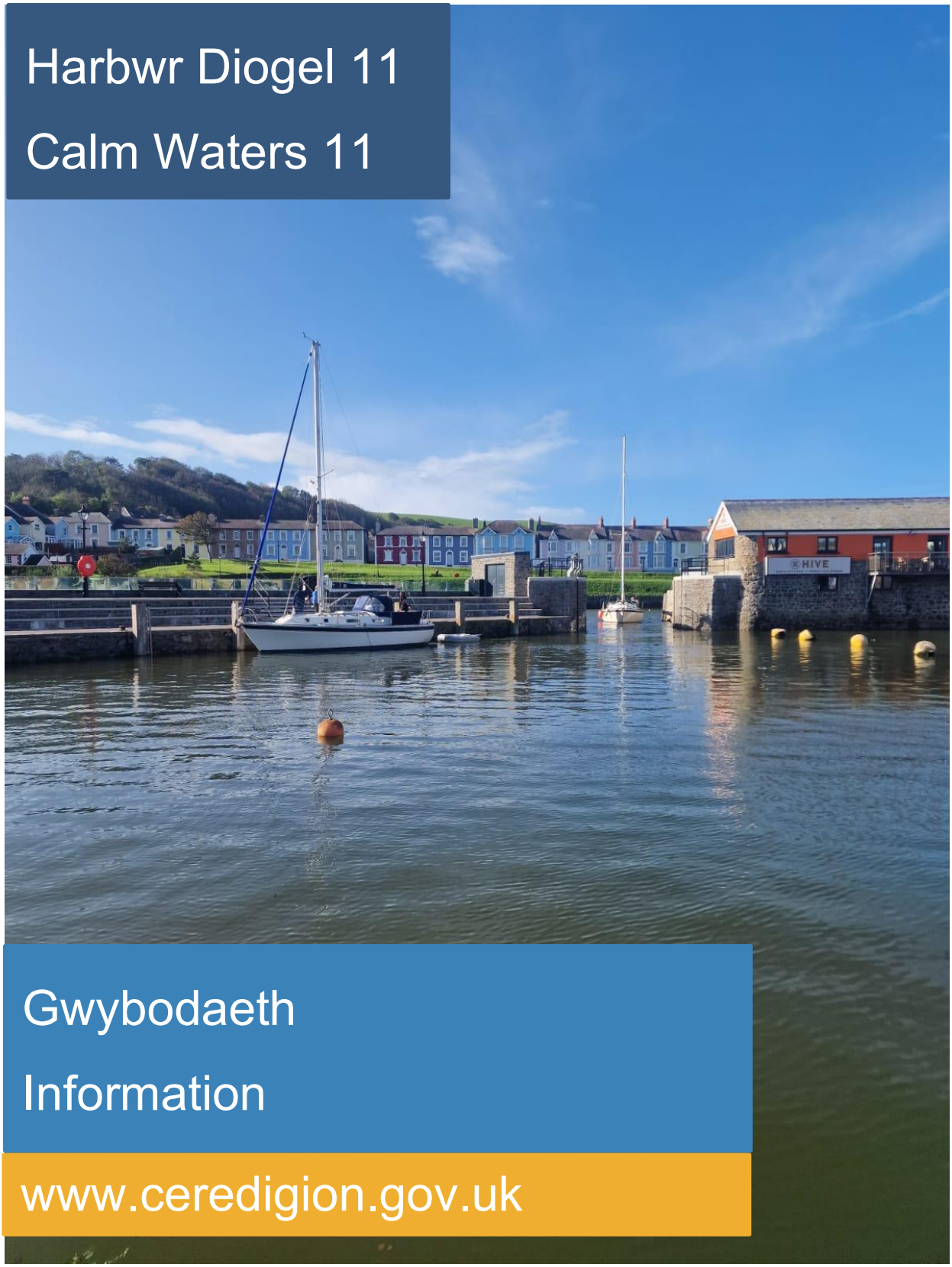
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Ceredigion County Council's harbours at Aberaeron, Aberystwyth and New Quay are fantastic resources and attractions. To help maintain *Calm Waters* across our harbours and keep them safe, enjoyable and attractive for everyone, we would like to remind harbour users of a few important responsibilities and guidelines.



Please:

- Always be considerate and respectful of all other harbour users and the public.
- Always be considerate, respectful of and value the local wildlife.
- 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.
- Deal with all your waste legally and responsibly. This includes and extends from spent fishing equipment to waste oil.
- Store all equipment safely and in an appropriate place. This includes tenders, buoys, pots and other fishing equipment.
- 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.
- Respond positively to any advice or instruction issued by any of the Harbours' staff.
- 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.
- Contact 999 in any kind of emergency.

The Harbours are managed in accordance with the Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy and the Ports and Marine 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 returned as Seasonal Harbour Assistant and thoroughly enjoyed her season with the service.

This season Jez Broughton started with the Harbour Service, and has very much enjoyed his first season, Jez will continue working with the harbour service throughout the winter months until December.

'*This summer, I have thoroughly enjoyed working as a Seasonal Harbour Assistant with Ceredigion County Council, gaining valuable experience across New Quay, Aberystwyth and Aberaeron harbours. My role has involved supporting the day-to-day running of the harbours, working with leisure and commercial users, carrying out daily safety inspections and monthly checks, and liaising with harbour users, colleagues and the many visitors to the area. I have really enjoyed the variety that each day has brought, meeting and helping different people and being part of the busy summer atmosphere along the Ceredigion coast. It has been a fantastic opportunity to develop my communication, customer service and operational skills while working in such a unique and enjoyable environment. I am extremely grateful for the experience and memories I have gained during my time with Harbour Services and am already looking forward to returning next April for the start of the next season*.'



Jez at Aberaeron Harbour

(2) Harbour Works

Several important works have been completed across the harbours, these include:

Mooring Rings at New Quay

Works to the mooring points at New Quay Harbour have been successfully completed. The new moorings provide more secure and robust facilities for vessels mooring at Penpolion and the pier end.

Dredging and Debris Removal Works

Dredging works across all harbours are currently being scoped and organised ahead of March 2027. Harbour users are encouraged to engage with the Harbour Authority regarding these works and are reminded to monitor Local Notices to Mariners.

Aberystwyth Central Pontoon Works

Works to the central pontoon at Aberystwyth have been completed, and harbour users were able to return to the pontoon during the summer season.



New pontoon at Aberystwyth and line painting works.

Aberystwyth Line Painting

Line-painting works have been completed at Aberystwyth. Existing lines have been repainted to clearly delineate areas for vehicle use and access.



Repainted lines at Aberystwyth Harbour.

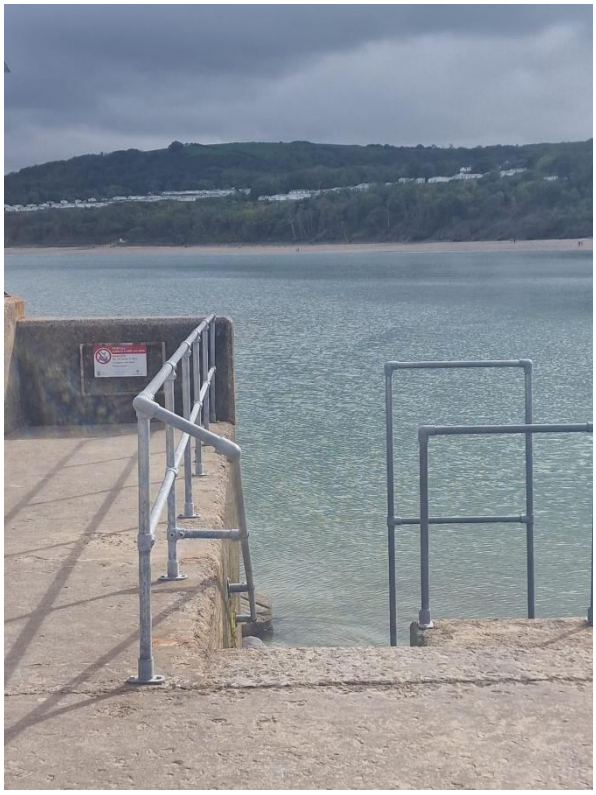
Railings at Aberystwyth and New Quay

Railings at Aberystwyth have been maintained and railings at New Quay have been replaced.

Harbour Cleanliness

Works for Aberystwyth and New Quay were carried out; waste was removed in accordance with the harbours Port Waste Management Plan. The Harbour Service will be taking a stricter approach to waste management over the winter; any unauthorised waste accumulation or items being stored on the harbour estate will be treated as a fly tipping.






Clockwise from top left: painted railings at Aberystwyth Harbour, litter/waste removal from Aberystwyth harbour, new railings in New Quay and new mooring points at Penpolion, New Quay.

Further works are planned for the winter period including:

- Signage installation relating to tombstoning, tidal cut off at New Quay and signage for Aberystwyth Harbour Office
- Dredging works – scoping for all harbours.
- Repair and maintenance work to several Aids to Navigation.

(3) Harbour User Consultative Meetings

The next Harbour Users Committee meetings will take place on **2nd November 2026** at the following times and will be held virtually on Zoom/Teams.

17:30 Aberaeron
18:15 New Quay
19:00 Aberystwyth

While the meetings provide an opportunity to discuss matters there are many ways that stakeholders can liaise with the Harbour Service including in person at the Harbours or via Clic, the Council's contact centre: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk / 01545 570881.

(4) Health and Safety - Tombstoning

There have been reports of people tombstoning within the harbours. Jumping from harbour walls, piers, pontoons or other structures into the water is extremely dangerous and is strongly discouraged. Water depths and underwater hazards can vary, while harbour waters may contain moving vessels, strong currents and other risks that are not immediately visible.

Parents and guardians are asked to ensure that children and young people in their care understand these risks. Please report any concerns or incidents to Harbour Service staff. In an emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

The Harbour Service met with the RNLI (when?) to discuss these concerns and agree how the organisations can work together to raise awareness of the risks.
RNLI warns of the risks of tombstoning and the dangers of copycat behaviour | RNLI

(5) Harbour Service Volunteer for RNLI

Robyn and Chloe are doing the Council and their communities proud by volunteering as RNLI crew members, further developing their sector-specific skills and knowledge. Recently, Robyn completed her Tier 1 training, while Chloe completed her Emergency Procedures course at the RNLI College in Poole.



Robyn and Chloe in their PPE at New Quay Lifeboat Station.

(6) Oil Spill Preparedness

The Harbour Service will be progressing work to strengthen oil spill preparedness across Ceredigion's harbours. This work will ensure the Harbour Service can respond effectively to any tier 1 (small-scale) pollution incident and understand how to escalate to a tier 2 to meet regulatory requirements.

This will include reviewing response procedures, training staff, assessing equipment needs and undertaking exercises to test our arrangements. While significant pollution incidents within our harbours are rare, being prepared helps to minimise environmental impacts and supports the protection of our coastline, harbour users and local wildlife.

Harbour users can assist by ensuring vessels are properly maintained, carrying out fuel transfers carefully and reporting any signs of pollution to Harbour staff as soon as possible. In an emergency, contact 999 and ask for the Coastguard.
Further updates on this work will be provided in future editions of Calm Waters.

(7) Winter Readiness

As the winter season approaches, harbour users are encouraged to prepare their vessels and equipment for more challenging weather conditions .

Please ensure that:

- Mooring lines, chains, shackles and ground tackle are inspected and remain in good condition.
- Vessels are properly secured and regularly checked particularly following periods of strong winds or heavy rainfall.
- Bilge pumps, batteries and electrical systems are maintained and functioning correctly.
- Sails, covers, fenders and loose equipment are secured to prevent damage or loss.
- Contact details held by the Harbour Service are kept up to date.

Harbour users carrying out winter maintenance are reminded to do so safely and responsibly. Care should be taken when undertaking hot works, working at height, using electrical equipment or handling fuels, oils, paints and other hazardous substances.

Waste materials, including waste oil, batteries, paint containers, antifoul scrapings and used equipment, must be disposed of responsibly and in accordance with relevant environmental requirements and the Port Waste Management Plan. Harbour users should ensure that maintenance activities do not cause pollution, obstruction or nuisance to other harbour users.

Regular inspections and preventative maintenance carried out during the winter months can help avoid costly repairs and ensure vessels are ready for the start of the next season.

(8)Harbour Surgeries

Open door meetings are held at each Harbour every month, 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 as follows:

- Aberystwyth- Last Tuesday of every month at 12:00 – 14:00
- Aberaeron – Last Wednesday of every month 12:00 – 14:00
- New Quay – Last Thursday of every month 12:00 – 14:00

Any changes to this schedule will be communicated to Harbour Users.

(9) 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: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk

Phone: 01545 570 881

Post: Ceredigion County Council

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We look forward to hearing from you.

With thanks from,

The Harbour Service

Owen Morgan AFNI HM Cert, Harbour Manager

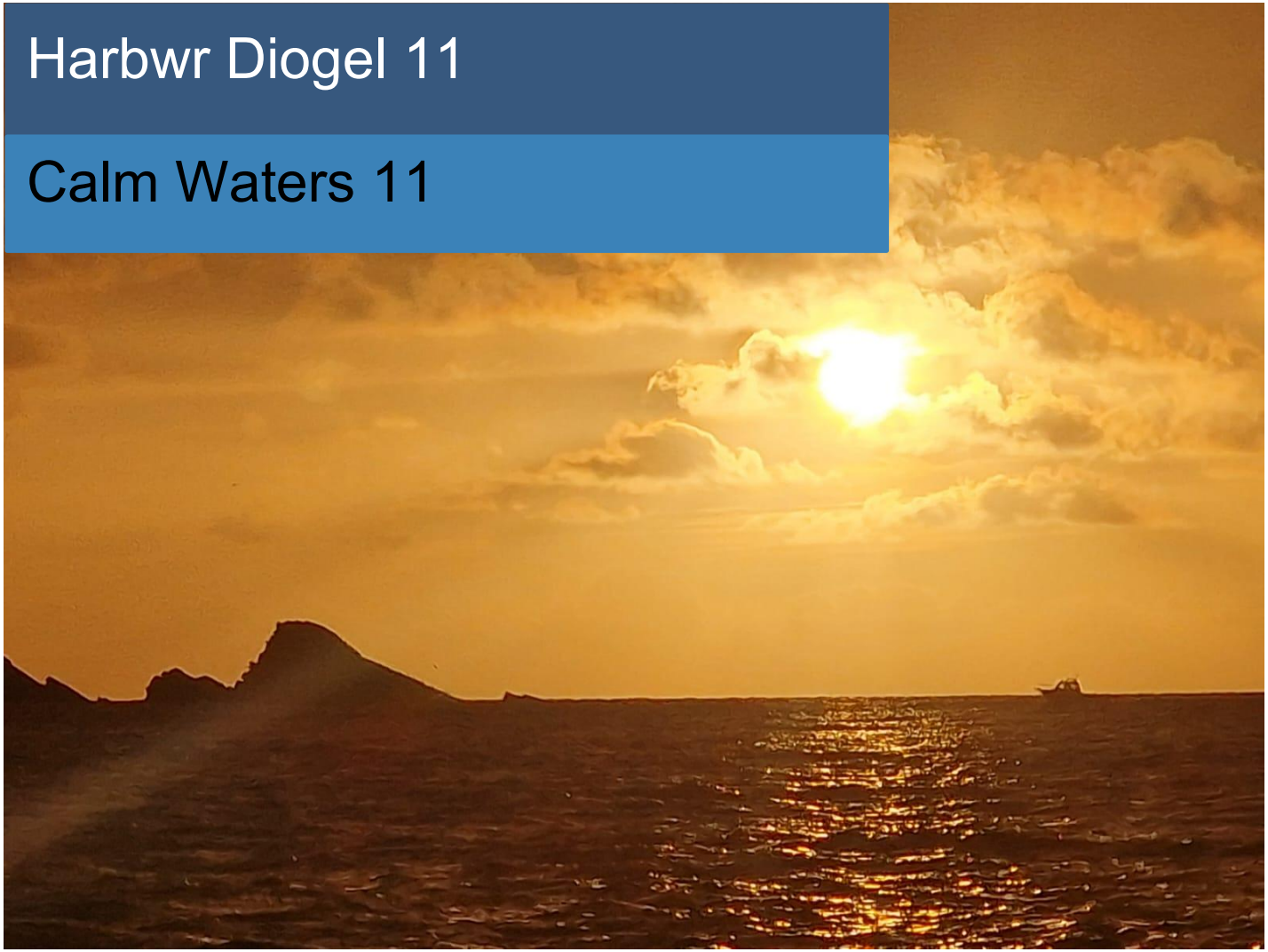
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