

**Country Market and Sporting Sale 2011**  
**Lot 45 - a day's sailing on a 32ft yacht near Oban**

**by Angus MacDonald Lockhart**

*I was successful in my bid for a day's sailing with the Trust's Director, Simon Thorp, and his wife Barbara. Simon has a 32ft yacht based at the Craobh Haven marina just south of Oban.*

*David Hodgson and I met Simon and Barbara at the marina on a fine but overcast day in September. After being shown the ropes and given a briefing on basic sailing skills, we set sail in a southerly direction down the Craignish peninsula.*

*At various stages of the sail we were both trusted to take the helm and assist in various tasks. These were carried out with reasonable ability but with room for improvement, both being novice sailors!*

*The views to Jura and the other islands were spectacular and it was interesting to observe the coastline of Argyllshire from a different aspect. We continued to Loch Craignish where we found a sheltered islet to drop anchor and enjoy an excellent lunch kindly provided by Barbara.*

*Our return journey took us north, up the sound of Shuna with Luing Island on our*

*port side and Shuna to starboard. We then weaved our way through the islets between Shuna and the mainland and finally back to the marina.*

*The weather had been kind to us with a little rain and some wind interspersed with spells of sunshine.*

*What a fantastic and memorable day's sailing it had been!*

*Our thanks to Simon and Barbara for making it all so successful and enjoyable.*

