

Newhaven Festival will float Dame Katherine's boat

Newhaven Coastal Rowing Club, a community-based club that gives local people a chance to get out rowing on the Forth in traditional skiff style boats, are preparing to welcome a special guest at a free festival in Newhaven Harbour on Saturday, 26 April.

Dame Katherine Grainger, chair of UK Sport, proud Scot and holder of a gold and four silver Olympic rowing medals will be on hand to launch three new boats, two from Newhaven's club and one built by the Grassmarket Project which is a community of over 500 people working together to support positive change in one another's lives.

The "[Seafaring Spirit Festival](#)" will celebrate the area's rich history of coastal connection as part of a broader programme of events that mark 900 years since Edinburgh was officially established as a burgh.

The event will take place in and around Newhaven Harbour and the nearby Heart of Newhaven Community Centre.

Among the other highlights of the event:

- Come and try rowing sessions
- Skiff races

- Interactive exhibitions depicting Newhaven's changing relationship with the sea
- Local choirs and bands
- Story telling
- Craft workshops
- RNLi safety demonstrations and lifeboat visit
- Sea cadet presentations
- Knot tying classes

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