

HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT 12th November 2025  
Part 1**PMSC**

Standing position until report is available.

On the 21/3/2023 I am pleased to report that The MCA undertook a Port Marine Safety Code Health Check. We are still awaiting the report. I have sent request to the MCA for a potential delivery date. I have had confirmation that this report should be available in time for our next meeting.

**Marine Advisory Committee (MAC)**

Caernarfon Harbour's MAC met on the 30/9/2025 and the minutes from the meeting are now available to formally report to the Board. The Minutes are available on the Harbour Website. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026.

**NAVIGATION**

The schedule relating to the maintenance of our floating AtoNs has now been completed as per the table below.

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| No Action this cycle |  |
| Action Due           |  |
| Completed this cycle |  |

| AtoN              | Date inspected | Action undertaken     | Condition (% worn) | Next Inspection |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| SE Rock Buoy      | 03/03/25       | Deployed              | New                | 03/26           |
| SW Rock Buoy      | 10/10/25       | Deployed              | 10%                | 03/26           |
| SWM               | 10/10/25       | Deployed              | 5-10%              | 05/26           |
| C1                | 16/05/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C2                | 10/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 15%                | 03/26           |
| C3                | 11/04/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C4                | 11/04/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 10%                | 03/26           |
| C5                | 11/04/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C6                | 11/04/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 15%                | 03/26           |
| Mussel Bank Perch | 22/09/25       | Inspect               | NEW 2024           | 03/26           |
| C7                | 10/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 15%                | 09/26           |
| C8                | 10/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 09/26           |
| C9 C'fon          | 21/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 30%                | 03/26           |
| Change Buoy       | 12/06/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C10               | 09/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 5 – 10 %           | 09/26           |
| C11               | 03/04/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C12               | 18/03/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C13               | 09/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 15%                | 03/26           |
| Traeth Gwyllt     | 10/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect, | New                | 09/26           |
| C14               | 21/10/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 15%                | 09/26           |
| Temp Port         | 12/05/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | New                | 03/26           |
| C9 Felin          | 24/09/25       | Lift, Clean, Inspect  | 35%                | 09/26           |



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**NtoMs**

- 01/2025 – South East Rock South Cardinal off station
- 02/2025 – C2 Fl. R 10s is on its appropriate station
- 03/2025 – South West Rock Bouy on station
- 04/2025 – C2 Off station
- 05/2025 – C12 On station
- 06/2025 – SWM ON station
- 07/2025 – Severn Guardian survey
- 08/2025 – Swelly Rock moorings
- 09/2025 – Cancel NtoM 08/2025
- 10/2025 – C11 Not Demonstrating day shape
- 11/2025 – Grampian Castle South Cardinal installed
- 12/2025 – C11 On station
- 13/2025 – Cancel Temp Port
- 14/2025 – Aber Bridge- Gwyl Fwyd
- 15/2025 – Aber Bridge Failure
- 16/2025 – Aber Bridge Repaired
- 17/2025 – Deploy Temp Port
- 18/2025 – Deployed 3 seasonal race marks
- 19/2025 – AtoN positions
- 20/2025 – Abermenai Works
- 21/2025 – Abermenai Works
- 22/2025 – Abermenai Works
- 23/2025 – OCRDA
- 24/2025 – Menai Bridge
- 25/2025 – OCRDA
- 26/2025 – C9 Felin On Station
- 27/2025 – C9 New position
- 28/2025 – C8 Off Station
- 29/2025 – Traeth Gwylt Off Station
- 30/2025 – Traeth Gwylt On Station
- 31/2025 – C8 On Station
- 32/2025 – SWM Off Station

| YEAR | NOTICE TO MARINERS<br>ISSUED |
|------|------------------------------|
| 2014 | 15                           |
| 2015 | 13                           |
| 2016 | 9                            |
| 2017 | 28                           |
| 2018 | 16                           |
| 2019 | 29                           |
| 2020 | 21                           |
| 2021 | 38                           |
| 2022 | 21                           |
| 2023 | 20                           |
| 2024 | 29                           |
| 2025 | 32                           |



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**Moorings**

Crane out for the end of this season took place on the 24/10/25. A total of 29 vessels were hauled out for this winter.

Over the last few months and continuing into the winter, the clearing of debris and general improvement of the Harbour will be undertaken.

Up stream in the river Seiont has been cleared of natural debris.

A significant number of abandoned vessels primarily from the Aber foreshore area, have already been removed. They are being stored in the Yacht compound whilst we process any claims from the potential owners.

There are also a large number of old chains littering the river bed that will be removed over this winter. The volume or potential extent of this task is yet to be clarified.

**Pilotage**

To date 20 Acts of Pilotage have been undertaken during 2025.

“MV Waterway” arrived over Caernarfon bar to load decorative slate and departed through Puffin sound destined for Rotterdam.

“MV H&S Fairness” arrived through Puffin Sound to load decorative slate and departed through Puffin sound destined for Rotterdam.

“MV Amadeus” arrived through Puffin Sound to load decorative slate and departed through Puffin sound destined for Ghent.

“Galeon Andalucia” arrived over Caernarfon bar and departed the same direction.

The remaining 12 Acts have been the RV Prince Madog.

| YEAR | ACTS OF PILOTAGE |
|------|------------------|
| 2020 | 14               |
| 2021 | 14               |
| 2022 | 13               |
| 2023 | 17               |
| 2024 | 12               |
| 2025 | 20               |

**Foryd**

The vessel is afloat and remains available for service.

**Seiont IV**

The vessel has successfully obtained its attestation of annual inspection for a certified vessel for a vessel with a workboat certificate. The next inspection will be based on the Maritime and Coastguard Agency ‘Workboat Code Edition 3’. Prior to this, preparatory research will need to be undertaken to ensure compliance. So far, I am aware of the following additional training requirements.



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**Required training**

- [MCA-approved Small Ships Navigation and Radar course](#): From December 13, 2023, the masters and crew members responsible for navigation or using radar on UK-registered workboats certified under the Code must complete the relevant modules of this course.
- [Safety Management System \(SMS\) training](#): The new rules mandate a formal SMS for all workboats, which requires comprehensive training for all personnel. This includes:
  - Emergency drills
  - Man overboard recovery
  - Survival craft operations
  - Evacuation procedures
  - Lifejacket use
  - Firefighting equipment handling

Naturally some are already in place, but this clearly places additional cost to operate the vessels.