

HARBOURING HERITAGE – A HISTORY OF FORTROSE HARBOUR

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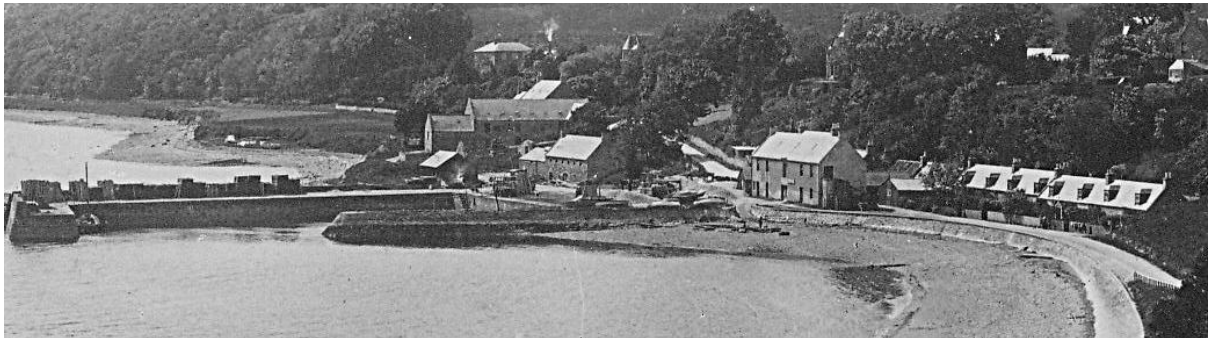
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INTRODUCTION

Fortrose Harbour today is a quiet backwater leased by Chanonry Sailing Club and supporting leisure craft and activity – but it wasn't always like this. From its foundation early in the 19th century right through to the outbreak of the Second World War, Fortrose Harbour was a commercial port and a hive of activity. The Harbour has a secret too – during the Second World War it was a 'hush hush' combined operations base and had a direct role in the preparations for the D-Day landings in 1944. This is its story.



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TIMELINE

1813	•Town petitions Commissioners for Highland Roads & Bridges for support for a harbour
1817	•Harbour completed
1868	•Fortrose Gaslight Company opens gas works at harbour - lasts 5 years
1875	•Regular regattas held for sailing, swimming & rowing
1878	•Town Council applies for premission to build a 230 yard long wooden landing pier
1882	•The wooden pier is completed
1882	•The Black Isle Steam-ship company starts a ferry service to Inverness
1883	•Annie of Inverness launched - home port Fortrose
1892	•Dispatch, launched 1888, bought by McLeman of Avoch and based at Fortrose
1894	•Black Isle Railway reaches Fortrose
1898	•The Black Isle Steam-ship Company goes in to liquidation
1912	•Plans drawn-up to repair pier - not effected
1914	•Outbreak of World War One •Chanonry Boating Club suspended
1925	•Annie is sunk off Swona - all hands saved
1927	•Most of pier destroyed in a storm
1928	•Chanonry Boating Club, suspended since 1914, winds-up
1939	•Outbreak of World War Two
1943	•HMS Monster forms at Harbour and training commences for the D-Day landings
1956	•Chanonry Sailing Club forms

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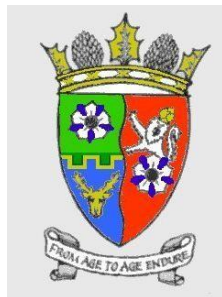
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