



Forfar Community Skiffs Project

Proposed Storage Facilities

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Briefing Note prepared by Rotary
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**Purpose: to seek guidance from and
planning consent for Forfar Sailing
Club - on the location of storage
facilities to accommodate two
Community Skiffs on Angus Council
owned land leased by Forfar Loch
Sailing Club.**

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Background

Forfar Sailing Club was formed in 1959 and has, since its inception, leased St Margaret's Inch from the incumbent Local Authority. The club has thrived over the years as the home club for many National, UK, European and World champion Sailors. During this time, FSC has developed excellent relationships with a range of loch users having associate members: - Angus Canoe Club, Tayside Radio Sailors, Canmore Angling Club and Aberdeen University Sailing Club.

FSC have also maintained a very close working relationship with the Forfar Loch Country Park rangers who oversee sailing activities. As with other sports, water sports have changed and developed over the years and to maintain interest FSC investigated the current enthusiastic Skiff rowing activity led by the Scottish Coastal Rowing Association using St Ayles Skiffs. These were designed for the Anstruther Fisheries Museum; more than 300 have been built and are now being rowed all over Scotland the UK and some other parts of the world (Including inland waters).

Most have been built as community projects and FSC approached Forfar Men's Shed to lead building one for us who then identified a prior interest by Forfar Rotary Club.

This proposal aims to obtain all necessary permissions to locate a storage facility at FSC to accommodate two skiffs.





PROPOSED STORAGE FOR 2 SKIFFS

The first skiff is fully financed by a local Family as a memorial to a recently deceased and popular young Forfar plumber. This has been funded by several personal donations; a grant by the Skea trust; and a significant Lottery grant.

The first skiff has been built by a voluntary team from the Rotary Club of Forfar who are leading the project; Forfar Men's Shed; Forfar Sailing Club; several local retired carpenters; and Forfar Academy Young Engineers. The project is accommodated in Strathmore Cricket Club's shed on the edge of the Forfar Country Park. Work on the second skiff will commence soon and the bulk of materials have been purchased already. Financing for the storage of two skiffs is ongoing.

The project team are cognisant of the special landscape beauty of the Country Park and the need for an aesthetically pleasing design solution for the proposed storage site located within the area of land leased (from Angus Council) by FSC. For this reason, it is proposed to store the Skiffs in two specially modified shipping containers.

This solution will have minimal ground impact. The containers will rest on railway sleepers which will be visually unobtrusive and screened by reeds on the south side and low lying from the path on the north. and trees to the east. The storage containers can be moved at end of use and will offer a secure solution close to FSC's launching site.

PROPOSED STORAGE SOLUTION

We would propose using two wood cladded shipping containers to blend in with the natural beauty of the surrounding countryside park.

The photo shows the type of timber cladding we propose to use. The one in the photo was supplied for a garden centre shop in Snowdonia National Park.



A planning application will be submitted to Angus Council and specific guidance will be sought from the Park Rangers and the Planning Division of the council before proceeding further.

<https://www.shippingcontainersuk.com/brands/cladded-shipping-containers.php>

The photos above are examples of the type of containers we propose to use to store the skiffs. The plan below shows a scaled copy of the lease document plan with the proposed location for the containers marked in red (approximate size).

The purpose of this document is to summarise our intention to locate storage facilities on the site and obtain appropriate comments prior to submitting proposals to Angus Council and Angus Alive Park Rangers for all necessary approvals.

