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Charter Vessel MFV Enterprise (FR 365)

Cruise 1503H

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E Hatfield

D Beare (1-12 July)

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F Burns

C Millar (12-20 July)

C Embling Visitor (University of St Andrews)

Half-landing: Ullapool 12 July

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