Annual *Report*







2026 Town Loch Management Report

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TOWN LOCH

NATIONAL TRAINING SITE

Season Overview

The 2026 season at Town Loch National Training Site (NTS) was a successful year, with consistent levels of participation, a broad range of activity and continued opportunities for people to enjoy and develop their waterskiing and wakeboarding.

Despite some challenges throughout the year, the site recorded 2,058 visits, marginally ahead of the 2,050 recorded in 2025. The season began particularly positively, with participation in April and May increasing significantly compared with the previous year.

Beyond regular recreational activity, Town Loch continued to play an important role in supporting the wider development of waterskiing and wakeboarding in Scotland. A varied programme of introductory experiences, development sessions, coaching and competitions provided opportunities for participants of different ages and abilities, from those experiencing the sports for the first time through to established competitive athletes.

The season was not without its challenges, particularly in relation to boat maintenance and availability. However, the commitment of our seasonal staff, volunteers and Management Committee helped ensure that activity continued throughout the season.

Overall, 2026 demonstrated the continued importance of Town Loch as both a recreational facility for its members and a national centre for participation, development and competition.



Participation & Membership

Participation at Town Loch remained consistent throughout 2026, with a particularly strong start to the season. Visits increased by 72% in April and 32% in May compared with 2025.

Alongside our regular membership, beginner experiences and introductory and non-member bundles continued to provide opportunities for people to access the sports and develop their involvement.

2,058 Site Visits

40 Paid Members



80 Beginner Experiences

24 Introduction & Non-Member Bundles





Site Maintenance *& Investment*

Maintaining the facilities and equipment at Town Loch remained an important priority throughout 2026, with significant investment in the boat fleet alongside ongoing improvements to the wider site.

Boat Fleet Investment

The 2026 season saw signifcant investment in our boat fleet, including the purchase of a Nautique 200 and substantial repairs to the Nautique Carbon following engine issues. Alongside ongoing maintenance, this investment was important in maintaining the site's operational capacity and supporting future activity.

Site Facilities & Maintenance

A range of maintenance and improvement works were undertaken throughout the year, including repairs to the lounge roof and docks, alongside general upkeep of the site and equipment. This ongoing work remains essential to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for members and visitors.

Programmes & *Development*



Development Programmes

Our She Shreds and Little Ripples programmes continued to provide accessible opportunities for women and young people to develop their skills and confidence on the water, recording 62 and 37 attendances respectively.



Coaching & Progression

Town Loch continued to serve as a key base for development activity, hosting 26 development sessions throughout the season. We also welcomed guest coaches including the Burns brothers, Tom Parkin and Arron Davies, providing further opportunities for participants to develop their skills and progress.



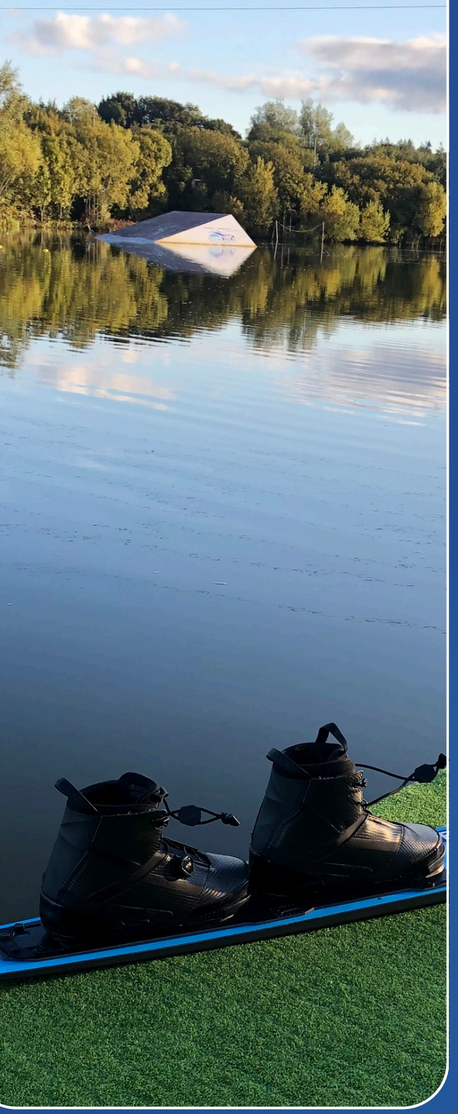
Competitions

The site hosted two ranking competitions, welcoming 16 competitors to the Scottish Waterski Festival and 18 to the Town Loch Triple Trophy. Our grassroots competitions also remained popular, including the Wee Board Bash, which attracted 40 participants.



Schools & Community

Alongside weekly sessions with Fairway Fife, we welcomed pupils from Kinross High School, Fettes College and Craigclowan School, as well as young people through the Wave Project and Get on Board initiative, helping introduce new audiences to watersports.





Looking *Ahead*

Looking ahead to 2027, our ambition is to build on the successes of this season while ensuring Town Loch remains sustainable for the future. Maintaining participation, growing membership, strengthening development opportunities and improving the overall member experience will remain central to our priorities.



A Sustainable Future

Discussions and consultation are ongoing around the future operation of Town Loch, exploring how we can strengthen long-term sustainability, increase member involvement and ownership, and rebuild reserves for future investment. While change will be necessary, it also presents an opportunity to create a stronger and more resilient site.

Participation & Development

We aim to build on the opportunities available at Town Loch through continued guest coaching, development programmes and a redeveloped beginner lesson pathway. Alongside this, we want to make membership easier to understand, demonstrate its value and create an even better experience for members and new participants alike.



A sincere thank you to our seasonal staff, NTS Management Committee, volunteers, coaches and partners for their hard work and commitment throughout 2026.

We are also grateful to our members and everyone who participated in our programmes, events and competitions. Your continued support and involvement are what make Town Loch such an important part of waterskiing and wakeboarding in Scotland.

We look forward to building on this together in 2027.

Thank You