

## Greetings from Scotland

Hello from Aubrey Jamieson, Fishermen's Mission Senior Superintendent for Scotland.

"Here is a view of the magnificent Fishermen's Mission team covering our area. Working in ports covering the entire Scottish coastline and islands, each member of our team is so thankful and humbled to have your wonderful support. We can only carry out the vital caring work of the Fishermen's Mission with you as our friends and partners. Thank you!"



Before the ordeal. Left to right. Ishbel Eunson, Karen Calder, Siobhan Cooper, Caroline Schonewald, Linda Mackenzie

## Mud, mud glorious mud!

Fishermen's Mission Superintendents are renowned for their commitment, enthusiasm and a driven desire to face all obstacles head on. But not many have had to tackle the following - Sewer Rat, Cage Crawl, Killa Gorilla, Everest, the Blockness Monster and most disturbing of all the Arctic Enema. These were just some of 26 obstacles stretching over a 12 mile course that make up the "Tough Mudder". Karen Calder, Mallaig Superintendent tackled the course with her team and raised over £1,000 for the Fishermen's Mission! "Tough Mudder" is an appropriate name as Karen pointed out....

"Often we were running with the mud up to our knees! It was extraordinarily tough but the atmosphere was great and it was a relief to cross the finish line."

Well done Karen and Team Mallaig on your mudnificent success! Anyone else fancy it next year?

## THANKS ONDINE

The customers and staff at Ondine restaurant in Edinburgh are huge supporters of the Fishermen's Mission. Ondine Chef Patron Roy Brett says, "We know exactly where our fish comes from at Ondine, but sometimes we can all forget what fishermen have to go through to get it here. The bravery of our fishermen as they work in one of the toughest professions in the world should never be taken for granted."

In May Ondine hosted their first Fishermen's Mission lunch. Alongside their own superb seafood, Ondine invited Calum Richardson from the Bay Fish & Chips in Stonehaven to cook his own speciality fish and chips and Mel Sinclair from Cannes to shuck some oysters. A packed restaurant enjoyed the best that Scottish seafood has to offer and raised a magnificent £4,450 for the Fishermen's Mission!



Calum Richardson (Left) and Mel Sinclair (Right) join the Ondine team with Andy Malcolm from the Fishermen's Mission (Centre)

## TROON'S HOME FROM HOME

*Imagine yourself as a fisherman. Wrestling with nature. Taking on all the sea can throw at you. Risking life and limb to bring home a catch as you do the UK's most dangerous job. Now imagine doing that job in a foreign country where hardly anybody speaks your language. The climate is the complete opposite of what you're used to and the people you love are thousands of miles away.*



Troon Superintendent Paula Daley

For over a decade the Fishermen's Mission has been caring for migrant fishermen from all over the world who work on UK fishing boats.

Fishermen's Mission Superintendent for Troon, Paula Daley recalls the opening of our first Troon Centre in 2006, "Back then we had mainly Filipino fishermen who were living on fairly small prawn boats. Their transit visas prevented them from leaving the harbour area. It was great to be able to offer them basic facilities, showers, television, Wi-Fi and most importantly Skype, enabling them to make the all-important contact with their family at home – particularly at Christmas time."

Ten years later and changes in regulations see Troon hosting a number of migrant crew from within the EU. Mainly from Latvia and Romania, they fill crew spaces on boats when local crew are not available. When in port they use the Centre and return to their boats to sleep at night. Troon Centre is also used every evening by Filipino, Ghanaian and British fishermen.



Preparing for sea



Troon Centre in busy use

Paula comments

"Everyone is welcome! The updated facilities including a kitchen, laundry and showers are much more comfortable than they were ten years ago and technology has improved.

Fishermen can access the internet through their phones and it remains a pleasure to hear so many chatting away to their families in countries around the world. The Troon Centre is really busy and greatly appreciated." Alongside practical facilities, Troon staff and volunteers are available to offer support and advice. This ranges from listening to problems over a cup of coffee, to arranging medical appointments. Very occasionally more serious situations arise meaning other agencies are called in ensuring the men have the best possible support.

Thank you. Your help means fishermen thousands of miles from home as well as those closer to the ones they love can be cared for by the Fishermen's Mission.



Troon Centre in 2009



Troon fishermen work the nets