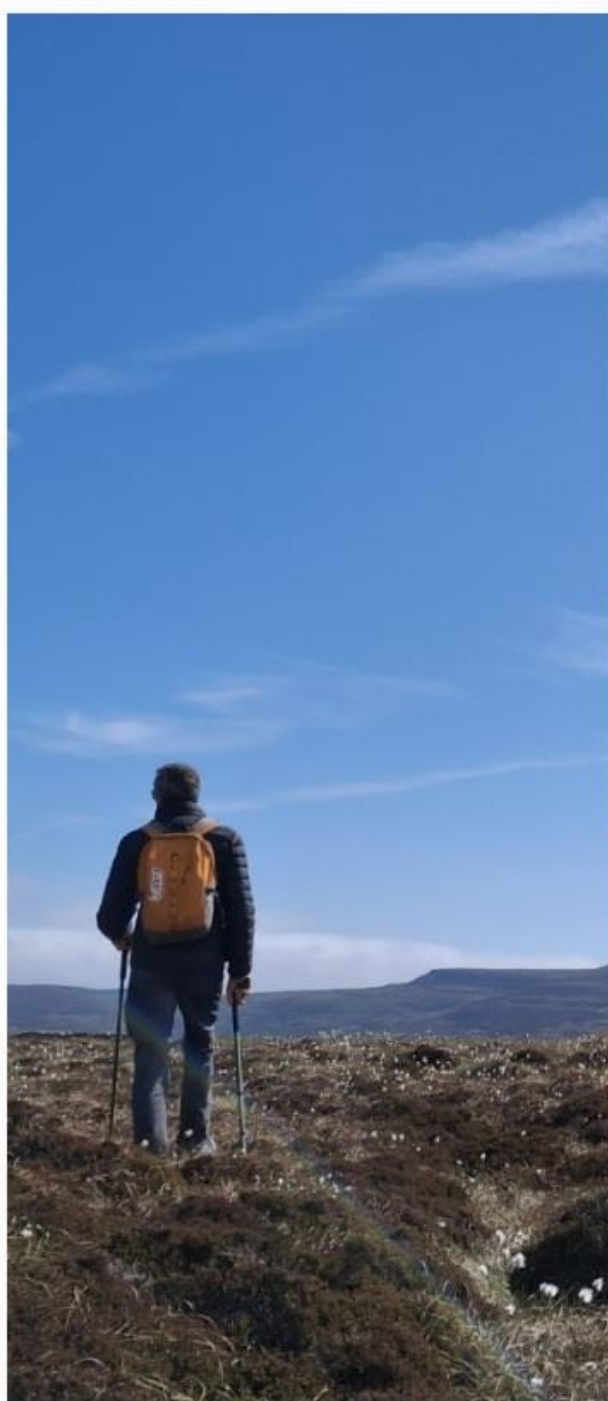


SCOTLAND photologue

of sailing ship L'Envol



Where
to go..





The plan

100 nautical miles on
fjords and sounds

+

50 nautical miles on the
Caledonian Canal

=

the shortest way to the
North Sea



Departure

We leave Ireland at 4:40 AM to cross the North Channel. Tidal currents run strong all along Scotland's coasts and will from now on be dictating when we can sail or stop



First time ashore

The tide changes before we reach our destination. We grab the first anchorage out there and, with 6 hours to kill, discover Bay of Carsaig and the Taynish Nature Reserve



Free ride

The boat speed of 5 knots is doubled when we sail over the glassy surface of the Luing Sound



Antifouling between tides

Spring tide with 4 metre
tidal range

+

Hard flat ground for the
boat to stand on

+

A very unusual weather
for Scotland: 17-20
degrees with sunshine
and breeze

+

2 litres of paint for 1 coat
of antifouling

=

The planets have aligned!



Puilladobhrain



Scottish Highlands

Unlike at sea, sailing through Scotland's fjords L'Envol has no waves to worry about.

We day-hop from one anchorage to another to our hiking base camp in Bishops Bay



Bishops Bay



Ben Nevis

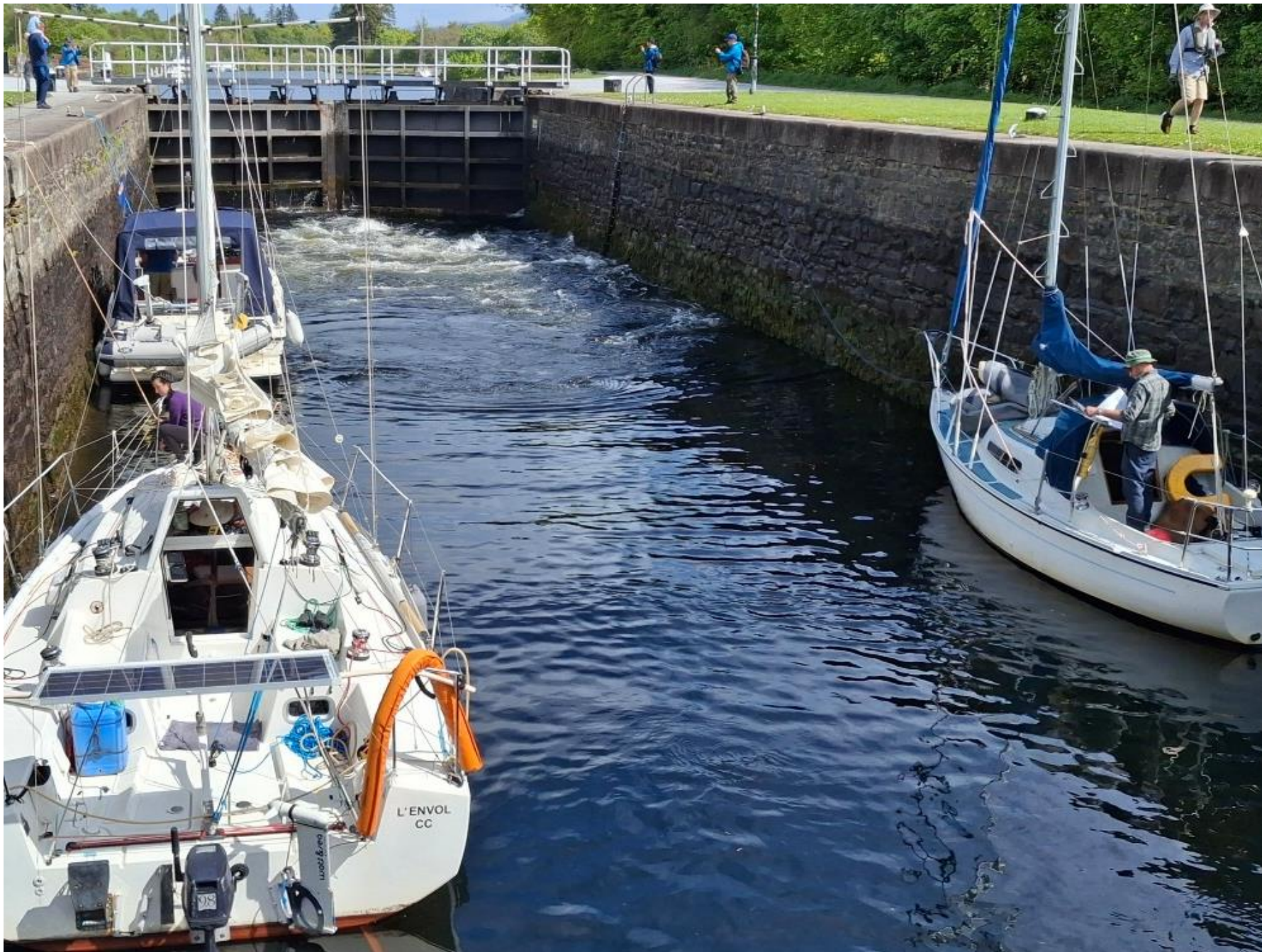
The highest summit of Scotland, Ben Nevis (1344m), is bathed in sunlight the day we go up, though timing our hike on the Labour Day is probably not the best idea – it's like Piccadilly Circus



Coming down the gruelling North Face Trail we have more space on the path and can even take a photo with no-one else in it



The north face of Ben Nevis



Caledonian Canal

The Canal runs 100 kilometres but only one third of it is man-made, the rest being formed by four lakes, including Loch Ness. There are 29 locks, four aqueducts and ten bridges in the course of the canal. The lock-stairways allow L'Envol to climb 32 metres above sea level



Sailing the forest

The south wind helps us sail most of the overall distance of the Canal, we only motor for 5 nautical miles, basically in and out of the lock gates and through the swing bridges

Off to the Northern Isles...

ATLANTIC
OCEAN

ORKNEY

SHETLAND

NORTH
SEA

Caledonian Canal

Ben Nevis
1344 m

SCOTLAND



- 1- Gigha Island
- 2- Eilean Mor
- 3- Carsaig Bay
- 4- Puilladobhrain
- 5- Oban
- 6- Loch A' Choire
- 7- Bishops Bay
- 8- Corpach Basin
- 9- Laggan
- 10- Fort Augustus
- 11- Inverness
- 12- Cromarty
- 13- Wick Harbour
- 14- Bay of Houton
- 15- Rousay Pier
- 16- South Bay
- 17- Channerwick

A landscape photograph showing a coastal scene. In the foreground, a field of dry, brownish grass is covered with numerous white sheep droppings. A body of water, likely a loch or bay, stretches across the middle ground. In the background, there are rolling hills under a blue sky with large, white, fluffy clouds. A yellow rectangular overlay is positioned in the top right corner, containing the title text.

Highlights from the Northern Isles

Trumland Nature Reserve -
one of few places where
the sheep cannot go

Rousay Island, Orkney
Archipelago

Midhowe Monuments Trail,
including this Iron Age
broch from between 200
BC and 100 AD

Rousay Island, Orkney
Archipelago



Iain Williamson and Ewen Thomson, student and master violin maker, offer the kindest welcome (including a live fiddle performance!) to two sailors looking for drinking water

Channerwick, Shetland Archipelago



A photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a pale blue at the top. The ocean is dark with white-capped waves. In the distance, a range of mountains is silhouetted against the bright horizon. The text "Farewell Scotland" is centered in the upper half of the image in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below it, the text "and your midnight sunsets at latitude 60° North" is centered in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. In the lower half of the image, the text "Photos: Carina Juhhova and Christophe Mora. 2025" is centered in a white, sans-serif font. A dark, vertical post is visible in the bottom left corner.

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