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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 floating ropes and anchors. 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.

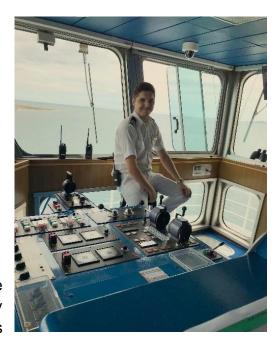
Updates

(1) Appointment of New Harbour Manager.

In early June 2021 Ceredigion County Council was pleased to appoint Owen Morgan, a maritime professional and former Officer of the Watch in the Merchant Navy, to the new role of Harbour Manager.

Owen's experience has taken him into many ports and harbours around the world, more recently Owen served as a 3rd Officer on cruise ships and ferries. As a local boy, Owen is particularly eager to have a positive influence at the harbours by looking to meet the requirements and expectations of the various harbour users and other stakeholders.

Owen has relished his new role and has found the Ceredigion Harbour Management Policy to be particularly useful as the document which underpins and supports his approach to the day to day management of the harbours.



Owen on the Bridge of the M.V. Pacific Aria at anchor watch in Fiji.

(2) Harbour User Committee Meetings.

Harbour Users Committee meetings usually take place biannually but have unfortunately been postponed in recent years due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Moving forward the Council is looking into alternative virtual arrangements for forums such as this. However, we are keen to maintain regular and ongoing contact with stakeholders and the Calm Waters publication provides a means of giving an update on activities in the harbours. Stakeholders can easily contact the Harbour Services Team through Clic, the Council's customer services interface, via the details provided below.

(3) Port Waste Management Plan.

The Harbour Services Team have been working with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) on reviewing our Port Waste Management Plan. Our aim is to develop and implement a plan which is compliant and provides appropriate and adequate waste facilities for harbour users. The Plans will assist in keeping our beautiful coastline waste free and clean The Plans will be published and shared with harbour users in the coming months.

(4) Clean Up.

It is the duty of those who produce waste to deal with it responsibly and legally. In order to support this the Harbour Services Team organised clean up days during the autumn which had a significant impact on improving the cleanliness of the harbours. This is beneficial from an aesthetic, environmental, operational and health and safety perspective.

The Harbour Services Team wishes to thank all of those who helped with the autumn clean ups and, as part of Caru Ceredigion, would like to encourage everyone to play their part in keeping the harbours clean and safe.

(5) Harbours Management Policy.

It is intended to start work on reviewing the Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy. This will consider feedback received as well as reflecting changes that have occurred and experiences encountered since the current Policy was adopted and approved in 2013. Prior to any changes being adopted the new Policy will be subject to consultation.

(6) Handing Over the Watch.

2021 saw the departure of two long standing stalwarts of CCC's Harbour Services Team.

Lt Cdr Peter Norrington-Davies, the Ceredigion Harbourmaster retired at the turn of the year while in July Peter Evans, the Harbour Assistant based in Aberaeron retired.

Both had provided many years of loyal service and were very well thought of. We would like to thank them very much for their efforts and wish them well for a long, healthy and happy retirement.



Peter Norrington-Davies at the Aberystwyth Harbour Office in the early years, August 1999.



Peter Norrington- Davies at the Aberystwyth Harbour Office in the latter part of his long career.



Peter Evans at the Aberaeron Harbour Office with Loose Women Presenter the late Lynda Bellingham.

(7) Aberaeron Coastal Defences.

Works are scheduled to be awarded to the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme during the spring 2022. The scheme will see improvements to the harbour which will be beneficial to the town and harbour by protecting vessels, assets, properties and local businesses from the elements.

(8) Dredging.

Dredging for each of the Harbours is currently being planned for March 2022. A local notices to mariners will be issued to all appropriate stakeholders and displayed on each of the Harbour Offices.

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.**

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

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