

MEETING	Aberdyfi Harbour Consultative Committee
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TITLE	Harbourmasters Report
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H 1 Navigational Issues

- 1.1 The course of the main navigational channel into the harbour of Aberdyfi has remained under observation throughout the winter season. The physical nature of the river and harbour area continues to change. Astronomically high tides at the end of February and start of March allowed the service to assess mooring space ahead of the forthcoming season. Further inspections and surveys will be carried out by the service over the coming months.

- 1.2 There is currently one 'Local Notice to Mariners'(N to M) in operation at Aberdyfi Harbour.

Bar Buoy: No 1 Starboard: Fl.G.5s The Aid to Navigation is not on station.

The Aid to Navigation still has its navigation light on due to its position in the channel.

- 1.3 It is now possible to view all current Notice to Mariners for the county on the Maritime page of the Gwynedd Council website. Local Notices to Mariners (llyw.cymru)
<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Leisure-parks-and-events/Maritime/Local-Notices-to-Mariners.aspx>
- 1.4 The Service would like to emphasize the importance of contact with the harbour office at Aberdyfi to obtain the latest information on navigational safety.

H 2 Operational Issues

- 2.1 The service has received a reasonable number of mooring forms (at the time of publication) and is in discussion with the local contractor to determine the best location for the moorings this season.
- 2.2 The dynamics of the river continue to change on every tide, this in turn means not all moorings will go back in their historic location. The service requests that all boat owners understand the situation and importance of working with the tides to ensure safe use of their craft. Some moorings to the East of Penhelyg will experience tidal constraints.

- 2.3 The increase in sand build-up still hinders the physical use of the slipway located adjacent to the RNLI station and Dyfi Yacht Club premises. With the main beach level at its current height, removal of sand from the slipway remains a constant problem. The Service greatly appreciates the efforts of local stakeholders to find a solution to the problem.

H 3 Maintenance

- 3.1 The harbour office has now moved to the temporary structure located on the quayside whilst progress is on-going with the development of a new permanent Office building. The service would like to thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.
- 3.2 The harbour patrol vessel has undergone its annual coding inspection and a full service prior to launching at the start of the season.
- 3.3 The Service have been working during the winter period clearing the Harbour Compound of discarded items and overgrown vegetation. We respectfully request that compound users please remove any unwanted items from the compound at their earliest convenience.
- 3.4 Several reactive days were accrued with the removal and burial of carcasses along the foreshore. The service request that any reports of carcasses on the foreshore be accompanied by accurate location information such as, what 3 words or National Grid Reference.
3. Work has been carried out to visitor and harbour vessel moorings ahead of the forthcoming season ensuring that they meet Cyngor Gwynedd regulations.

H4 Events

- 4.1 A full and detailed request for sailing events has been received by Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi and confirmed by Aberdyfi Harbour Office.
- 4.2 Aberdyfi Rowing Club - Celtic Longboat Rowing Regatta 01 June 2025
- 4.3 Aberdyfi Rowing Club - Sculling League Regatta 05 July 2025
- 4.4 WeSwimRun – Dates for 4 separate events in July, August and September have been received.
- 4.5 Colwyn Bay Jet Ski Club Ride Out 2025

A request to use the harbour as a turnaround point for the above event has been received.

- 4.6 The Service would like to remind event organisers of the need to provide early notification of any proposed event and submission for approval.

- 4.6.1 In considering whether to approve an event, the Service will give due regard to the information provided detailing the circumstances and apply any restrictions, impositions or limitations thereby necessary to ensure public and staff safety.