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Ceredigion County Council's harbours at Aberaeron, Aberystwyth and New Quay are fantastic resources and attractions in their own right. To ensure *calm waters* at the harbours so they remain safe, enjoyable and attractive for all we are reminding harbour users of a few key things they need to be aware of and do.



Please:

1. Always be considerate and respectful of all other harbour users and the general public.
2. Always be considerate, respectful of and value the local wildlife.
3. Make sure that your equipment is well maintained, in good condition and suitable for use. This includes ground tackle, chain, rope, anchors and other mooring devices. These should all be checked regularly.
4. Deal with all of your waste legally and responsibly. This includes and extends from spent fishing equipment to waste oil.
5. Store all equipment safely and in an appropriate place. This includes tenders, buoys, pots and other fishing equipment.
6. Do not cause an obstruction or nuisance either on the wet or dry sides of the harbours. In any emergency, maintaining good access could be critical. Park vehicles in accordance with the arrangements in place and provision made.
7. Respond positively to any advice or instruction issued by any of the Harbours' staff.
8. Raise any issues, concerns or suggestions you may have with the Harbours' staff at the earliest opportunity. This includes reporting any faults or damage that you may become aware of within the harbours.
9. Contact 999 in any kind of emergency.

The Harbours are managed in accordance with the Ceredigion Harbour Management Policy.

- The Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy,
- Bylaws,
- Nautical Courses and Distances,
- Local Tide Tables,
- The Ceredigion Marine Heritage Coast, Cardigan Bay Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Pen Llyn and Sarnau SAC,
- Stranded Marine Animals, and Safety

can all be found at: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/travel-roads-parking/coast-harbours/>

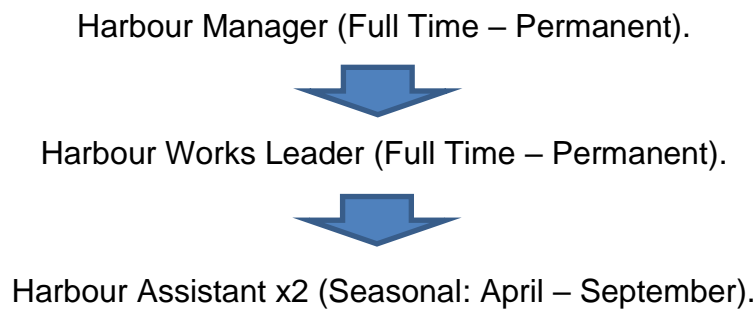
Harbour Users should familiarise themselves with all of this information and ensure that they act in accordance with it at all times. These documents are subject to updates and should therefore be checked regularly.

Updates:

(1) Harbours Restructure.

A reviewed structure for the Harbours Service has been developed.

The slight re-structure, approved through corporate processes, is intended to optimise the available resources to best meet and reflect the needs of the service by providing greater resilience while maintaining a visible presence at the harbours.



Advertisements for the Harbours Works Leader and a Harbour Assistant vacancy will be posted on the Council's website shortly. Anyone who has an interest in working within the Harbours Service is encouraged to apply.

(2) Harbour User Committee Meetings.

The next Harbour Users Committee meetings will take place on **16 March 2023** at the following times and will be held virtually on Zoom.

17:30 Aberaeron.

18:15 New Quay.

19:00 Aberystwyth.

While the Committees provide an opportunity to discuss matters there are many ongoing ways that stakeholders can liaise throughout the year with the Harbour Service regarding day-to-day matters which includes in person at the Harbours or via Clic – clic@ceredigion.gov.uk / 01545 570881.

(3) Port Waste Management Plans (PWMPs).

Whilst some of the PWMP infrastructure and facilities have been put in place, the Harbour Services Team is working with colleagues across the Council to put the final pieces of infrastructure in place as soon as possible. The Council will communicate with harbour users when the Plan is fully implemented with guidance and rules on how to use the new facilities.

(4) Designated Area for Temporary Storage of Pots and Fishing Gear – New Quay.

The raised area at New Quay Harbour has been resprayed and divided equally amongst commercial fishing users. The purpose of the area remains as a temporary storage area for commercial fishermen to store pots and other fishing gear for the interim period or loading, discharging and subsequent cleaning only.

The Harbours Team will liaise with CADW and other Council Officers with a view to installing signage to reflect the above.



Raised are of the pier at New Quay Harbour.

(5) Kayak Rack/Board/Equipment Stand – New Quay.

The Kayak/Board/Equipment Board Stand at New Quay Harbour will need to be cleared for the month of April to allow for maintenance. Any kayak/board or other equipment left on the rack or surrounding area will be removed.

(6) Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy Review and Consultation.

The current Policy has been reviewed and will shortly be out for consultation. After the consultation, there will be a period during which any feedback can be considered before the Policy is presented for consideration by the Thriving Communities Scrutiny and Overview Committee and subsequently Cabinet for approval.

(7) Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme.

Ceredigion County Council are pleased to confirm that the necessary marine licence and planning permissions have been obtained from key stakeholders to carry out the improvement works to the coastal defences along Aberaeron south beach and the harbour.

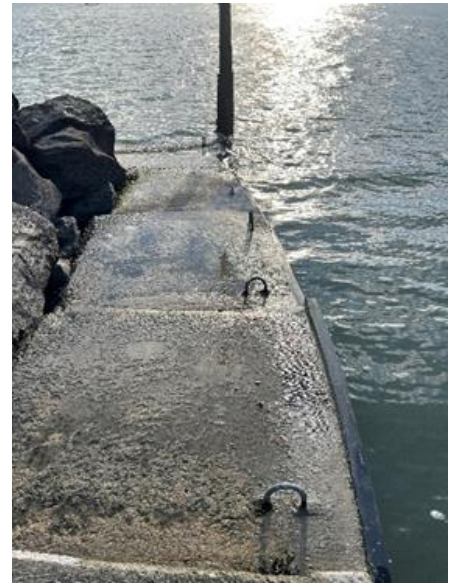
The tender and procurement process are currently underway to obtain a suitable contractor to carry out the required works. Until a contract is awarded, and subsequent discussions held with the successful contractor we are currently unable to confirm a start date for the works. The Coastal Defence Team will continue to work closely with the Harbour Service and provide updates as and when possible.

(8) Harbour Maintenance.

Following last years' successful dredge at all the harbours the Harbour Service has organised maintenance works to be carried on the main chains, as well as removal of any debris/obstructions at New Quay and Aberaeron Harbours. Works are scheduled to take place during the spring tides at the end of March. A Local Notice to Mariners will be issued as soon as dates are confirmed. The end of New Quay Pier has recently been repaired ahead of the coming season.

The Harbour Team is working with colleagues in the Grounds Maintenance Team to cut back and maintain overgrowth in Tan y Cae Car park ahead of the coming season.

The Harbour Services Team will look to clean the drying grid at Aberystwyth Harbour as soon as possible.



End of the Pier at New Quay

(9) Health and Safety – Everyone’s Responsibility.

Harbours are working and shared use environments. The Harbour Service always looks to support and facilitate their safe use as far as it is reasonable and practicable to do so. Health and Safety is everyone’s responsibility and as such we thank all stakeholders for their positive proactive approach and attitude towards maintaining the harbours as safe and enjoyable places to use and visit.

(10) UK Harbour Master Certificate

Owen Morgan the Harbour Manager has become a member of the UK Harbour Masters Association, and is currently studying to achieve the UK Harbour Master Certificate provided by Port Training Ltd. The certificate is MCA recognised and will support Owen with his everyday work.

(11) New Quay Ramp Project

Local commercial operators have come together to design and fund a ramp that will be used to embark and disembark at New Quay Harbour. The ramp will be used during spring low tide where access to the Pier is not possible. The project will set an example to other harbours with similar issues and will improve health and safety standards.

(12) Harbours Surgeries

During the last Harbour Users meeting it was agreed that scheduled surgery style meetings would be held at each Harbour, so that harbour users can discuss any issues or concerns with the Harbour Manager (or the Harbour Works Leader in his absence) face to face.

The surgeries will be held at each harbour office except for the months of October and March as follows:

Aberystwyth: Last Tuesday of every month at 14:00.

Aberaeron – Last Wednesday of every month 14:00.

New Quay – Last Thursday of every month 14:00.

Feedback.

We always welcome and encourage constructive feedback from stakeholders. Please contact us by **e-mail via clic@ceredigion.gov.uk or phone 01545 570881.**

With thanks, The Harbours Team

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