

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee</b>
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<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Harbourmasters Report</b>
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## H1 **Navigational Issues**

1.1 The course of the navigable channel into the harbour of Aberdyfi has been monitored by harbour staff throughout the season. Navigational information has been provided to mariners entering the harbour and whenever required staff have assisted vessels to negotiate the channel utilising the harbour patrol craft.

1.2 There are currently three 'Local Notice to Mariners'(N to M) in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.

### 1.2.1 **Number 09/22**

Information to Mariners concerning the Aberdyfi Wharf Construction Work

### 1.2.2 **Number 10/22**

Bar Buoy: No 1 Starboard: Fl.G.5s.

The buoy is now on station in position 52° 32.159'N 004° 04.772'W

### 1.2.3 **Number 11/22**

Bar Buoy: No 2 Port: Fl.R.5s.

The buoy is now on station in position 52° 32.192' N 004° 04.778' W

1.3 A Trinity House inspection of the aids to navigation at Aberdyfi was carried out on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 by the Master of Seamarks from Trinity House. Following the audit, a report will subsequently be received by the Service. Members of the Committee will be advised of the result once it has been received.

1.4 The Service would like to emphasize the importance of contact with the harbour office at Aberdyfi to obtain current information on navigational safety.

## H2 **Operational Issues**

2.1 Work has now commenced on the Aberdyfi Wharf Development Project (AWDP) creating major changes to normal operations within the harbour. In association with the Consultancy department of Gwynedd Council and the project contractor, the service will continue to work with all local stakeholders, to ensure safe working practices remain in the harbour.

2.2 Whilst the vast majority of visitors to the area were respectful of the harbour environment rules and regulations, it is disappointing to report that staff have again been subjected to verbal abuse or gestures during the performance of their duties. The wanton discharge of litter around the harbour was also an issue, with staff having to spend time clearing litter, crab lines and associated equipment.

2.3 The behaviour of water users was generally very good during the busy summer period. However, harbour staff did find it necessary to warn a few personal watercraft users of the need to observe the harbour byelaws and respect the speed limit within the harbour waters.

One incident concerning the operation of a personal watercraft on the river is currently under investigation by harbour personnel.

### **H3 Maintenance**

- 3.1 At the commencement of the busy season, harbour staff conducted maintenance work on the harbour 'Powercat' patrol craft and its associated trailer. This ensured a visible presence on the water by harbour staff. Further work on the craft is due to take place during the winter period in preparation for next season.
- 3.2 Staff have undertaken work on the Aids to Navigation throughout the busy summer assisted by a local contractor. This work has been essential in ensuring the ability to keep the navigable channel well marked throughout the season.
- 3.3 From mid-season towards the end of the summer, staff have conducted work around the harbour in preparation for the Aberdyfi Wharf Development Programme. This has included liaison with other Gwynedd Council departments to ensure site preparation to allow the work to commence.
- 3.4 Carcasses on the foreshore has led to several days of reactive work being carried out by the service. The service requests that any sightings be reported to them at the earliest opportunity.

### **H4 Other Matters**

- 4.1 **Picnic Island** The project to replace the existing footbridge over the Cambrian Coast Railway continues. Following extensive preparatory work, the bridge is currently being fabricated. Subject to unforeseen delays, it is planned to install the bridge on the week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> November this year.
- 4.2 **Harbour Compound:** The harbour compound remains the subject of review. It is hoped to facilitate a power and water supply to the compound, that it will assist the commercial fishermen working from the harbour to clean and store equipment at the location.

### **H5 Events**

- 5.1 A busy sailing season as usual was held by Dyfi Yacht Club including the GP14 Welsh National Championships in early May.
- 5.2 A successful but blustery river pageant was held to mark the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II.
- 5.3 The service would like to remind all organisers of the need to liaise with the Service at the earliest opportunity concerning any proposed event to be held and that confirmation of approval must be sought prior to any events going ahead.