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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.

Updates:

(1) New Crew Members.

In mid May 2022 Ceredigion County Council was pleased to take on Tom Back and Mervyn Jones as Seasonal Harbour Assistants, both Tom and Mervyn have taken to their roles with enthusiasm which has included being a visible presence at the harbours and helping harbour users with their day-to-day needs.

While Tom has left us to embark on a Cadetship in the Merchant Navy and is studying Nautical Science at Plymouth University, Mervyn remains with us. We would very much like to wish Tom all the very best with his studies and hope that he has a very successful career at sea.



*Harbour Assistant
Mervyn Jones*



*Harbour Assistant
Tom Back*

(2) Harbour User Committee Meetings.

As you may be aware the next Harbour Users Committee Meetings are scheduled to take place on 20 October 2022 at the following times and will be held virtually on Microsoft Teams.

17:30 Aberaeron.

18:15 New Quay.

19:00 Aberystwyth.

While the Committees provide an opportunity to discuss Harbour related matters at a meeting there are many ongoing ways that stakeholders can liaise 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).

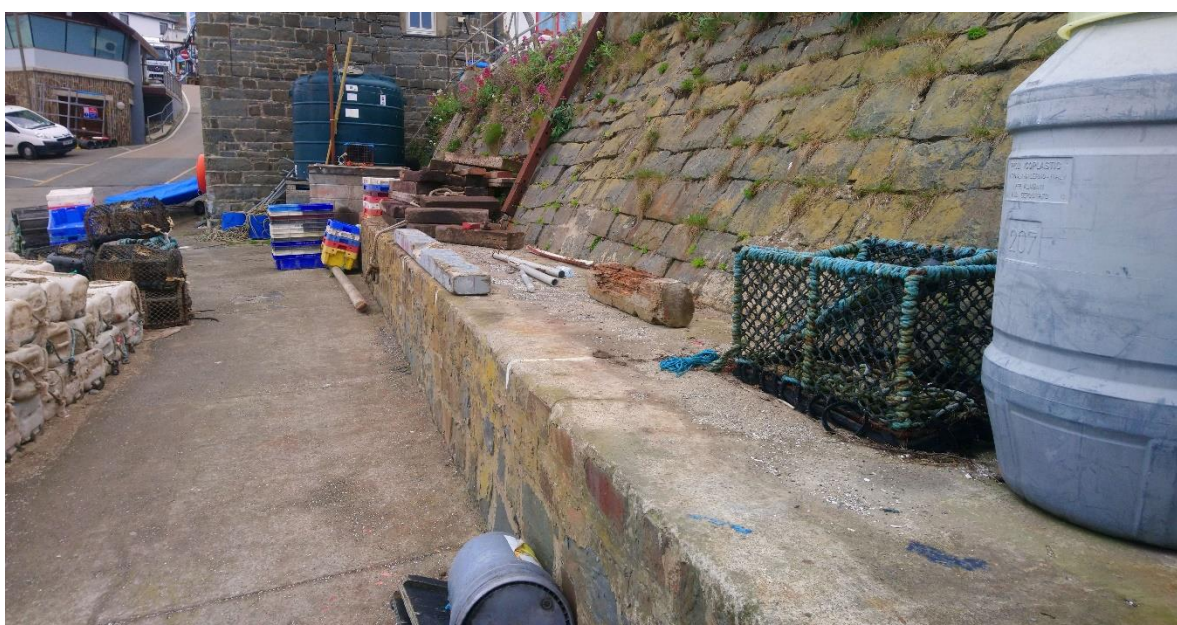
The Harbour Services Team continues to work with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on the development and implementation of the PWMPs.

The Harbours Team is currently working on putting the required infrastructure in place at each of the Harbours to support and house the new facilities.

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

The raised area of the Pier (see below image) has continued to be an issue, with harbour users leaving items there resulting in an unsightly mess. To combat the issue it was decided that the raised area of the pier (see photo) is currently allocated as a **temporary** storage area for commercial fisherman to store pots and other fishing gear for the interim period of loading, discharging and subsequent cleaning only.

The Harbours team will also look to install signage, to reflect the purpose of the area. Any item found in the area outside of the above designation will be removed without notice.



Raised are of the pier at New Quay Harbour.

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

The kayak/windsurf board rack in New Quay Harbour has received some long-awaited maintenance at the beginning of the season, with the brambles cut back and fresh renumbering. All rack users been sent an application form along with a rack number. Allocated users are reminded to follow the simple rules below at all times.

- All kayaks/windsurf boards are to be numbered conspicuously forward and aft (bow & stern, fin & tail) as per the allocated rack number.
- All kayaks/windsurf boards must be stored in the allocated rack space(s).
- Only one kayak/windsurf board can be allocated to a space.

If there are any issues with the kayak rack please contact us by phone or email via Clic (for contact details see below feedback section of this document).

(6) Harbour Management Policy.

The Harbour Manager has made progress with reviewing and updating the Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy. The new policy will tackle gaps between written and everyday practice in each of the harbours, and will capture each aspect of the harbours and their facilities, so that an equitable and well defined service delivery can continue into the future.

Have you got any suggestions or feedback on what you would like to see implemented/changed? We would appreciate your feedback and suggestions.

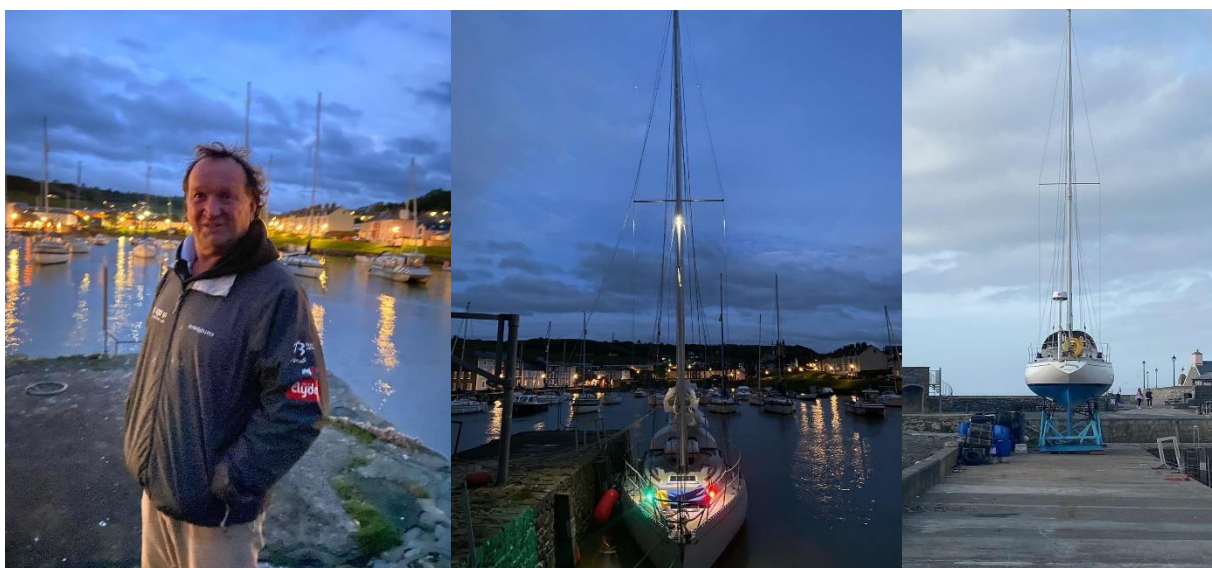
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(7) Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme.

Ceredigion County Council continue to work closely with representatives of the NRW in obtaining a marine licence to construct the new sea defences for Aberaeron, it is hoped that a further update will be available in the new year.

(8) Bendigedig – Global Sailing Challenge.

The Harbour Services Team are very pleased to have participated in the launch planning and mooring arrangements of Bendigedig during her initial launch at Aberaeron Harbour. Since her initial launch at Aberaeron in May, Dafydd Hughes (her skipper) has since accumulated over 3000 miles on Bendigedig during her sea trials in preparation for the Global Solo Challenge. Dafydd will be competing in the Global Solo Challenge, which is scheduled to begin at A Coruña, Spain in September 2023, the challenge will consist of a 26,000nm circumnavigation of the three great capes the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn before returning to A Coruña. The event is estimated to last from 120 days to upwards of 200 days. We are all very proud of Dafydd and would like to wish him the very best of luck, fair winds and following seas for the challenge ahead.



Dafydd Hughes and Bendigedig at Aberaeron Harbour.

(9) Dredging.

Following this years' successful dredge at all the harbours (see below photos), dredging for Aberaeron and New Quay Harbour is currently being planned for March 2023. A Local Notice to Mariners will be issued to all appropriate stakeholders and displayed on each of the Harbour Offices.

Harbour users are reminded to take responsibility (as always) of own mooring tackle/devices during the dredging works.

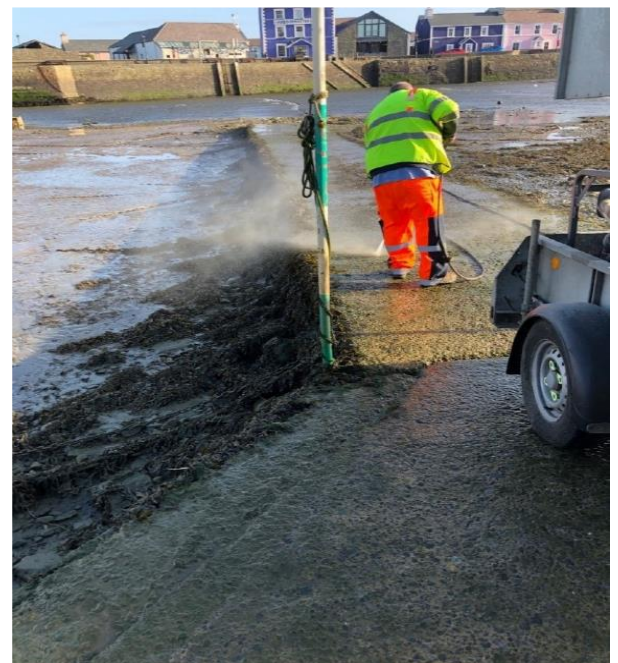


Dredging Aberaeron Harbour March 2022.

(10) Slipways.

The slipways at each harbour were jet washed and regularly brushed throughout the season. The harbour services team will look to do the same during future seasons.

Harbour users are reminded to exercise due care and attention when at the harbours which includes when using the slipways and quays as well as when waterside because of the inherent risks that arise in such locations.



(11) 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.

(12) Disembarkation.

2022 has unfortunately seen the departure of both Roy Fenner and Nigel Wells from the Harbour Service. Both Nigel and Roy have provided many years of service between them and were recognisable faces at our harbours. Although now retired from the service, as keen seafarers, both Nigel and Roy can’t keep away from the Harbours and their boating hobbies. We would like to wish them both all the very best in their retirement.



Nigel aboard the merchant ship M.V. Dragonera in the Gulf of Mexico.



Roy at Tower Bridge, London.

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**.

These documents are subject to updates and should therefore be checked regularly.

With thanks, The Harbours Team

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