

## "Crossing Scotland on the Forth & Clyde Canal"

A new power point slide show, targetted for use by sailing clubs, has been produced by Mike Balmforth for British Waterways Scotland, featuring the October 2002 trip by Snowfinch and Point Blank, the 2003 crossing by the Dutch barge 'Seepard' and some interesting and helpfull ideas to assist salt water sailors in any potential planning of crossing Scotland from Sea to Sea via the Lowland (or even Highland) canals, with side detours to Edinburgh and Glasgow. We trialled the show at Aberdour on 27th Feb 2004 and it was well received. Andy Carnduff and Tony Clark rabbitted on as the slides whizzed past, answering detailed questions and offering advice on radio contacts, archeology, tribal migration, rubber boat racing, rigging cranes, stones thrown at fishing boats in 1850, submarines in 1943, BW telephones and good fuelling pubs and mooring locations.

The show has about 80 pictures, all decent, and most have captions to give a clue as to why they appear but are really intended to be an aid to a speaker who will try to satisfy the audience's curiosity. If your club would like a presentation, please contact Andy on 01383 860306, [carnduff@sol.co.uk](mailto:carnduff@sol.co.uk) or BW(S) on 01324 761217. If you can provide a CD-reading laptop, projector and screen, things will be easier to organize. This is a voluntary offer, so cost will be limited to a few guiness, and my time is getting scarce - book soon!