

Yindyssagh! We're Going Back

CONVENTION 2024– Douglas Isle of Man – July 3-8th

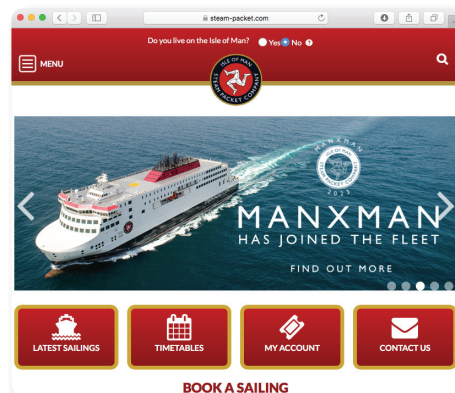
The 2024 North American Manx Convention will be held on the Isle of Man next July. We hope you and your families will be able to make it. It's been ten years since we last visited and there's lots to see and do!

We are holding the event over Tynwald Day when the island celebrates its unique history and we are supplementing the official events with sightseeing, culture and fun!

Getting to the IOM

First, you need to get there. Currently, there are connecting air routes from international airports at Dublin (Aer Lingus) and Manchester and London Heathrow (Logan Air). Other airports fly to the island but these airports would involve travel to get between. Dublin pre-clears US Border and Customs so you land as a domestic passenger, avoiding the lines in International Arrivals. Buses are regular from Ronaldsway Airport but the hotel will need a connecting bus or a taxi ride. Taxis are available at the airport.

The Isle of Man Steam Packet www.steam-packet.com operates from Liverpool and Heysham. Liverpool is the easier place to access by train and it's a short taxi ride to the Pier Head to get the boat. Ferries from Dublin occur occasionally. Check their website for details. The hotel is a short taxi or horse tram ride from the pier.



Convention Hotel



The conference base will be Mannin Hotel, 8 - 16 Broadway, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM2 4EL reservations@manninhotel.im Tel: 011 44 1624 602555.

Please use group reservation number 137463059. The discounted special rates are:

Single occupancy: £130.00 per room per night, bed and breakfast
Double occupancy: £140.00 per room per night, bed and breakfast
Please do not book through another method.

Regarding these bookings, please state you are part of the North American Manx Association and are requesting a room/rooms from the group allocation. The hotel will request your details and debit/credit card information to guarantee the booking.



As the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) prepares to mark its 200th birthday, we celebrate the fact it was founded in Douglas by Sir William Hillary in 1824.

NAMA CONVENTION SCHEDULE 2024

Aspects of the schedule may change and we will advise through our website www.namanx.org. The schedule leaves free time for you to do things that you enjoy, such as a steam train ride to Port Erin, a horse tram ride on the Douglas promenade, electric train ride to Laxey, tram ride to the top of Snaefell, shopping, a walk on the beach, visits to family, museum visits, etc.

Wednesday, July 3

Manx Music and Language workshops with Culture Vannin. Time and place to be determined.

For those arriving on the Island early, we will have a Manx language and song workshop on Wednesday. Vel Gaelg ayd (Do you have Manx)? We'll make sure you get some!

Thursday, July 4

9:00 am: **Registration opens at the Mannin Hotel**

10:00 am: **A Cultural, Historical and Geographic Orientation to the Isle of Man**

Is this your first time visiting the Island? Your 50th trip over? No matter. Join us for an orientation to the NAMA Convention and introduction to the Isle of Man led by experienced NAMA pros and special guests. We'll meet in the hotel lobby and visit the Manx Museum in Douglas, a 10-minute walk away. Transport will be available for non-walkers. We'll give you a brief overview of the island's culture and unique place in the British Isles, discuss the places we'll visit and other sites you might want to see, the history of Tynwald, which we'll visit on Friday, and more. And we'll see the fabulous Manx Museum.

12:30 pm: **Lunch** – This is on your own, but we'll have several recommendations for you.

The afternoon is free for members to explore at their own leisure. The NAMA board of directors will meet at Board Meeting in Douglas City Council Chamber.

6:30 pm: **Welcome Reception at the Mannin Hotel**

Friday, July 5

Tynwald Day! We will travel by bus to St. Johns for the Tynwald Ceremony and the Tynwald Fair. Sign up for seats in the grandstand, or explore the Fair and market stalls.

Plans are underway for an outing on Friday night within Douglas, within walking distance of the hotel.



Nicola Dixon

Saturday, July 6

An all-day coach tour with Blue Badge Guide and Historian Chris Callow of Island Heritage Tours. Chris is putting together a fascinating program that will deepen our appreciation of the Island and its history. Lunch will be included. Stand-by to be entertained by "Mine's a Shanty" singing group!

Dinner on our own. This will be a good opportunity for us to catch up with each other in small groups and explore our favorite cuisines or just visit a good pub!



Sunday, July 7

6:30: **Gala Banquet Dinner:** This will include our General Meeting and we will take our Convention Photo while we all look sharp! David has planned a special speaker for the evening.

Monday, July 8

9:30 am: **Manx Genealogy Workshop** – With our friends from the Isle of Man Family History Society we will learn how to trace your Manx ancestry using the tools available on the Island and online.

11:45 Coach departs from hotel for a tour of the **Tynwald Building** at 12:00PM

2.30pm: **Meet Nicola Dixon**, a well-known local artist who whimsically captures Manx sea and landscapes.

7:30-10:30pm **Farewell Social**. We are inviting some local Manx talent to help us out in a singalong as we bid each other farewell.

In addition to these scheduled events, there are certain to be concerts, pub sessions, and other events we can attend during this busy Tynwald week! We'll keep you apprised of them through the website www.namanx.org as we learn more.

Please direct all Manx enquiries to David who is organizing this Convention and lives in Douglas. david.holmes@manx.net

Additional program items and any changes will be posted to our website as they occur: www.namanx.org

NAMA 2024 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Name(s) of those attending: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code, Country: _____

Best Phone: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION FEE

	Cost	Number	Total
CONVENTION REGISTRATION (US Dollars)	\$250.00	_____	_____
CONVENTION REGISTRATION (Canada Dollars)	\$340.00 CA	_____	_____

CONVENTION REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

Manx Language and Song Workshop - Cultural, Historic and Geographic Orientation - Welcome Reception - Bus trip to Tynwald Ceremony and grandstand - Full day guided coach tour of IOM, with lunch and entertainment - Convention Photo - Gala Banquet Dinner - Workshops - Tours of Tynwald Building - Farewell Social - and More!

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES - DATES AND TIMES TO BE DETERMINED - PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WOULD

LIKE TO ATTEND SO WE CAN GAUGE INTEREST

Walk to Camera Obscura on Douglas Head Number attending: _____

Visit to Royal National Lifeboat Institution Number attending: _____

Archibald Knox Walking Tour Number attending: _____

Visit to Tower of Refuge (depends on tides) Number attending: _____

More information will be posted on the NAMA website: www.namanx.org

Mail your registration to:

Bradley E. Prendergast

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IF PAYING BY CHECK, MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NAMA or NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSN.

IF PAYING BY ZELLE, USE PHONE NUMBER: 773-620-0788

IF YOU HAVE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS/NEEDS, SUCH AS VEGETARIAN, GLUTEN-FREE, ETC.

CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU HAVE MOBILITY ISSUES.

If convenient, you may scan this form and email it to:

Brad@Lawyerbrad.com, then mail or Zelle your payment to Brad Prendergast at the address above.

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Registration and event details for our Convention to be held on The Isle of Man

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Port Erin