we are trying to keep things pretty simple in terms of the potential, huge variety of classes and categories. The entry fee is £60 per competitor, which includes the salmon barbecue; participants raising a minimum of £100 in sponsorship the entry fee will be £50. For less intrepid folks who do not wish to take part in the event but who wish to make a contribution to this worthwhile charity, the organisers welcome individual donations from non-competitors.

As well as taking part in serious kayak races there will also be a fun element with plenty of opportunities to socialise in the evening and over the two days. Not content in producing an exciting and challenging course for experienced paddlers we will have family orient ed Saturday afternoon races from our base at Monument Beach near Glenfinnan House Hotel, around the island opposite and also less daunting races, retail trade stands, kayak demos and local crafts. Other events and demos will include sit-on-tops and open canoes providing variety for all ages and experience.

Saturday afternoon will finish with a Salmon barbecue for competitors provided by Marine Harvest in the Big Tent. Prize giving will be 7pm – 8pm Evening entertainment with bar will also be in the Big Tent with the bluesy, soulful vocals & virtuoso guitars of The Jim Hunter Band.

(http://www.musicianscotland.com/acatalog/Jim_Hunter.html) and ceilidhing later to the vibrant Glenfinnan Ceilidh Band

(<https://www.facebook.com/GlenfinnanCeilidhBand>) (Concert entry £10, 9pm - 12.30)

This is definitely not a weekend to miss. So, please come and join us for a fantastic weekend with like-minded folks in a stunning location.

For more details see our web site which is being continually developed on www.lochshielvikings.org.uk. Fill in the online enquiry to register an initial interest or download a booking form to enter. For enquires contact Ali on vikingchallenge2014@gmail.com

What are you waiting for? Get booking.

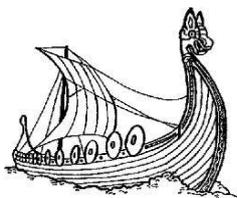
Please let us know if you do not want to be included in mailshots. Apologies if you have already received this information from elsewhere – some duplication is almost inevitable.

Thank you

The organisers.

On behalf of <http://www.lochshielvikings.org.uk/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/LochShielVikingChallenge>

From a standing start last August the event has been put together with no resources other than fresh air, time and generous support from local businesses and sponsors.

“The Organisers” are a constituted body of voluntary individuals and paddlers who make up “The Loch Shiel Viking Challenge” along with representatives of Glenfinnan Community Council.