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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 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 Harbours Management Policy and the Port Marine and Facilities Safety Code.

For information on the Harbour Service please visit : [Harbours - Ceredigion County Council](#)

Harbour Users should familiarise themselves with 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) Harbour Service Team Updates

Chloe will be returning to her role as Seasonal Harbour Assistant. Eve has since left her position, and the Harbour Service is currently organising recruitment for her replacement.

(2) Harbour Works

The Harbour Service has had a busy winter planning and organising works across each of the Harbour Estates. Some of these works will be evident to those who have been using or maintained presence at the harbour across the winter season.

- New Leading Lights at Aberystwyth
 - New Leading Lights have been installed and are yet to be established at Aberystwyth Harbour. The new leads will aid harbour users in making a safe approach into the harbour. Local Notices to Mariners will be used to inform harbour users and stakeholder on this matter.
- Aids to Navigation
 - Maintenance works to Aids to navigation in Aberystwyth and New Quay is currently being procured, and it is anticipated will be completed in the coming months. Works to rectify a defect on the sector have recently been completed.
- Mooring Rings at New Quay
 - Works to replace some of the moorings rings at New Quay has been commissioned. The rings have been manufactured and delivered and we are waiting installation to be completed.
- Dredging and Debris Removal Works
 - Aberaeron Harbour Entrance has been dredged, and debris removed from the harbour basin ahead of the Summer Season. Further works to regrade areas of the Harbour and to lift chains are planned to take place later in March.
 - New Quay Dredging works have commenced. Aberystwyth Dredging is being rescheduled for late March.
 - Updates via Local Notices to Mariners have been issued in relation to the works once dates are confirmed with the contractor. Aberaeron works arrangements will also be communicated via Local Notices to Mariners and by email.
- Aberystwyth Central Pontoon Works
 - Works to maintain and repair of the Aberystwyth Central Pontoon have commenced. Affected Harbour Users have been advised and, where appropriate, temporary mooring arrangements have been made. A Direction has been issued advising that the pontoon is closed and Harbour Users should not attempt to make use of the pontoon during

the period the Direction remains in place. Updates on the works will be communicated by Local Notices to Mariners, and directly with affected mooring holders.

➤ Aberystwyth Line Painting

- Line Painting at Aberystwyth Harbour will be going ahead as soon as possible after the lift in at Aberystwyth Harbour.

(3) Aberystwyth Harbour Office

Aberystwyth Harbour Office is now operational and the Harbour Team will be maintaining a more regular presence at the harbour now that the new facility is in place.

(4) Harbour User Consultative Meetings

Due to the upcoming Pre Election Sensitivity Period, in a slight change to the usual schedule of Harbour Users Consultative Committee meetings taking place in late March and October, the next meeting will take place on **28th May 2026**. To support engagement with Harbour Users, additional Harbour Surgeries have been arranged for March 2026 on the following dates:

Aberaeron – Wednesday 25th March 14:00 – 15:00

Aberystwyth – Tuesday 31st March 14:00 – 15:00

New Quay – Thursday 26th March at 14:00 – 15:00

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. This includes in person at the Harbours, via Clic, the Council's contact centre: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk / 01545 570881 or via the monthly Harbour Surgeries. We encourage stakeholders to do so in order that matters can be investigated in a timely manner.

(5) Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme

The Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme has now been completed. The Council will continue to monitor the scheme closely as it settles over the coming months and years, and it will act where appropriate if issues arise. This monitoring and approach has already been demonstrated through the recent dredging works undertaken at the harbour entrance following the formation of a shingle bank.

Harbour users are reminded of the importance of regularly monitoring the Council's [Local Notices to Mariners](#) which provide essential information relating to navigational safety.

(6) Health and Safety

Incident and Accident Reporting

Most serious marine accidents are preceded by smaller warning events.

The Harbour Service is reminding all harbour users — leisure and commercial — of their responsibility to report incidents and near misses that occur within the seaward limits of the harbour and on the harbour estate, even where there has been no injury or significant damage.

An incident does not need to be dramatic to matter. A close-quarters situation between vessels, minor contact with a pontoon or harbour wall, a grounding on a falling tide, temporary engine or steering failure, or a person slipping on a slipway may all provide valuable learning opportunities. Even a situation that simply “could have been worse” is worth reporting.

By sharing information, harbour users help the Harbour Authority to identify emerging risks, assess whether any mitigation measures need to be put in place and to meet its responsibilities under the Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code.

Reporting is not about apportioning blame. It is about prevention. Smaller incidents often highlight patterns or developing issues that can be addressed before something more serious occurs.

If an incident or near miss takes place, please inform us either in person at the Harbour Office or via Clic@ceredigion.gov.uk or 01545 570 881 as soon as practicable.

(7) Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC)

The Council has appointed Jonathan Warren as the independent Designated Person (DP) following a procurement exercise. Jonathan has carried out an external audit of the Harbour Services in accordance with the requirements of the PMSC.

Information on the PMSC and the Council’s Marine Safety Plan can be viewed on our [web page](#).

(8) UKHMA Welsh Regional Meeting

Aberystwyth, and more widely Ceredigion, was proud to host the UK Harbour Masters Association Welsh Regional Meeting on the 29th October 2026 which took place at the National Library of Wales.

The regional meeting was a success, being well received and both productive and insightful. The meeting was attended by Harbourmasters from across Wales, representing a range of ports, harbours, marine facilities and operations. We would like to thank Martin Willis and Alan Mcpherson of the UKHMA and the staff at the National Library of Wales who helped to support and facilitate the meeting.



UKHMA Members (including Owen & Robyn) at the Welsh Regional Meeting.

(9) Harbour Surgeries

Harbours Surgeries Scheduled surgery style meetings are 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, December and March (except for March 2026 where additional surgeries will be held in light of the impact of the Pre Election Sensitivity Period on the Harbour Users Consultative Committee) 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

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated with Harbour Users.

(10) Making Contact and Feedback

Please note: The technical services mailbox is no longer in use and is not monitored.

Should you wish to contact the Harbours Service you can do so via:

Email: cllc@ceredigion.gov.uk

Phone: 01545 570 881

Post: Ceredigion County Council

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We always welcome and encourage constructive feedback from stakeholders and we look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks from,

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