

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

03-06-2020

Managing COVID-19

This Local Notice to Mariners supersedes previous Notice to Mariners that was issued regarding the management of COVID-19 at the harbours of Aberdyfi, Abermaw (Barmouth), Porthmadog and Pwllheli.

In accordance with The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020, as amended 30th May 2020, Gwynedd Council as the Competent Harbour Authority for the harbour of Porthmadog, and the Statutory Harbour Authority for the harbours of Pwllheli, Abermaw (Barmouth) and Aberdyfi hereby gives further notice that with the exception of Registered and Certified commercial fishing vessel operators, all harbour operations, activities and vessel movements in the harbours of Porthmadog, Pwllheli, Abermaw (Barmouth) and Aberdyfi remain suspended until further notice.

This notice also applies to the continued suspension of small ferry operations, marine leisure park and launch activities and sea bound vessels undertaking leisure fishing activities.

Except in the event of an emergency or by consent of the Harbour Authority no mooring operations shall be undertaken in any of the aforesaid harbours. Such operations and activities include the prohibiting of the laying, lifting or maintenance of any mooring or associated mooring equipment in harbour waters.

The launching, lifting, or recovery of any type of vessel, craft, boat, sailboard or any other type of apparatus able to utilise harbour waters is not permitted without authorisation of the Harbour Authority. All harbour slipways and all other coastal and beach slipways together with vehicle access points managed by the Local Authority will remain closed until further notice.

Operators of Registered and Certified Commercial fishing vessels and other authorised vessels are advised to navigate with extreme caution when navigating in the harbour channel approaches. This is due to sudden and undetected movements in the course of the navigable channels.

This Notice to Mariners has been issued with regard to the safety and well-being of local residents, staff and harbour users and to minimise the potential requirement for assistance from the emergency services such as the RNLI and Coastguard volunteers and to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 virus in our community.

The Harbour Authority will be undertaking further planning work to ensure its harbour management functions and arrangements fully comply with the all relevant Covid-19 Regulations.

This Notice to Mariners will be updated on the 9th June 2020

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