

EYEMOUTH HARBOUR LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No.1 of 2023

Waste, Pollution and Fish Offal

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Here at Eyemouth Harbour Trust, we are committed to playing our part regarding water quality and the environmental impact of a working harbour. Therefore, an updated LNTM is issued to remind harbour users of the terms and conditions which apply when berthing within the harbour.

1. Harbour users are reminded that under our [Berthing Terms and Conditions](#); no person shall deposit or throw into the waters of the harbour any rubbish or other material whatsoever. A waste facility is provided at Gunsreen Quay.
2. Harbour users are reminded that under the Harbour Terms and Conditions no rubbish or polluting substances must be deposited in the harbour or on the quaysides. This includes fish offal and waste product such as any parts of shellfish. Gutting and tailing must be carried out at sea and disposed of overboard and not within the harbour limits. Any vessel which undertakes tailing and gutting within the harbour will be reported to the relevant governed bodies.

If vessels wish to remain tailing and gutting within the harbour, they must not dispose of fish offal/ discards into the harbour waters, the waste must be stored in a secure and approved facility, with waste being taken away by an approved contractor.

Relevant documents:

- [Seafish Guidance FS56-6.10 Utilisation and disposal of seafood waste at sea.](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deposits#disposing-of-waste-to-sea>
- [The Animal By-product Regulations \(Reg. 1774/2002\)](#)
- [Merchant shipping Act 1995](#)

3. Oil Spill or oil discharge from a vessel must be reported to the Harbour Master or Harbour Authority when first noticed. If a person fails to make a report as required by Section 136 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, they shall be liable on summary conviction.

Relevant Documents:

- [Merchant Shipping Act Chapter 2, Oil Pollution-Section 131](#)

How to play your part:

- Avoid using sea toilets within the Harbour Limits.
- Dispose of fish offal/ discards before entering the Harbour Limits.
- Never throw any rubbish into the harbour or River Eye.
- Keep vessel bilges clean and report any oil which has entered the harbour.
- Use the waste facilities which are provided as required.
- Do not leave any waste or rubbish lying on the quaysides.

You can find the harbour waste facility at Gunsreen Basin which is managed by the Harbour Operations Team. To use the facility please contact the operations mobile on **07885 742505**

Failure to meet these requirements may result in the issue of a Special Direction under the Harbour Revision Order 2021, article 26. Noncompliance with any Special Direction can result in your being fined under article 28 of the HRO or the vessel being excluded from the Harbour.

By order of the Harbour Master

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