



24th May to 2nd June 2024

Programme

BALLYCASTLE



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EVENTS IN BALLYCASTLE

(See separate programme for events on Rathlin Island)

Important Information applying to all activities

Please note a number of the activities in this programme are weather dependent and subject to change.

Details correct at time of going to print.

For updates during the festival please check Rathlin Sound Festival Social Media or festival office at seafront in Ballycastle, Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre or Rathlin Boathouse Visitor's Centre.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at all events. Events may be photographed or filmed and used on future publicity. Please follow the instructions of the event stewards at all times

Entertainment and special seafood menus in bars, cafes and restaurants all week.

We hope you enjoy our Festival programme!

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Friday 24th May

18.00 – 18.30 Blessing of the Boats, Ballycastle – Pausing at the dawn of the festival to reflect on the beauty, fragility and often harsh reality of our seas and oceans in what it gives and what it takes and offer a blessing for all who work or travel on our seas and oceans. The Pier, Ballycastle.

18.30 – 19.30 Following the Blessing of the Boats **Ballycastle Chortas** entertain us on the Pier.





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Saturday 25th May

***Please note quiet time for individuals with additional needs is from 11am to 12noon with have a go circus skills, arts and crafts, information stands – Free.**

11.00 - 16.00 Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market
Ballycastle Seafront - Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Have-a-go Kayaking
30-minute sessions (allow 1 hour) from Harbour slipway, booking through provider on the day. Suitable for all ages – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Have-a-go Paddleboarding
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11.00 – 16.00 Join Causeway Coast & Glens Museum Services and the Friends of Ballycastle volunteers to explore parts of our collection, handling objects, pick up our free publications, and find out what's happening with our exciting plans for the Ballycastle Museum Service. The Seafront – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Ulster Wildlife Underwater VR experience – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Council Biodiversity Officer Bug Hotel and Do-It-Yourself Nature Trail – Free.

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Ballycastle Saturday 25th May Continued ...

11.00 – 16.00 Coracle Boat Building Demonstrations at The Seafront – Free.

11.00 – 16.00 Tob-Ghaeltacht, Logainmneacha agus Ealaín do pháistí, Pop-up Gaeltacht, Place-names and Art for children. Fáilte roimh chách sa phuball Gaeilge. Labhair Gaeilge, faigh amach faoi logainmneacha áitiúla agus thig leis na páistí ealaín na farraige a dhéanamh. All welcome to the Irish language gazebo. You can use your cúpla focal or find out more about local place-names and the children can do some fun seaside themed art activities. Brought to you by Glór na Maoile, Irish language community group in Ballycastle with support from Conradh na Gaeilge, 'Ciste Spreagtha'.

11.00-16.00 Visit the CEDaR and NMNI gazebo to find out more about this cultural institution.

12.00 – 13.00 Live music by John McConachie on the Music Stage – Free.

12.00 – 16.00 Circus Skills workshop with North Coast Circus
Come along and try your hand at juggling, diablo and many more circus skills!
Ballycastle Seafront – Free.

12.00 – 16.00 Children's arts and crafts Ballycastle Seafront – Free.

12.00 – 16.00 Fun with Drums
Come along and make some noise to your own beat! The Beach – Free.

12.00, 13.00, 15.00 Listen to some localised folklore from a local storyteller
Ian Stephen joins us with some maritime themed storytelling. The Seafront – Free.

12.00 – 16.00 Try the Underwater VR experience
Brought to you by Ulster Wildlife – Free.

12.00 – 16.00 Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group
Bring you taster sessions with Drontheims and Colmcille. £10 per session family rate, £5 discounted rate.

12.00, 13.30, 15.00 Wild Cooking Demonstrations by Wildwalk Bushcrafts
With something from the air, something from the earth and something from the sea! The Seafront – Free.

Ballycastle Saturday 25th May Continued ...

13.30 – 14.30 Live music by Jamie Sloan on the Music Stage.

14.00 – 16.00 The Causeway Shantymen are dropping in to entertain us with their fabulous sea shanties. Various locations at The Seafront – Free.

14.00 – 14.45 Celia Spouser presentation

“30 Years of Causeway Coast Maritime Heritage Group”. The Seafront – Free

15.00 – 16.00 Live music by Ballycasle Choltas on the Music Stage – Free.

15.30 – 18.00 Ballycastle Traditional Music Trail

Brings you closer to the instruments, the people who play them and the language, customs and history that make up our vibrant musical culture and traditions. Free but limited to 18, pre-booking essential at <https://ballycastletradtrail.com>.

16.30 – 17.30 Live music by Bri Trad Music Group on the Music Stage – Free.

18.00 – 20.00 Live music by Altagore on the Music Stage – Free.





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Sunday 26th May

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10.00 Marconi 5 Mile Run organised by Ballycastle Runners AC

The Marconi Run commences at the Tennis Courts.

For information and to book <https://athleticsni.org/Fixtures/Marconi-5-Mile-Run> or for further information email globalgenes@btinternet.com or visit Ballycastle Runners AC on Facebook.

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13.00 – 16.00 Come and try your hand at sand sculpting

Judging at 15.30 with Tony Hawkins. The Beach – Free.

13.30 – 14.30 Live music by Ashleen Allen on the Music Stage – Free.

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19.30 – Bay City Rollerworld with support from The Smokie Experience
Marine Hotel. Show from 8pm. Tickets £20pp call 02820762222 to purchase.

Monday 27th May



11.00 – 16.00 Naturally North Coast & Glens Artisan Market

Award-winning food and craft market at Ballycastle Seafront. Free entry.





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