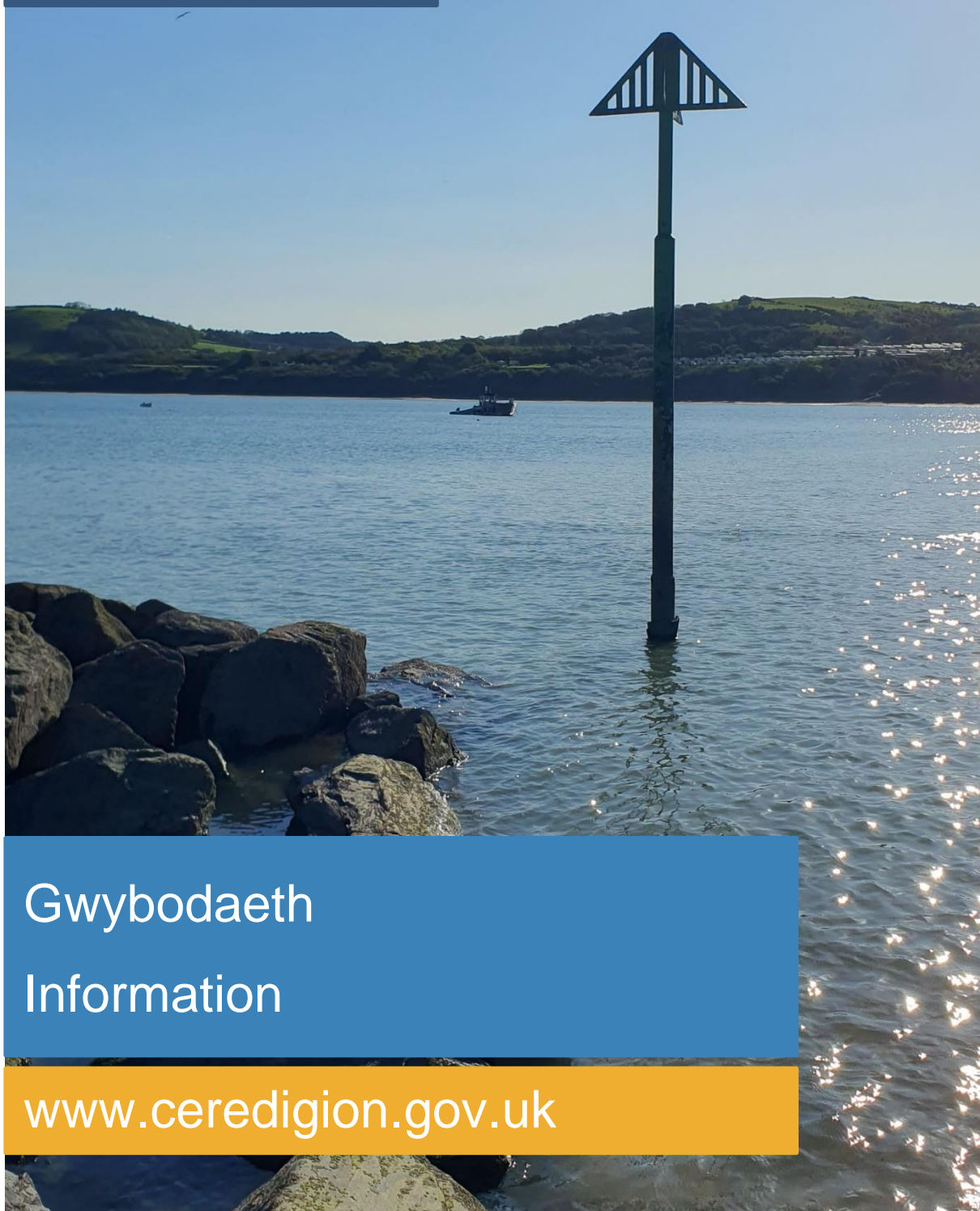


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Ceredigion County Council's harbours at Aberaeron, Aberystwyth and New Quay are fantastic resources and attractions in their own right. To ensure *calm waters* at the harbours so they remain safe, enjoyable and attractive for all we are reminding harbour 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 ground tackle, chain, rope, anchors and other mooring devices. 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 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) Staff**

There have been some recent changes within our team. Chay Sanders – Harbour Works Leader and Chris Cattaway Seasonal Harbour Assistant have moved on from their roles. We are currently in the process of recruiting for these positions and will keep you updated once we have new team members in place.

### **(2) Aberystwyth Central Pontoon**

A contractor recently conducted a dive inspection of the central pontoon at Aberystwyth Harbour and we are awaiting the condition report. The contractor's report on its condition will aid the Harbour Authority's decision-making process regarding the future of the asset. An update will be provided once further information is available.

### **(3) Completed and planned maintenance works**

The dredging of key areas of New Quay Harbour is scheduled for 27th March 2025. A Local Notice to Mariners [NQ No. 02.25](#) has been issued to advise on the works.

A comprehensive job specification covering mooring points and rings has been prepared over the winter period and for the installation of mooring hoops, and chains in areas of New Quay Harbour. The Harbour Authority is currently waiting for the procurement exercise to close.

Other planned works include:

- The removal of logs and debris from Aberaeron Harbour, planned for the spring tides at the end of March.
- Maintenance to Aids to Navigation at Aberystwyth and New Quay, the procurement for the Carreg Ina North Cardinal Mark and maintenance of marks in Aberystwyth is currently on going we are hoping this work can be completed by a vessel and crew in May or June.
- Procurement for the maintenance of railings at New Quay and Aberystwyth is on-going, we hope that this work can be completed by May or June.

### **(4) UK Harbour Master Certificate**

We are delighted to announce that Owen Morgan, our Harbour Manager, has successfully obtained the UK Harbour Master Certificate.

The UK Harbour Master Certificate (HM Certificate) is awarded to a candidate that demonstrates proficiency, knowledge, and understanding of the National Occupational Standards for Harbour Masters (NOS). This certificate is officially recognized by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Department for Transport (DfT).

To earn this certification, candidates must demonstrate their knowledge and practical experience across seventeen modules of the NOS. These modules cover areas such

as, but not limited to managing port marine safety, investigating marine incidents, and managing port vessel traffic. It culminates in an exam at Poole Harbour Commissioners which Owen successfully completed in December 2024. As of December 2024, Owen is one of only 52 certificate holders in the whole of the UK.

We would like to congratulate Owen on his achievement and dedication he has shown over the last 2 years. It is hoped that the qualification will further support him in his role of managing and developing the Harbour Service moving forward.

### **(5) Harbour User Consultative Committee Meetings**

The next Harbour Users Consultative Committee meetings will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the following times and will be held virtually on Teams.

17:30 Aberaeron

18:15 New Quay

19:00 Aberystwyth

While the Committees provide an opportunity to discuss matters, there are many ongoing ways that stakeholders can liaise throughout the year with the Harbour Service regarding day-to-day matters. This includes in person at the Harbours or via Clic, the Council's contact centre: clic@ceredigion.gov.uk / 01545 570881. We encourage stakeholders to do so in order that matters can be investigated in a timely manner.

### **(6) Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme**

The planned completion of the Aberaeron Coastal Defence Scheme is scheduled for Spring 2025. A [newsletter](#) was issued by the contractor in February.

The Harbour Authority has liaised with the scheme and Trinity House on the final aids to navigation arrangements for the Harbour entrance these arrangements will be covered by Local Notice to Mariners in due course.

### **(7) Vessels and Other Watercraft or Equipment Injurious to the Amenity of the Harbour**

In accordance with the Ceredigion Harbours Management Policy, Harbour mooring holders and wider harbour users must ensure that their vessel(s), watercraft or equipment are well maintained, well kept, and seaworthy at all times when being used, moored within harbour limits or stored on the harbour estate.

A vessel or any other type of watercraft or equipment may be considered to be injurious to the amenity of the harbour or other Council property, by the Authority for reasons including but not limited to being badly dilapidated, unsightly due to neglect, seriously unkempt, unseaworthy and/or in danger of sinking. Where this is the case, a Notice may be issued to abate the injury by the Harbour Authority. Failure to comply with such Notice may result in the mooring agreement being terminated and

the vessel being removed from the Harbour by the Authority with any costs associated being charged to the mooring holder.

### **(8) Stay Safe on the Water: The Importance of Using Kill Cords**

As we continue to prioritise safety at Ceredigion harbours, we want to remind all harbour users of the critical importance of using kill cords. A kill cord, also known as a safety lanyard or engine cut-off switch, is a simple yet life-saving device designed to stop a boat's engine if the driver loses control or is thrown from the helm.

#### Why Use a Kill Cord?

4. **Prevents Runaway Vessels:** If the driver is dislodged from the helm, the kill cord immediately cuts the engine, preventing the boat from becoming a hazard to others in the water.
5. **Enhances Safety:** By stopping the engine, the kill cord helps avoid serious accidents and injuries, ensuring a safer environment for everyone on board and nearby.
6. **Simple and Effective:** This inexpensive device is easy to use and can make a significant difference in emergency situations.

#### How to Use a Kill Cord Properly

**Attach Securely:** Always attach the kill cord securely to your leg, wrist, or buoyancy aid before starting the engine.

**Regular Checks:** Test your kill cord regularly to ensure it functions correctly. Inspect it for wear and tear, and replace it if necessary.

**Stay Informed:** Familiarise yourself with the proper use of kill cords and ensure all passengers are aware of their importance.

By consistently using kill cords, we can all contribute to a safer boating experience at Ceredigion harbours. Let's work together to keep our waters safe and enjoyable for everyone.





## **(9) Harbour Surgeries**

Harbours Surgeries Scheduled surgery style meetings are held at each Harbour, 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 and March as follows:

Aberystwyth- Last Tuesday of every month at 14:00

Aberaeron – Last Wednesday of every month 14:00

New Quay – Last Thursday of every month 14:00

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated with Harbour Users.

## **(10) 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: [cllc@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:cllc@ceredigion.gov.uk)

Phone: 01545 570 881

Post: Ceredigion County Council

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We always welcome and encourage constructive feedback from stakeholders and we look forward to hearing from you.

**With thanks from,**

**The Harbours Team**

*Owen Morgan AFNI, Harbour Manager*

*Robyn Beresford, Seasonal Harbour Assistant*



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