



# FESTIVAL OF THE SEA

ABERDEEN 12-27 JULY 2025

**Ahoy Aberdeen! The Tall Ships are on the horizon and the city's getting ready to celebrate with a whole raft of maritime-themed activities either side of the big weekend - and you're invited!**

From sports camps to singing and storytelling, dancing to sea dragons and coastal discovery tours, and from creative writing to watercolour workshops, there's something for all ages and interests to enjoy either side of the Tall Ships weekend.



# WHATS ON - AT A GLANCE



Aberdeen Art Gallery



Aberdeen Arts Centre: Sky and Sea

## Exhibitions

Until 26 July	Exhibition	Stepping in Screen: David Cass – Tall Ships commission	Free	All ages	Music Hall
14–24 July 10:00–16:00	Exhibition	University of Aberdeen: Explore the Zoology Museum	Free	All ages	Zoology Museum
Until 26 October	Exhibition	Monsters of the Deep	£10 adults / £7 Friends of AAGM and concessions / £14 exhibition pass / under 12s free	All ages	Aberdeen Art Gallery
Until 11 January	Exhibition	From the Archive: Aberdeen Harbour	Free	All ages	Aberdeen Art Gallery
Until 29 March	Exhibition	Tales of the Tall Ships	Free	All ages	Aberdeen Maritime Museum

## Events

Until 15 August	Holiday Camp	Holiday sports camps and family swim sessions	Various	Camps: Ages 5–4 Family : all ages	Aberdeen Sports Village
Until 23 August	Storytelling	Aberdeen Reads challenge	Free	All ages	Aberdeen City Libraries

30 June–26 August	Trail	Clan Cancer Support BookBench trail	Free	All ages	City Wide
7–18 July	Holiday Camp	Creative Camp: Sky and Sea	£40 per day / £150 per week	Ages 5-11	Aberdeen Arts Centre
10–13 July	Music	Stonehaven Folk Festival	Free and paid events	All ages	Stonehaven Town Hall
Sat 12 July 11:00–13:00	Workshop	University of Aberdeen Collections: Map making	Free	All ages	Sir Duncan Rice Library
Sat 12, Sun 13 July various times	Theatre	Sea Dragon	£8 per child	Families	Aberdeen Art Gallery (Cowdray Hall)
Mon 14 July 18:30–20:30	Workshop	Creative writing: Aberdeen Harbour	£15	Ages 16+	Fittie Community Hall
Tue 15 July 10:00–12:00	Talk	Sailing the fully rigged ship Sørlandet	Free	All ages	Greyhope Bay Centre
Tue 15 July 14:00–16:30	Workshop	Watercolour seascapes for beginners with Emma Louise Wilson	£28	Adults	Greyhope Bay Centre
Wed 16 July 12:30–13:15	Talk	Lunchtime talk: Cool stories of exploration and discovery	Pay what you can	All ages	Aberdeen Maritime Museum
Wed 16 July 18:30–20:00	Music	Harbour Voices choir	Free	All ages	Fittie Community Hall
Thu 17 July 18:00–20:00	Workshop	Seaweed printing on textiles	£20	Families with children aged 5+	Fittie Community Hall
Thu 17 July 19:00–20:00	Talk	Viktor Wynd and the Museum of Curiosities	£10 adults / £7 concessions	All ages	Aberdeen Art Gallery (Cowdray Hall)
Sat 19 July 10:00–16:00	Arts and Crafts	Fittie arts and crafts fair	Free	All ages	Fittie Community Hall
Sat 19 July 18:00–21:00	Workshop	Watercolour seascapes for beginners with Emma Louise Wilson	£28	Adults	Greyhope Bay Centre
Sat 19 July 10:30–11:00	Storytelling	Bookbug - Tall Ships in Aberdeen	Free, booking essential	Under 5s and their families	Old Aberdeen Library



Greyhope Bay: Watercolour Seascapes



Greyhope Bay: Coastal Discovery Beachcombing

<b>Sat 19, Sun 20 July</b> 14:00 & 19:00	Theatre	Scottish Dance Theatre: Pirates!	£17.50 - £12.50	Ages 7-12 and their families	His Majesty's Theatre
<b>Sun 20 July</b> 14:00–16:00	Storytelling	The power of the sea: Stories and poems from Pushing Out the Boat magazine	Entry by donation	Adults and young people 11+	The Blue Lamp
<b>Mon 21 July</b>	Dance	My Friend Selkie: Performances from What moves you / Citymoves Dance Agency	Free	All ages	Street Performance
<b>Mon 21 July</b> 10:00–16:00	Outdoors	Coastal discovery day	Free	All ages	Greyhope Bay Centre
<b>Mon 21 July</b> 13:00–14:30	Outdoors	Coastal bird walk	£10 adult / £5 child	All ages	Greyhope Bay Centre
<b>Mon 21 July</b> 15:00–16:30	Outdoors	Coastal discovery beachcombing	£6 adult / £4 child	All ages	Greyhope Bay Centre
<b>Mon 21–Fri 25 July</b>	Holiday Camp	Creatures of the Deep youth summer camp	£40 per day / £175 per week	Ages 5 – 12	Citymoves Dance Agency
<b>Tue 22 July</b> 18:00–19:00	Talk	Sea monsters on medieval and renaissance maps with Chet Van Duzer	Free	All ages	Online
<b>Wed 23 July</b> 18:30–20:00	Music	Harbour Voices choir	Free	All ages	Fittie Community Hall

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My Friend Selkie performances from What Moves You



Fittie Arts and Crafts Fair

Wed 23–Sun 27 July	Arts and Crafts	Deemouth Artist Studios workshop weekender	From £35	Adults	Deemouth Business Centre
Thu 24 July 14:15–14:45	Storytelling	Bookbug – Tall Ships in Aberdeen	Free	Under 5s and their families	Torry Library
Thu 24 July 18:00–21:00	Workshop	Watercolours of Fittie and the sea	£20	Ages 16+	Fittie Community Hall
Fri 25 July 11:00–12:30	Wellbeing	Memories Scotland – Tall Ships in Aberdeen	Free, booking essential	Adults	Torry Library
Sat 26 July 18:00–20:30	Workshop	Rocks and ripples in watercolour: A coastal art-geology workshop	£28	Adults	Greyhope Bay Centre
Sat 26 July 19:00–20:30	Music	Joss Cameron: The sea salt shore	£10 adult / £8 under 18s	Ages 8+	Fittie Community Hall

## Opportunities

Applications open 12 July Deadline 10 August	Arts and Crafts	Artist Opportunity: Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums micro-commissions	Free	Adults	Online submission <a href="http://aagm.co.uk">aagm.co.uk</a>
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**Aberdeen Art Gallery** Schoolhill, Aberdeen AB10 1FQ

**Aberdeen Arts Centre** 33 King Street, Aberdeen AB24 5AA

**Aberdeen Maritime Museum** Shiprow, Aberdeen AB11 5BY

**Aberdeen Sports Village** Linksfield Road, Aberdeen AB24 5RU

**Citymoves Dance Agency** c/o The Anatomy Rooms, Shoe Lane,  
Aberdeen AB10 1AL

**Deemouth Business Centre** South Esplanade East, Torry, Aberdeen AB11 9PB

**Fittie Community Hall** New Pier Road, Fittie AB11 5DR

**Greyhope Bay Centre** Torry Battery, Greyhope Road, Aberdeen AB11 8QX

**His Majesty's Theatre** Rosemount Viaduct, Aberdeen AB25 1GL

**Old Aberdeen Library** Sir Duncan Rice Library, The University of Aberdeen,  
Bedford Road, Aberdeen AB24 3AA

**Music Hall** Union Street, Aberdeen AB10 1QS

**Sir Duncan Rice Library** The University of Aberdeen, Bedford Road,  
Aberdeen AB24 3AA

**Stonehaven Town Hall** Allardice Street, Stonehaven AB39 2BU

**The Blue Lamp** 121 Gallowgate, Aberdeen AB25 1BU

**Torry Library** Greyhope Community Hub, Tullos Circle, Torry,  
Aberdeen AB11 8HD

**Zoology Museum** The University of Aberdeen, Zoology Building, Tillydrone  
Avenue, Aberdeen AB24 2TZ



For full details and to book visit

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