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Edinburgh to host Scottish Heat of the British Firework Championships

A dazzling display will be brought to the waterfront this weekend with the Scottish heat of The British Firework Championships.

The event taking place on Saturday May 24 at 10:15pm (darkness permitting) will be staged at Western Harbour with spectator viewing at the rear of Ocean Terminal. It is being hosted by the Edinburgh City Council and is one of five heats taking place around Britain, with the winner competing in the UK finals in August in Plymouth.

Last year's heat took place at Perth racecourse but this year Forth Ports are working with Edinburgh Council to host the event. This venue will have the added benefit of a waterfront setting with competitors already considering how they can make the most of the new location.

Three companies will be battling for the first spot and entry into the final, including the reigning champions from last years heat, Blast Design Fireworks. Each company must produce a ten minute display with firing commencing once darkness falls. The event, which is free, is expected to draw between five and six thousand spectators.

Councillor Steve Cardownie, The City of Edinburgh Council's Deputy Leader and Festivals and Events Champion said, "This is a great opportunity to attract thousands of people to the waterfront, and I would encourage anyone who goes to the championship to make an evening of it. There are not many places you can go these days to enjoy free entertainment like this with such a stunning backdrop and have the leisure and restaurant choice available too. With thousands of spectators expected at Ocean Terminal to watch the fireworks, I am sure that the championship will go off with a real bang."

Nathan Thompson, Managing Director of Forth Ports Property Division said, "I am delighted that we have been able to help Edinburgh Council bring the Scottish heats of the British Fireworks Championships to the City. It's a great location for what I hope will be another successful event at the waterfront

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Forth Ports PLC is also a significant landowner with extensive property interests and a number of high profile developments. These include the Scottish Executive offices and Ocean Terminal shopping centre – home to the former Royal Yacht Britannia - at Leith, the Western Harbour, Granton Harbour and Leith Docks developments on Edinburgh's waterfront and the City Quay development at Dundee.