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Meeting

BARMOUTH HARBOUR CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, TUESDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 2018

Location

**Parlwr Mawr, Theatr y Ddraig, Barmouth Community Centre,
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MEMBERSHIP:

Gwynedd Council:

Louise Hughes
Eryl Jones-Williams
Gethin Glyn Williams

Co-Opted Members:

Councillor Rob Triggs
Mike Ellis

Councillor R A Williams
To be confirmed
Dr John Smith
Wendy Ponsford
John Johnson

Mark James
Martin Parouty

Barmouth Town Council
Member of the Three Peaks Yacht Race
Committee
Barmouth Resort Improvement Group
Arthog Community Council
Barmouth Viaduct Access Group
Merioneth Yacht Club
Barmouth and Cardigan Bay Sea Fisheries
Association
Royal National Lifeboat Institution
Barmouth Harbour & Estuary Users Group

Observers:

Peter Read
Dr John Jones-Morris

Ioan Thomas

Pwllheli Harbour Consultative Committee
Porthmadog Consultative Harbour
Committee
Cabinet Member for Economic Development

A G E N D A

1. ELECT CHAIR

To elect chair for 2018/19

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR

To elect vice chair for 2018/19

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. MINUTES

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To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the Barmouth Consultative Committee held on 6.3.2018

6. HARBOUR SAFETY

To consider any harbour safety matters.

7. UPDATE ON HARBOUR MANAGEMENT MATTERS

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To consider a report by the Senior Harbours Officer

8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

- Consider allowing Representative of Fairbourne Amenities Trust as co-optee on committee

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee will be held on 26th of March 2019

Agenda Item 5

Minutes of a meeting of the Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee that took place on 6 March 2018 at the Dragon Theatre, Barmouth

PRESENT

Councillor Gethin Williams - Chairman
Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams - Vice-chairman

Cllr. Julian Kirkham (Arthog Community Council), Cllr. R. Triggs (Barmouth Town Council), Cllr. Mark James (RNLI), Mrs Wendy Ponsford (Member of the Meirionnydd Yacht Club), Mr Martin Parouty (Barmouth Harbour Users Group), Mr Mike Ellis (Three Peaks Race Committee)

Officers

Mr Llŷr B. Jones - Senior Manager - Economy and Community
Mr Barry Davies - Maritime and Country Parks Officer
Mr Arthur F. Jones - Senior Harbours Officer
Mr Glyn Jones - Barmouth Harbour Master
Mrs Glynda O'Brien - Member Support Officer
Mrs Mererid Watt - Translator

Apologies: Councillor Ioan Ceredig Thomas (Cabinet Member - Economy), Cllr. Louise Hughes (Gwynedd Council), Mr John Johnson (Barmouth and Cardigan Bay Sea Fisheries Association), Cllr. Rob Williams (BRIG), Dr John Smith (Barmouth Viaduct Access Group).

1. **DECLARATION OF PERSONAL CONNECTION**

The following members declared a personal connection for the reasons noted:

- (a) Cllr. Gethin Williams - member of the Community Trust
- (b) Cllr. Julian Kirkham - related to one of the ferry operators
- (c) Mr Mike Ellis - member of the Three Peaks Race Committee
- (d) Mrs Wendy Ponsford – member of the Yacht Club, member of the Community Trust
- (e) Cllr. Rob Triggs - member of the Community Trust, member of the Yacht Club
- (f) Mr Martin Parouty – a commercial operator in the Harbour, member of the Yacht Club and the Community Trust

Members did not vote on the matters that dealt with their personal interest.

2. **MINUTES**

Submitted: Minutes of a meeting of the Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee held on 23 October 2017.

Resolved: To accept and approve the minutes as correct, subject to the following amendments:

Item 6(b) – Reference was made to the minute and Cllr. Rob Triggs wished to note that there was no strop failure.

In response to the above, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer explained that the documentation needed to be reviewed and he stressed the importance of receiving current and correct evidence regarding the condition of the moorings. He added that every boat owner had

a responsibility to ensure that moorings were fit for purpose. It was confirmed that the Council's moorings were suitable and of a high standard.

In response to a query regarding the risk to the Council with the condition of moorings, the Maritime and Country Parks gave an assurance that there was no risk at all to the Council. However, it was emphasised that it would be a cause of concern, and would have an impact on the insurance premium of boat owners, if the privately owned moorings were not up to standard with relevant evidence to back this up.

Matters arising from the minutes:

(a) Item 6(d) - Maintenance

It was noted that the Senior Harbours Officer and the Harbour Master could update Members on the winter maintenance work programme.

(b) Resolution (b) in Item 6 - Emergency Telephones

In response to an enquiry from a Member, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer explained that the Emergency telephones service had not been used for over two years and that mobile phone signals for 999 was available in each of the locations where these telephones are sited except for Porth Ceiriad in Dwyfor.

Resolved: To convey to the relevant Cabinet Member, the Consultative Committee's approval to remove the Emergency Services Telephones at Barmouth and Fairbourne due to the costs involved and the lack of use.

(ch) Item (iv) - Parking Safety

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that he and the Senior Transport Officer had discussed the section of land coloured with yellow lines near the SS Dora building and he had received confirmation that it was part of the parking order. The owner of any vehicle parked on the area in question would receive a parking ticket from the Enforcement Officer.

It was added that no further decision had been made regarding a road adjacent to the compound.

(c) Events

It was reported that the minute was misleading in terms of organising events in the Harbour and that the minute should read that "organisers should contact the Maritime Service first to get permission to hold activities".

(dd) Cordoned-off activities area

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that the area under the bridge, near the old lifeboat station had been identified as an activities area and that a row of yellow buoys would be placed there to keep boats from this specific area, and to trial this for a period. It was explained that there was no other area available and the water had not been identified as bathing water. The need for competition organisers to undertake risk assessment was emphasised in order to ensure the safety of competitors.

(d) **General tidiness and storage around the Harbour**

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that it was important to ensure cooperation with commercial Harbour users in order to ensure general tidiness around the Harbour. In response to a query by a Member, it was explained that the situation was not the same as Aberdyfi harbour where the Coastguard Agency's inspectors (MCA) noted that there was a need to tidy-up the area around Aberdyfi harbour quay.

(e) **Powerboat / Personal Watercraft Exclusion Zone**

Stemming from a concern highlighted by a Member regarding the statement in the minutes of the previous meeting that there was no risk to the public if the buoys were not be reinstated to mark the bathing zone, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that only a very low number bathed in the zone in question and the view of the Maritime Service was not to use buoys to mark the zone and the risk was low as boats did not navigate close enough to the shore in this area. The Harbour staff will keep an eye on the area in question over the summer months and report on their observations.

It was added that the Service placed buoys up the estuary near Caerddaniel in order to reduce risk, however, it was laborious and costly to reinstate them on station daily as well as the fact that a substantial number were lost annually.

3. **THE MARITIME OFFICER'S REPORT**

Submitted: The report of the Maritime and Country Parks Officer, Mr Barry Davies, updating the committee on Harbour management matters.

(a) Alison Kinsey, Coordinator of Cardigan Bay Fisheries Local Action Group, who had requested to attend the meeting, was welcomed and she explained the purpose of FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group). The following main points were noted:-

- That there were four groups operational in Wales for the purpose of supporting the fishing industry and communities: St Dogmael's to Barmouth, Anglesey and Gwynedd, Swansea Bay and Cleddau to the Coast
- That FLAG received European funding and approximately £160,000 was available until 2020 and it was trusted that this could be used to assist small community led projects.
- That a strategy had been created based on local need
- Priority was given to funding projects that:
 - add value
 - create jobs
 - attract young people, and
 - promote innovation at all stages of the supply chain from fisheries products
- Financial revenue support can be offered towards new projects such as:
project development, pilot projects, feasibility studies, training, mentoring, facilitating and consultation.

Examples were given of the types of activities that could take place with FLAG assistance:

- Seafood Festival on the quay
- Seafood cooking competition between the chefs of local hotels
- Send out a fleet of fishermen to sea to catch fish
- Encourage the local school to take part in a seafood cookery competition

- Working with a group of local fishermen to hold activities, etc.

To conclude, the Coordinator explained that Mr Neil Storkey from Aberdyfi, worked closely with her and having a representative from Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee would be advantageous to be part of future FLAG meetings.

In addition, reference was made to Cywain which was part of the Menter a Busnes projects developed to support the development of products and markets for agricultural and fisheries produce.

During the ensuing discussion, the following points were highlighted by individual Members:

- That Barmouth had excellent restaurants and it would be ideal to host a seafood festival on the quay
- That the Cambrian group actively collected plastic material that is washed up onto the beach

It was proposed and seconded to nominate Cllr. Rob Triggs as a contact point from this Consultative Committee and the Coordinator promised to contact him directly with any further information.

Resolved: To approve the nomination of Councillor Rob Triggs to represent this Consultative Committee at FLAG group meetings in the area.

(b) The Chairman noted that it was not necessary for the Maritime and Country Parks Officer to guide Members through the contents of the report and he asked Members if they wished to raise or highlight any matters stemming from the contents of the report. To this end, the following matters were highlighted from the report of the Maritime and Country Parks Officer

(i) **Sand Removal** - after many years work to keep afon Ysgethin flowing, it appeared that the sand dunes were disappearing into the sea and Natural Resources Wales were not willing to do anything about this. Unfortunately, due to not listening, the problem with sand clearance at Barmouth will get worse. The above observations were supported by another Member and it was stated that the relevant departments should discuss the matter, and that Natural Resources Wales should be challenged.

(ii) **Coastguard Agency** -it was asked if the inspectors intended to visit Barmouth as they had not visited as part of the inspection due to time restrictions.

In response, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer noted that although there was no specific reference in their report to Barmouth Harbour, the Safety Code was relevant to all Harbours and they were aware of what is happening in Barmouth.

Attention was drawn to the intention of the inspectors to undertake yet another visit in the Autumn and they will attend the Porthmadog Harbour Consultative Committee with an opportunity for all Harbour Committee members to attend this meeting and there might be an opportunity for the inspectors to visit Barmouth.

The Senior Manager Economy and Community added that the main purpose of the report was to investigate governance arrangements and harbour management.

(iii) It was asked if everyone had to pay the Crown Estates fee for the sum of £25.00 in addition to the mooring fee.

In response, the Maritime and Country Parks Officer confirmed that all moorings owners had to pay the above fee in every Harbour, including the Council's moorings, except for Pwllheli Harbour as the cost for that harbour was £150,000 annually payable to the Crown Estate. It was added that it was not possible to challenge the fee as they could charge more if they wished, and that similar arrangements existed in other counties for many years now.

- (iv) Thanks was given for the safety signage from the RNLI. It was added that the signs would be erected in suitable places immediately and they could be erected in a short time.
- (v) In terms of changing the date of the Motorcross event on Barmouth beach, as it conflicted with school half-term holidays and that Barmouth would be busy anyway and the car park full, it was understood from the organisers that it was difficult to move the date as they were limited to that date as a result of other competitions that occur throughout Britain.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were highlighted:

- That one of the caravan shops intended to close during the above event, if it was on the same date as the half-term holidays, along with the Lifeboat Shop as it would be too busy and this meant they would have to keep control of their stock.
- The event was originally welcomed to Barmouth in order to extend the holiday season for the benefit of the local economy.
- If the event did not come to Barmouth this would be a loss to the hotels and bed and breakfast establishments
- That it was intended to provide a questionnaire to local businesses to find out if the event benefited businesses.
- Would it be possible to move this event to another weekend in November to coincide with Bonfire Night, however it was stated that Remembrance Sunday was on 10th November.

Resolved: To request that the Maritime and Country Parks Officer contacts Mr Tom Arnold, Motorcross Organiser to initially find out if it would be possible to move the event this year to another weekend and to suggest that it coincides with Bonfire Night; and secondly, if this is not possible, could they consider a date that will avoid half-term in 2019.

(vi) A Member noted that it was proposed to establish a Lifesaving Group and it was suggested that the Maritime Service should be notified when a meeting had been organised.

(vii) In the context of 'trot' moorings, the member of the Three Peaks Race Committee noted that these moorings belonged to their Committee and there had been extended discussions in the past regarding their suitability. It was noted that expensive boats had moored on them without any trouble. The Three Peaks Race Committee were more than willing for the Council to use the moorings if they wished, following the race. It was suggested that the local contractor and the Maritime Service should discuss the matter further to use one or two of the above moorings.

It was understood from the Town Councillor that the Three Peaks Race Committee had recently submitted a financial application to the Town Council. It was further noted that the Town Councillor had met the Senior Harbours Officer to discuss better use of the moorings and that another meeting was to be arranged.

- (viii) The Town Councillor noted that the Town Council had proposed to fund a small project in the cemetery area to provide chains to allow launching. The matter would be discussed further with the Maritime Service.
- (ix) The Committee was given an assurance that moorings, where there are no forms for them, would be taken out during the summer.

Resolved: To accept and note the contents of the report of the Maritime and Country Parks Officer.

4. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(that had not been considered as part of the Maritime and Country Parks Officer's report)

(a) Barmouth Town Council - Dredging

It was asked if there was anything that the Council could do?

The Maritime and Country Parks Officer reported that it had to be accepted that the channel was changing and closing naturally with the channel going further away from the Harbour, and they had to be realistic in terms of the restrictions of Natural Resources Wales. It was not anticipated that any dredging work would occur due to restrictions and cost.

Councillor Rob Triggs noted that he had met and discussed with officers from Natural Resources Wales regarding undertaking work at a local level with boats, and had understood that it was possible to do this without a licence.

Concern was highlighted that if there was no dredging then the Harbour could be lost.

It was suggested that a way forward would be for the Maritime and Country Parks Officer to receive the names of the officers of Natural Resources Wales to discuss the implications of dredging further, prior to taking further steps to move forward.

Resolved: To request that the Maritime and Country Parks Officer acts in accordance with the above.

(b) Arthog Community Council - Management Developments at Penrhyn Point, Fairbourne

Councillor Julian Kirkham noted that Arthog Community Council requested assistance with the following aims to manage the substantial flow of tourist traffic that reaches the area:

- That the 30mph traffic notice signs, particularly near the Golf House on the way to Penrhyn Point, had been tampered with
- Parking spaces to be painted near the 'passing loop' car park
- Repairs were requested for the road above where the road goes down to the gate.
- Zig-zag NO PARKING marks at the top of the area that has been repaired
- Parking spaces are requested in the parking area at Penrhyn Point
- Height restriction barrier in the car park area - if this is not possible, then two warning signs should be erected near the entrance to the village and the other in Penrhyn Drive North stating 'Restriction for Large Vehicles at Penrhyn Point'.

- Install a Pay and Display machine together with a parking notice '£1.00 for 4 hours' and use the money towards keeping Friog toilets open

Furthermore, Councillor Kirkham noted that Arthog Community Council was willing to manage the Fairbourne Slipway but he personally would retire from the Community Council in April and they needed young members who may be interested in managing Penrhyn Point.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

(c) Yacht Club:

- In response to allegations about closing the Promenade Road, the Chair gave an assurance that he had not heard anything about the above.
- Regarding the railings outside the Dora building, concern was expressed by the Maritime and Country Parks Officer about the damage caused to the railings by a commercial boat and a request would be made for a repayment for the damage. It was noted that there was a gap between the half slipway and the steps that caused a high risk in terms of health and safety that persons may fall into the sea and following a risk assessment it was decided to erect a fence. It was noted that the land was unsuitable for vehicles to park and this was the reason why the picnic tables had been placed there. Whilst accepting that historically boats were wintered there, it was noted that arrangements were in hand to move them and because of the high risk it was stressed that the quay surface and wall had to be protected. It was noted that it would be possible for vehicles to load and unload near the half slipway and opposite the Harbour Master's office. It was necessary to discuss the way forward with the local contractor to approve measures to reduce the risk to him and the authority.

Resolved: To accept and note the above.

- (d) Councillor Eryl Jones-Williams referred to a report regarding the North Wales Growth Deal Bid and suggested that it might be possible to attract funding for Harbour activities.

In response, the Senior Economy Manager confirmed that he was aware of the above plan and that it was a funding package for different projects.

Resolved: To accept and note the observations on the above matters.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 23 October 2018.

The meeting commenced at 10:30am and concluded at 12:40pm.

CHAIRMAN.

Agenda Item 7

MEETING	Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	23 October 2018
TITLE	Update on Harbour Management Matters
AUTHOR	Senior Harbours Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee's main function is to consider, discuss and advise on matters relating to the management, safety and development of the Harbour and to receive Member's observations on matters relating to Barmouth Harbour.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide a brief update for the attention of the Committee on harbour matters for the period March 2018 to October 2018, in order to receive feedback from the members on safety matters and the operational matters of the Harbour at Barmouth.

2. Barmouth Moorings and Boat Registration

- 2.1 In 2018/19 figures for on moorings in the Harbour were as follows:-
- 2.2 There has been 72 boats on annual moorings in 2018. This compares with 86 in 2017 and 88 in 2016. The decrease in the number of vessels present in the harbour is disappointing but cannot be attributed to any single factor. Persons moving away from the area, individuals retiring from owning vessels and vessels required to be removed by the Harbour Authority from the harbour on safety grounds have been factors. It is also accepted that we are currently living in what is an unstable and uncertain economic climate.
- 2.3 It has however been encouraging to receive a number of enquiries at the Harbour office regarding the availability of moorings for next season from new customers and the 'trot' Moorings opposite the harbour office remain fully occupied.
- 2.4 On the whole when comparing all Gwynedd Council Harbours, there has been a decrease in the number of customers over the past year in all harbours.
- 2.5 There were 1066 Power Boats registered in Gwynedd in 2018 compared to 955 registered in 2017. 75 Boats were registered at Barmouth Harbour compared to 66 last year.
- 2.6 There were 924 Personal watercraft registered in Gwynedd in 2018. This is an increase of 186 craft on the previous year 2017 when 738 were registered.
- 2.7 There were 74 Personal watercraft registered at Barmouth Harbour compared to 68 the previous year.

3. Port Marine Safety Code

- 3.1.1 The Port Marine Safety Code ('PMSC') sets out a national standard for every aspect of port marine safety. Its aim is to enhance safety for everyone who uses or works in the port marine environment. It applies to all Statutory Harbour Authorities.

The Code represents good practice as recognised by a wide range of industry stakeholders and Gwynedd Council understands that a failure to adhere to good practice may be indicative of a harbour authority being in breach of certain legal duties. It is necessary for the Service to receive the comments and views of Consultative Committee Members on the suitability of the Port Marine Safety Code and to regularly receive observations on its contents, in order that it may be reviewed as relevant to the harbour activities, navigational aids, suitability of by-laws, safety matters and general day to day work at Barmouth Harbour.

- 3.1.2 Between the 19th and 21st September 2017, a thorough inspection was carried out by auditors from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency on the existing safety arrangements and systems of Gwynedd Municipal Harbours in order to ensure compliance with the Port marine Safety Code.
- 3.1.3 Following the review undertaken the Service received a report pursuant to the inspection by the external examiners which was provided to the Consultative Committee last March.
- 3.1.4 As previously reported the examiners were of the opinion that the Service generally complied with the requirements of the code, but suggested enhancements to improve the Service compliance particularly with regard to the nominated Duty Holder and Designated Person.
- 3.1.5 As a consequence of the suggested enhancements, the independently elected Cabinet of Gwynedd Councillors, both individually and as a whole, are to be appointed as the required 'Duty Holder' of the Service and Capt M.Forbes the current Harbourmaster at Conwy is to be appointed as the required and suitably qualified 'Designated Person'.
- 3.1.6 Although the Port Marine Safety Code for the Harbours is regularly reviewed by the Service, Members of the Consultative Committee are reminded of their duty to submit observations on the suitability of the Safety Code and to receive observations on the work arrangements of the harbours, so that the safety Code can be reviewed to ensure that it is relevant to harbour operations, local propriety.
- 3.1.7 The Maritime and Coastguard Agency inspectors were due to revisit the service this October as a follow up to the review held last year, and provide a presentation before the Harbour Consultative Committee at Porthmadog about the Port Marine Safety Code during their visit. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, it has been necessary to defer their intended visit, which will now take place in March next year to coincide with the Committee meeting at Porthmadog, when the inspectors will then provide a presentation to that Committee.
- 3.1.8 Members of all the Gwynedd harbour Consultative Committees are invited to attend the presentation to be provided by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency in March next year.

4. Staffing Matters

- 4.3.1 The employment period of the Barmouth Harbour Assistant (seasonal) ended on the 30th September 2018. The service wish to acknowledge the contribution made by Mr Myles Reed for his work undertaken at the harbour.
- 4.3.2 The work contract of the seasonal Harbour assistant at Porthmadog has been extended to three days a week, on a month by month basis and will be part of the wider team within the Maritime and Country Parks Service, supporting and enabling the service to respond to incidents and to complete the maintenance programmes across the Harbours of Barmouth, Porthmadog and Aberdyfi

4.3.3 The Maritime Service has seven full-time members of staff and one who works part-time (administration). There are nine staff members at Hafan Marina. The Service has experienced a busy summer period this year and seen an increase in work related abuse and violence, with a member of seasonal staff working at Morfa Bychan physically assaulted.

4.3.4 Dependent upon financial and budgetary restrictions the Service are looking at the possibility of employing a full time harbour assistant to work across the harbours of Barmouth, Aberdyfi and Porthmadog. The harbour assistant post at Barmouth will otherwise return to a full-time basis on the 1st April 2019

5. Financial Matters

5.1 A brief summary of the harbours budgets and current financial situation up to the end of the quarter is attached.

5.2 During this period it was necessary to commit financial resources for the following:-

- Maintenance of Navigation Aids and Beacons
- Maintenance of Council moorings
- Maintenance of harbour patrol vessel
- Maintenance of lands and benches.
- Maintenance of harbour Ladders

5.3 **Fees and Charges 2018/19.** With regard to the prospective fees and charges for Barmouth Harbour together with the Powerboat and Personal Watercraft launching fees for 2019/20, it is the intention of the service to adjust the fees in line with the rate of inflation. At this time the service is yet to receive confirmation of the rates to be applied.

6.0 **Harbourmaster's Report.** The Harbourmaster at Barmouth will provide a summary of the Navigational and Operational matters undertaken and encountered during the period March – September 2018 inclusive, including maintenance issues and events that occurred during the relevant period. A copy of his report is attached.

BARMOUTH HARBOUR REPORT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2018-19

	Budget	Expenditure/Income up to 31.08.2018	Cost projections up to 31.03.2019	Over / Under Spend
Expenditure				
Employees	£57,320	£21,530	£21,987	-£13,803
Buildings	£5,580	£1,139	£4,441	£0
Transportation	£790	£68	£721	-£1
Supplies and Services	£9,420	£15,360	£4,000	£9,940
Total Expenditure	£73,110	£38,097	£31,149	-£3,864
Income	-£36,330	-£25,562	-£3,570	£7,198
Total Net Expenditure	£36,780	£12,535	£27,579	£3,334

MEETING	Barmouth Harbour Consultative Committee
DATE	23rd October 2018
TITLE	Harbourmasters Report
AUTHOR	A.G.Jones Barmouth Harbourmaster

1. Navigational Issues

- 1.1. Each year Trinity House, the General Lighthouse Authority, conduct an independent audit of the physical presence and functionality of the aids to navigation recorded at the harbours of Gwynedd and every two years the same Authority conduct an independent audit of all systems, processes and records kept of the aids to navigation at the harbours of Gwynedd including a check of all maintenance records.
- 1.2 On Thursday 12th April 2018, an inspector from Trinity House attended to conduct an audit of the systems, processes and maintenance records kept by the Service. Following the audit all was found to be in good order.
- 1.3 On Tuesday 14th August 2018, an inspector from Trinity House attended at Barmouth harbour to conduct and audit of the physical presence and functionality of the aids to navigation at the harbour. All aids at Barmouth were found to be in good order and fully functional apart from an unlit light on the Barmouth Viaduct which was accordingly reported to the Rail Authority responsible and repaired.
- 1.4 The Harbour Authority continue maintain and update the navigational marks within the harbour limits. Since the last meeting, maintenance of the aids to navigation has been undertaken, during which all navigation marks including the 'Fairway' buoy have been fitted with new chain. Two new navigation lights have also been purchased as replacements for the Cardinal Mark positioned on Perch Rock, and the number 2 Port Hand 'Bar' buoy.
- 1.5 The Service is currently monitoring the need for a navigation mark to be placed at the Harbour entrance to afford protection to mariners, from a growing muscle bank inside the breakwater and plans remain in being, to place an additional navigational mark between the Perch Rock and the harbour breakwater to enhance navigation safety.
- 1.6 In conformity with a change in the course of the navigable channel and in conjunction with Trinity House it has been necessary to relocate the No 4 Port Hand Mark to a position some 20 metres south of its previous position.

The Service regularly inspects the channel at low tide in order to try to ensure that the navigational aids are in the most suitable location. Due to constant changes to the channel this can be challenging work.

1.7 There are currently No Notice to Mariners in Force at Barmouth Harbour

2 Operational Issues

2.1 The Harbour Authority has required two vessels to be removed from the harbour due to their unsafe and unseaworthy condition. Both vessels had been located within the harbour on the section of beach adjacent to the premises of the 'Bath House'.

2.2 In monitoring the moorings in the harbour, the Harbour Authority will continue to undertake the removal of unsafe and derelict moorings. A review of the harbour By-laws is being undertaken as discussed by the Committee in the previous meeting in association with a review of processes and documentation appertaining to the suitability of moorings.

2.3 The service is also in the process of reviewing the Marine Navigation Act 2013 to assess the applicability of a Harbour Direction should it be required in respect of operational requirements within the harbour.

2.4 Due to the failure of the on-board navigational device on the harbour vessel, it has been necessary to purchase a new navigational global positioning system device with a depth sounding capability. The harbour Patrol vessel remains an important item of operational equipment to allow the harbourmaster to undertake survey work of the navigable channel, regulate vessel movements within in the harbour and provide assistance to harbour users as and when required subject to tidal restrictions.

3 Maintenance

3.1 In addition to the maintenance of the aids to navigation, the visitor moorings in the harbour have been subject to maintenance by an external contractor and the trot moorings have also been subject to inspection by the harbourmaster.

3.2 Two new harbour ladders have been purchased to replace ladders on the harbour wall that were considered to be in need of replacement. The ladders are currently in the process of being fitted.

3.3 The Harbourmaster will introduce the maintenance work programme to be carried out at Barmouth harbour during the period October 2018 – February 2019. Feedback from Committee members is requested on any additional work that will need to be considered and included in the work programme.

4. Other Matters

4.1 **Safety Signs.** In joint partnership with the RNLI a detailed review of all safety signage in the area of Barmouth beach has been undertaken and safety signs have now been put in place at sites around the area of the beach. In partnership with the RNLI it remains the intention of the Service to place similar safety signs in the vicinity of the Harbour and initial work has already been undertaken in respect of this matter.

4.2 **Fisherman's Compound.** It is the intention of the Service to undertake a review of the Fisherman's Compound with a view to assisting compound holders in clearing waste

materials from the site. Thereafter, the service will look to re-inforce the lines marking the individual plots within the compound.

- 4.2 **Harbour Parking.** The Service continues to work towards designated parking bays on Compound Road to assist Commercial Operators and Compound Site Holders to continue their activities in a busy harbour environment. Control of the area remains under discussion to prevent random and indiscriminate parking from members of the public and the Harbour Authority would like to remind service users of the need to maintain effective use of the barrier sited at the entrance to the facility.
- 4.3 The traffic barrier on the quayside is functioning well and a system is now in place to regulate vehicular traffic in that area of the harbour. The area continues to be monitored in an effort to afford protection to pedestrians enjoying the facility from contact with vehicular traffic.
- 4.4 Assistance has been and will continue to be sought from enforcement officers as and when required, to facilitate free and unobstructed access to the slipway for harbour users in respect of the road markings by the 'SS Dora' building.
- 4.4 **Harbour Pontoon.** The ownership and managerial operation of the pontoon in the harbour remains under discussion at this time. In the interim, during the course of conducting health and safety checks in the harbour, the harbourmaster has found it necessary to remove inflatable tenders from the decking area and undertake basic maintenance of the facility, as the pontoon remains open to members of the public.
- 4.5 It is hoped that a member of the group looking to secure the future of the pontoon will be able to provide an update on the current situation regarding the future of the pontoon at the meeting.
- 4.6 **Winter storage of Vessels.** Following consultation with the Environment Department of the Council, permission has been given to provide for the storage of vessels on the car park by the Leisure Centre for the period 1 October to 31 March. The cost of such storage as laid out within the Council charging system is £5.82 per metre per month.
- 4.7 Any vessel using the car park for storage will be liable for the fees payable along with the hire of Harris fencing to surround the vessel. Any area used is required to be kept clean and tidy. Any vehicles using the car park are required to pay parking fees as this is not covered under the cost of boat storage.

5. **Events**

- 5.1 The following events were amongst those held at Barmouth Harbour in 2018:-
- Three Peaks Yacht Race
 - Paddle Sports Festival
 - Kite Festival
 - Barmouth Food Festival
 - Raft Race
 - Hurly Burly Swim Event
- 5.2 The charity Personal watercraft event this year was unfortunately hampered by poor

weather conditions resulting in the event terminating at Barmouth harbour.

- 5.3 Motorcross Event: Following consultation with the organiser of the event, the Service advises that the dates of 27th / 28th October are crucial dates in a calendar of nationally agreed dates, as part of a circuit of events held around the United Kingdom. The Service recognises that the date coincides with the half term school holidays and will ensure that the proposed dates for the event in 2019 will be subject to consultation and approval.
- 5.4 The Service would like to remind members that it is essential the Harbour Authority is advised and permission sought for any proposed event in the Harbour at the earliest opportunity.

Uned Morwrol a Pharciau Gwledig / Maritime and Country Parks Unit
Cyfanswm wedi Cofrestru Badau Dwr Personol - Total number of Personal Watercraft Registrations

<i>Blwyddyn Year</i>	<i>Harbwr Aberdyfi Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Abermaw Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Porthmadog Harbour</i>	<i>Harbwr Pwllheli/ Hafan</i>	<i>Morfa Bychan</i>	<i>Traethau Gwynedd Beaches</i>	<i>Swyddfa Office</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Total</i>
2013	16 Aberdyfi 10 Tywyn	55 Abermaw 6 Caerddaniel	36	2 Harbwr 23 Hafan	129	85 Abersoch 4 Machroes 6 Morfa Nefyn 8 Nefyn 2 Trefor 4 Aberdaron	308	694
2014	22 Aberdyfi 1 Tywyn	65 Abermaw 5 Caerddaniel	20	36 Total Boat Care 1 Harbwr 47 Hafan	143	88 Abersoch 5 Machroes 3 Morfa Nefyn 6 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	250	693
2015	23 Aberdyfi 1 Tywyn	64 Abermaw a Caerddaniel	30	42 Total Boat Care 43 Hafan	157	76 Abersoch 1 Machroes 9 Morfa Nefyn 6 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	243	696
2016	27 Aberdyfi 4 Tywyn	69 Abermaw	35	49 Total Boat Care 56 Hafan	183	101 Abersoch 20 Machroes 4 Morfa Nefyn 10 Nefyn 2 Aberdaron	174	734
2017	28 Aberdyfi 6 Tywyn	68 Abermaw	45	55 Total Boat Care 65 Hafan	165	122 Abersoch 10 Machroes 12 Morfa Nefyn 10 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	151	738
2018	50 Aberdyfi 3 Tywyn	74 Abermaw	52	72 Total Boat Care 105 Hafan	200	191 Abersoch 8 Machroes 3 Morfa Nefyn 5 Nefyn 1 Aberdaron	160	924

Uned Morwrol / Maritime Unit
Ystadegau angorfeydd – Mooring statistics

<i>Harbwr Harbour</i>	<i>Nifer o Angorfeydd Available no of moorings</i>	<i>Preswylydd Occupancy</i>	<i>Preswyl yng Ngwynedd Residing in Gwynedd</i>	<i>Eraill Others</i>
<i>Aberdyfi 2013</i>	120	80 (66.7%)	40 (50.0%)	40 (50.0%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2014</i>	120	75 (62.5%)	35 (46.7%)	40 (53.3%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2015</i>	120	77 (64.2%)	35 (45.5%)	42 (54.5%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2016</i>	120	79 (65.8%)	36 (45.6%)	43 (54.4%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2017</i>	120	78 (65.0%)	36 (46.2%)	42 (53.8%)
<i>Aberdyfi 2018</i>	120	74 (61.7%)	37 (50.0%)	37 (50.0%)
<i>Abermaw 2013</i>	140	92 (65.7%)	55 (59.8%)	37 (40.2%)
<i>Abermaw 2014</i>	140	82 (58.6%)	54 (65.9%)	28 (34.1%)
<i>Abermaw 2015</i>	140	93 (66.4%)	63 (67.7%)	30 (32.3%)
<i>Abermaw 2016</i>	140	88 (62.9%)	60 (68.2%)	28 (31.8%)
<i>Abermaw 2017</i>	140	86 (61.4%)	59 (68.6%)	27 (31.4%)
<i>Abermaw 2018</i>	140	69 (49.3%)	44 (63.8%)	25 (36.2%)
<i>Porthmadog 2013</i>	238	162 (68.1%)	45 (27.8%)	117 (72.2%)
<i>Porthmadog 2014</i>	238	157 (66.0%)	44 (28.0%)	113 (72.0%)
<i>Porthmadog 2015</i>	238	140 (58.8%)	44 (31.4%)	96 (68.6%)
<i>Porthmadog 2016</i>	238	129 (54.2%)	47 (36.4%)	82 (63.6%)
<i>Porthmadog 2017</i>	238	135 (56.7%)	54 (40.0%)	81 (60.0%)
<i>Porthmadog 2018</i>	238	131 (55.0%)	54 (41.2%)	77 (58.8%)
<i>Pwllheli 2013</i>	114	84 (73.7%)	59 (70.2%)	25 (29.8%)
<i>Pwllheli 2014</i>	114	91 (79.8%)	47 (51.6%)	44 (48.4%)
<i>Pwllheli 2015</i>	114	87 (76.3%)	57 (65.5%)	30 (34.5%)
<i>Pwllheli 2016</i>	114	58 (50.9%)	27 (46.6%)	31 (53.4%)
<i>Pwllheli 2017</i>	81	60 (74.1%)	28 (46.7%)	32 (53.3%)
<i>Pwllheli 2018</i>	81	55 (67.9%)	27 (49.1%)	28 (50.9%)

<i>Hafan 2013</i>	410	302 (73.7%)	68 (22.5%)	234 (77.5%)
<i>Hafan 2014</i>	409	293 (71.6%)	51 (17.4%)	242 (82.6%)
<i>Hafan 2015</i>	409	292 (71.4%)	56 (19.2%)	236 (80.8%)
<i>Hafan 2016</i>	409	287 (70.1%)	55 (19.2%)	232 (80.8%)
<i>Hafan 2017</i>	409	306 (74.8%)	57 (18.6%)	249 (81.4%)
<i>Hafan 2018</i>	409	292 (71.4%)	56 (19.2%)	236 (80.8%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2013</i>	100	100 (100.0%)	27 (27.0%)	73 (73.0%)
<i>Dco Fictoria 2014</i>	100	100 (100.0%)	25 (25.0%)	75 (75.0%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2015</i>	100	100 (100.0%)	21 (21.0%)	79 (79.0%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2016</i>	100	92 (92.0%)	19 (20.7%)	73 (79.3%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2017</i>	100	92 (92.0%)	16 (17.4%)	76 (82.6%)
<i>Doc Fictoria 2018</i>	100	90 (90.0%)	21 (23.3%)	69 (76.7%)

Uned Morwrol a Pharciau Gwledig

Ystadegau Cychod Pŵer v's Cychod Hwyllo a Rhestr Aros - Powerboats v's Sailing Boats and Waiting List

<i>Harbwr/Harbour Marina</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Nifer Angorfeydd Total number available moorings</i>	<i>Cyfanswm Cychod ar Angorfeydd Total number of boats on mooring</i>	<i>Nifer Cychod Pŵer Total number Powerboats</i>	<i>Nifer Cychod Hwyllo Total number sailing boats</i>	<i>Canran (%) Pŵer V's hwyllo Percentage Power v's Sail</i>
Harbwr Aberdyfi 13	120	80	54	26	67.5% Pwer 32.5% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 14	120	75	53	22	70.7% Pwer 29.3% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 15	120	77	53	24	68.8% Pwer 31.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 16	120	79	55	24	69.6% Pwer 30.4% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 17	120	78	56	22	71.8% Pwer 28.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Aberdyfi 18	120	74	55	19	74.3 % Pwer 25.7% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 13	140	92	62	30	67.4% Pwer 32.6% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 14	140	82	54	28	65.9% Pwer 34.1% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 15	140	93	60	33	64.5% Pwer 35.5% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 16	140	88	59	29	67.0% Pwer 33.0% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 17	140	86	55	31	64.0% Pwer 36.0% Hwyllo
Harbwr Abermaw 18	140	69	45	24	65.2% Pwer 34.8% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 13	238	162	59	103	36.4% Pwer 63.6% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 14	238	157	54	103	34.4% Pwer 65.6% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 15	238	140	45	95	32.1% Pwer 67.9% Hwyllo

Harbwr Porthmadog 16	238	129	41	88	31.8% Pwer 68.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 17	238	135	42	93	31.1% Pwer 68.9% Hwyllo
Harbwr Porthmadog 18	238	131	40	91	30.5% Pwer 69.5% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 13	114	87	39	48	44.8% Pwer 55.2% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 14	114	91	36	55	39.6% Pwer 60.4% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 15	114	87	46	41	52.9% Pwer 47.1% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 16	114	58	18	40	31.0% Pwer 69.0% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 17	114	60	19	41	31.7% Pwer 68.3% Hwyllo
Harbwr Pwllheli 18	114	55	29	26	52.7% Pwer 47.3% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 13	410	302	153	149	50.7% Pwer 49.3% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 14	409	293	139	154	47.4% Pwer 52.6% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 15	409	292	138	154	47.3% Pwer 52.7% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 16	409	287	137	150	47.7% Pwer 52.3% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 17	409	306	144	162	47.1% Pwer 52.9% Hwyllo
Hafan Pwllheli 18	409	292	150	142	51.4% Pwer 48.6% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 13	100	100	37	63	37.0% Pwer 63.0% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 14	100	100	36	64	36.0% Pwer 64.0% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 15	100	98	34	64	34.7% Pwer 65.3% Hwyllo
Doc Fictoria 16	100	92	34	58	37.0% Pwer 63.0% Hwyllo

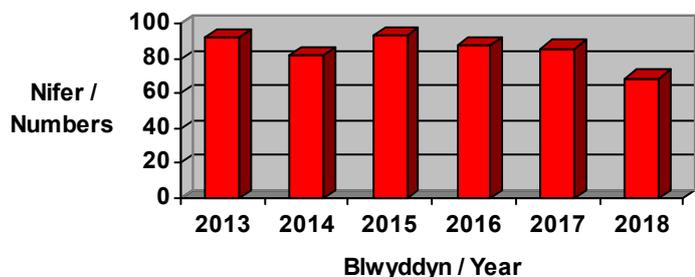
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Doc Fictoria 18	100	90	49	41	54.4% Pwer 45.6% Hwyllo
Cyfanswm 13	1122	823	416	407	50.5% Pwer 49.5% Hwyllo
Cyfanswm 14	1121	798	372	426	46.6% Pwer 53.4% Hwyllo
Cyfanswm 15	1121	787	376	411	47.8% Pwer 52.2% Hwyllo
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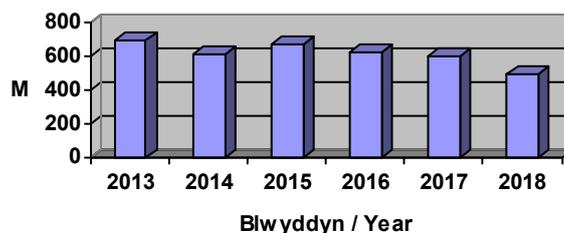
Cymhariaeth o Ystadegau Cychod Comparison of Boat Statistics

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats	92	82	93	88	86	69
Cyfanswm Hydoedd / Total LOA	696.16	610.37	671.20	627.64	602.63	493.36
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length	7.57	7.44	7.21	7.13	7.01	7.15
Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught	83.82	76.45	82.89	77.96	74.56	61.21
Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught	0.91	0.93	0.89	0.86	0.87	0.89

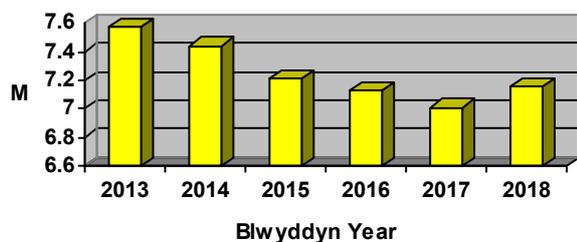
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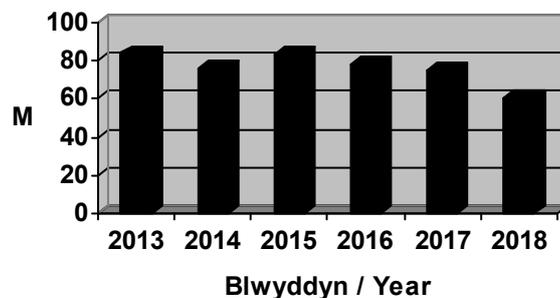
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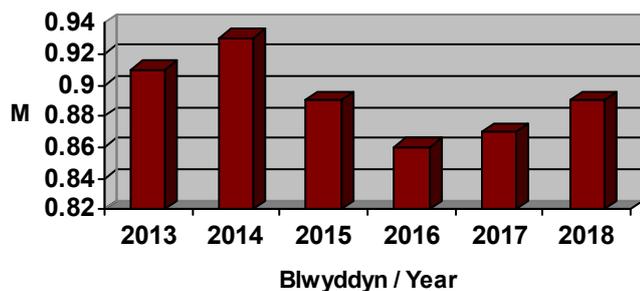
Cyfartaledd Hyd / Average Length



Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught



Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught



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COMPARISON OF BOAT STATISTICS AT EACH HARBOUR 2018

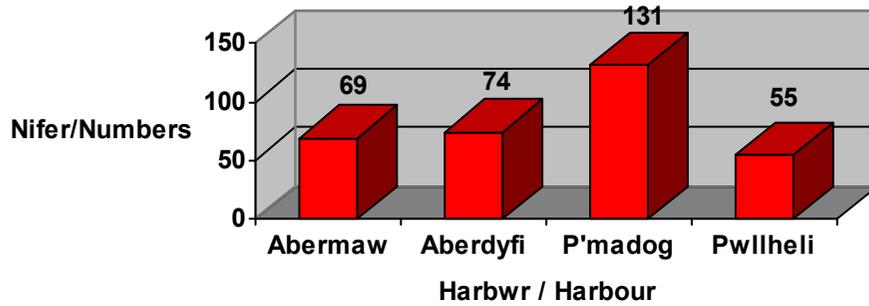


Harbwr Harbour	Nifer o Gychod Number of Boats	Cyfanswm Hydoedd Total Overall Length	Cyfartaledd Hyd Average Length	Cyfanswm Dyfnder Total Draught	Cyfartaledd Dyfnder Average Draught
Abermaw	69	493.36	7.15	61.21	0.89
Aberdyfi	74	480.92	6.50	50.91	0.69
Porthmadog	131	1055.13	8.05	131.01	1.00
Pwllheli	55	416	7.56	49.11	0.89
Cyfansymiau holl harbrau Totals of all harbours	329	2445.41	29.26	292.24	3.47
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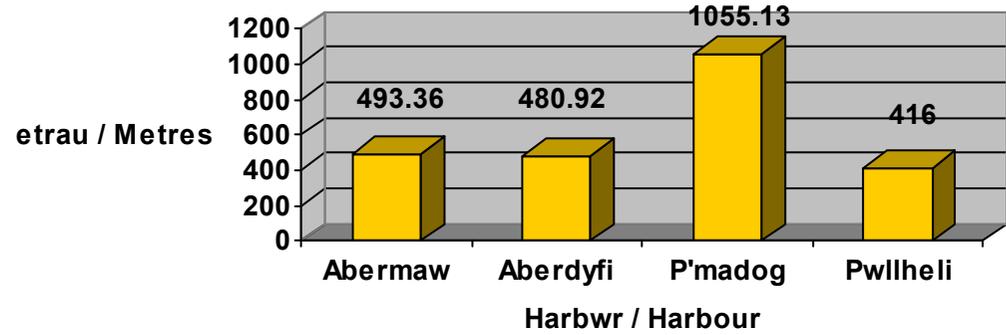
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Analysis of boat statistics at each harbour.

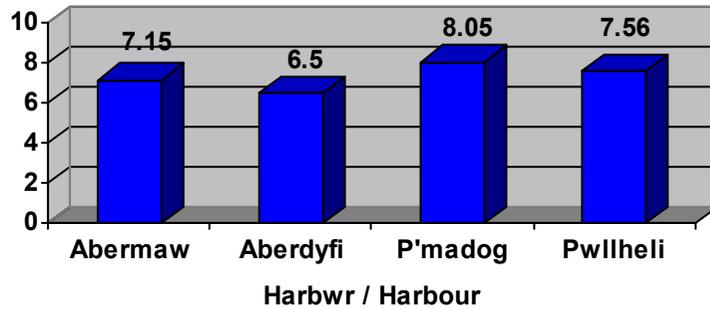
Nifer o Gychod / Number of Boats



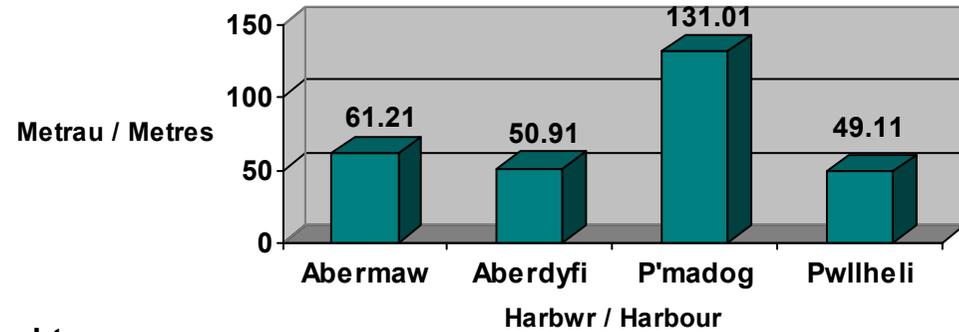
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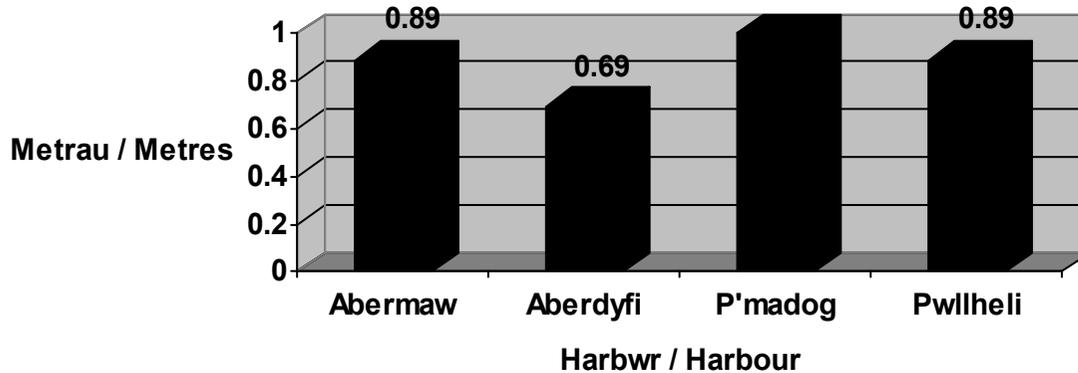
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Cyfanswm Dyfnder / Total Draught

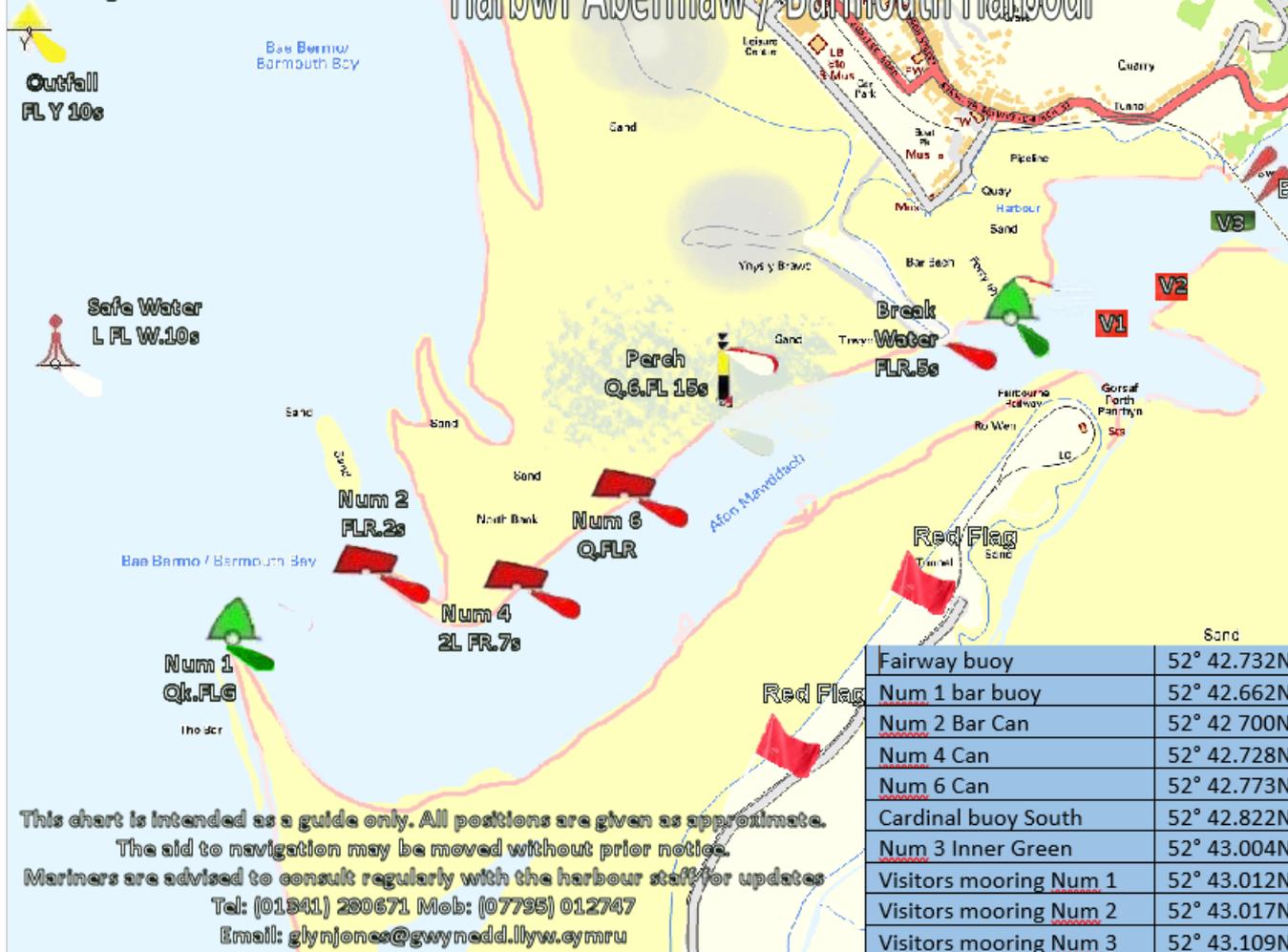


Cyfartaledd Dyfnder / Average Draught



Sep 2018

Harbwr Abermaw / Barmouth Harbour



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Fairway buoy	52° 42.732N
Num 1 bar buoy	52° 42.662N
Num 2 Bar Can	52° 42.700N
Num 4 Can	52° 42.728N
Num 6 Can	52° 42.773N
Cardinal buoy South	52° 42.822N
Num 3 Inner Green	52° 43.004N
Visitors mooring Num 1	52° 43.012N
Visitors mooring Num 2	52° 43.017N
Visitors mooring Num 3	52° 43.109N