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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 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) The Summer Season Team

The Harbour Services Team underwent a small restructure during the summer season. This saw Mervyn Jones continuing in the role of Seasonal Harbour Assistant with Chay Sanders being appointed to the position of Harbour Works Leader and Dafydd Richmond being appointed to the role of Seasonal Harbour Assistant. Chay, Dafydd and Mervyn settled in well as a team and were very popular and useful throughout the summer season.

Dafydd has had an interesting and varied career to date and recently moved back from Argentina prior to joining the Harbour Services Team. Dafydd recently secured a new position as a Drug and Substance Misuse Officer with the County Council, we would like to wish him the very best in his new role.

Chay has also had an interesting career within Local Government and recently returned to Ceredigion as he and his family moved from Cardiff. Chay will be staying with the Harbour Services Team on a full-time basis throughout the year.

(2) Harbour User Committee Meetings

The next Harbour Users Committee meetings will take place on **19 October 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, the Council's contact centre: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk / 01545 570881.

(3) Port Waste Management Plans (PWMPs)

Work is ongoing to finalise the PWMP and once it has been approved by the MCA it will be implemented in the three Harbours. The works to introduce the infrastructure to support the Plan has been completed over the summer period in readiness for its implementation in the very near future. Facilities for the disposal of waste which will be available to leisure users only will include:

- 5) General Waste
- 6) Mixed recycling (including metals, paper, card, plastics)
- 7) Batteries
- 8) Oil filters

Commercial users' waste and any other forms of waste not mentioned above will be rejected and Harbour users will be expected to make their own legally compliant arrangements for the disposal of any such waste.

Further information around arrangements for accessing these facilities will be communicated with leisure morning holders in due course.

(4) Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy Consultation

The Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy Consultation is now live and will close on **20 October 2023**.

Instruction, guidance and advice on the consultation can be found by following the below link.

[Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy Public - Ceredigion County Council](#)

(5) Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme

Ceredigion County Council are pleased to confirm that the Contract for the works has now been awarded. The works are now scheduled to commence on site in December 2023. The Harbour Service will continue to update all Aberaeron Harbour Users as and when necessary.

(6) Harbour Maintenance

In March and April 2023 the Harbour Service carried out maintenance on the bed chains at New Quay Harbour. Whilst every effort was made to do the same at Aberaeron, the water level at the time was too high for machinery and workers to access the bed chains, some minor stretching and repositioning of chains was carried out, and debris were removed ahead of the lift in.



Other general maintenance works undertaken over the Summer period has included:

- works to the Pier at New Quay
- works to some of the navigational marks at Harbours
- the Drying Grid in Aberystwyth has been cleaned.

The Harbour Team has also been undertaking some general tidying in the vicinities of the Harbour and the Council's Grounds maintenance team have been undertaking some weed removal works at New Quay and Aberystwyth. This work will be ongoing, and we would be grateful if Harbour Users could ensure that they do not leave or store any unauthorised items or leave any waste on the Harbour Estates.

(7) 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.

With this in mind, we would like to remind Harbour Users that ladders should be free from any attachments such as ropes, chains or any other mooring devices/apparatus at all times. The ladders are not designated or designed for this purpose and such attachments restrict access / use of the ladders, introduce trip and other hazards to other harbour users and can also damage the integrity of the ladder. In addition, ladders should not be used as a means to secure / moor any vessel, even on a temporary basis.

Any items that you may have attached to ladders on the harbour estate must be removed and stored or disposed of appropriately. Should items remain attached to ladders, the Harbour Service will look to remove and ultimately dispose of any items found as part of regular and ad hoc inspections.

(8) 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:

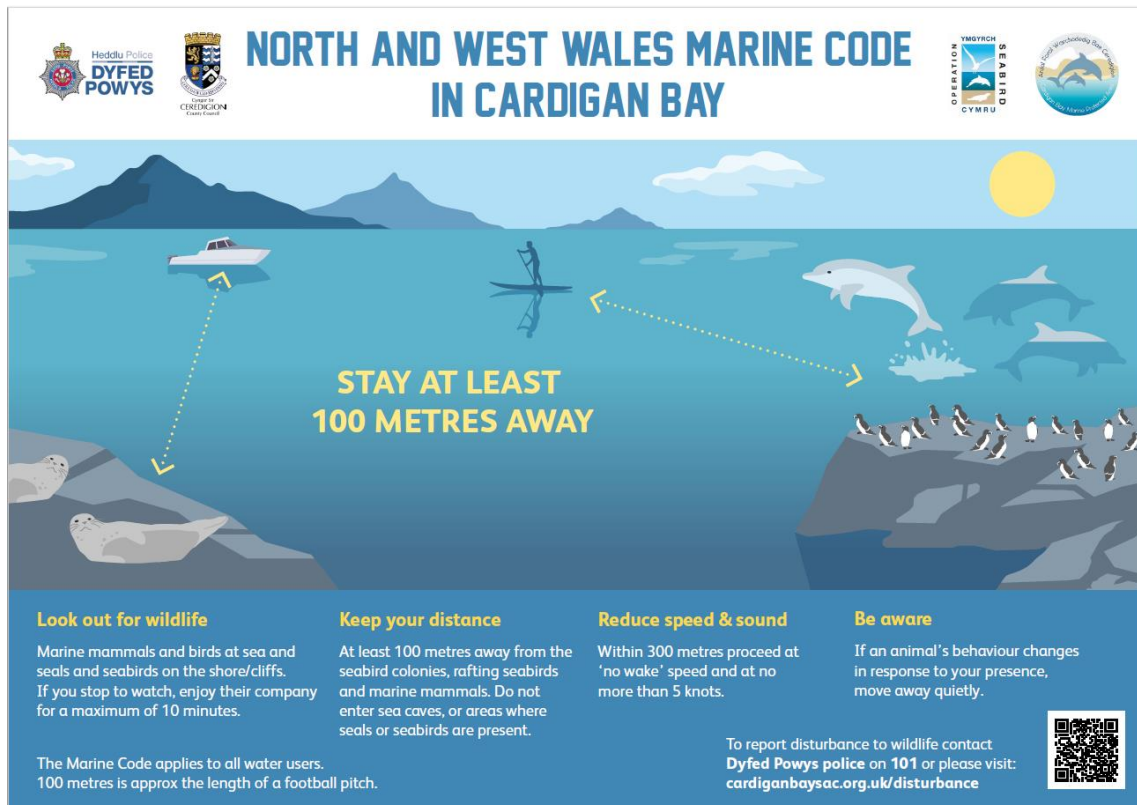
Aberystwyth- Last Tuesday of every month at 14:00

Aberaeron – Last Wednesday of every month 14:00

New Quay – Last Thursday of every month 14:00

(9) Cardigan Bay Code of Conduct

All Harbour Users are reminded that they should be aware of and comply with the North and West Wales Marine Code in Cardigan Bay. A copy of the code can be found below for information. The Council wish to remind all Harbour, boat, and recreational users to always follow the Code.



The poster features logos for Dyfed Powys Police, Ceredigion County Council, Operation Seabird Cymru, and the Welsh Marine Mammals Society. The central illustration shows a boat, a kayaker, dolphins, and seabirds on a rocky shore. A yellow dashed line with arrows indicates a 100-metre safety zone around the wildlife. The text 'STAY AT LEAST 100 METRES AWAY' is prominently displayed in the center.

Look out for wildlife
Marine mammals and birds at sea and seals and seabirds on the shore/cliffs. If you stop to watch, enjoy their company for a maximum of 10 minutes.


Keep your distance
At least 100 metres away from the seabird colonies, rafting seabirds and marine mammals. Do not enter sea caves, or areas where seals or seabirds are present.

Reduce speed & sound
Within 300 metres proceed at 'no wake' speed and at no more than 5 knots.

Be aware
If an animal's behaviour changes in response to your presence, move away quietly.

The Marine Code applies to all water users. 100 metres is approx the length of a football pitch.

To report disturbance to wildlife contact Dyfed Powys police on 101 or please visit: cardiganbaysac.org.uk/disturbance



(10) Aids to Navigation and Local Notices to Mariners

All Aids to Navigation (navigational lights, marks and buoys) that are the responsibility of Ceredigion County Council are inspected monthly for defects, in the event of any such defect a Local Notice to Mariners will be issued, and a follow up will also be issued if and when the defect or issue has been resolved.

Harbour Users are asked to inform the Harbour's Team in the event of them becoming aware of or spotting a defect (for example a missing mark or extinguished light). Defects should be reported via the contact details provided in section 13 below.

Local Notices to Mariners are issued by the Authority to inform mariners of any operations or works taking place which may affect the safety of navigation in the vicinity.

As such, all Harbour Users are advised to keep take note and observe all Local Notices to Mariners are also posted outside each harbour office at New Quay, Aberaeron and Aberystwyth. It is intended that in the near future current live Local Notices to Mariners issued by the Harbours Team will be available on the Council's website.

(11) Stringent Timelines for Applications

The Harbour Authority will be taking a more robust approach in relation to mooring application timelines. All 'Confirmation of Summer and Winter Mooring Requirement' applications must be returned by **the date noted on the renewal documentation sent**. Provided that the application is approved, an invoice will subsequently be sent and, the mooring fee must be paid in full by **the date noted on the invoice**. Failure to comply with either of these requirements will result in the mooring being reallocated in accordance with the Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy.

(12) Insurance

Harbour Users are reminded that they are required to always maintain appropriate and valid insurance for their vessels whilst on their mooring or on winter storage facilities. This is outlined in the Confirmation of Summer and Winter Mooring Requirement application forms with mooring holders confirming they will abide by this as part of the application.

(13) Incident Reporting System

Harbour Users are reminded of the requirement for them to report any incidents, accidents or near misses within the Harbours to the Harbour Services Team. This will then enable the Council to consider whether there may be a requirement for any action to be taken in response.

You can report an instances to the Harbours Team at the Harbour Offices during their opening hours or via the contact details noted in section 13 below.

(14) Making Contact and Feedback

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

Email: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk
Phone: 01545 570 881
Post: Ceredigion County Council
Canolfan Rheidol
Rhodfa Padarn
Llanbadarn Fawr
Aberystwyth
Ceredigion
SY23 3UE

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

With thanks,

The Summer 2023 Harbours Team

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Dafydd Richmond Seasonal Harbour Assistant



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