



FALMOUTH HARBOUR

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HARBOUR MASTER'S NEWSLETTER 2026 PRE-SEASON

Ifor Pedley – Harbour Master

Welcome to the 2026 Season in Falmouth Harbour

We look forward to another vibrant and busy season afloat. With increased leisure traffic, racing fleets and visiting vessels expected, all harbour users are encouraged to navigate with care and courtesy.

“Navigate with care. Respect the harbour rules and other harbour users. Then we can all enjoy the season safely.”

Commercial Shipping Update

Falmouth Harbour continues to see strong commercial activity including cruise calls, cargo operations and bunkering. Please monitor your VHF and keep clear of main shipping channels when large vessels are maneuvering. You can see planned shipping movements here: [Falmouth Harbour Shipping Movements](#)

Cruise Ship Season Anchor Calls & Tenders



23 of the 48+ scheduled cruise ship visits this year will be anchor calls, with ships operating tenders to transfer passengers ashore.

On anchor call days, harbour users should expect increased boat movements and regular tender operations. Please navigate with particular caution and maintain safe passing distances.

Full Cruise Schedule:
[Falmouth Cruise Ship Ambassadors](#)

Harbour Byelaws Speed & Mooring Areas

Full Byelaws Document:

[FALMOUTH GENERAL BYE LAWS](#)

All vessels must proceed at a safe speed and avoid creating excessive wash. It is not permitted to navigate through the moorings unless you are going to or from a mooring or facility. If you are transiting through the harbour, please use the main navigation channels.

“Speeding and excessive wash is dangerous and inconsiderate in confined waters. Check what is happening astern as well as ahead”

The inner harbour is monitored 24/7 by high-definition CCTV which is controlled by AI. Any vessel doing excess speed will automatically be recorded by the system and a notification will be sent to the Harbour Master Team. This could result in formal action and may even include prosecution. Please stick to 6 knots in the inner harbour.

Engine Kill Cords

Please remember to wear your kill cord at all times when your engine is running. It is there for a reason, to stop the engine immediately should you be thrown from the helm, reducing the risk of serious injury to you or others. In many cases, wearing a kill cord is not only best practice but may also be a requirement of your insurance policy. Please clip on. [Kill Cord Safety | Safety Equipment](#)



Beach Safety Zones CCTV Now Active



New CCTV monitoring will automatically alert the Harbour if an unauthorised vessel enters the Beach Safety Zone.

Guidance:

[Falmouth Harbour - Beach Safety Zone](#)

Voluntary No Anchoring Zones

Voluntary no-anchoring areas are located off the local beaches, around Trefusis Point and within the waterski area to protect sensitive seabed habitats including seagrass beds. Please respect these and help the habitats flourish. [Protect our Harbour - Falmouth Harbour, Cornwall](#)

PoFSA Sailing Marks

Falmouth Harbour now manages the Port of Falmouth Sailing Association sailing marks, ensuring improved oversight and safety coordination. [Falmouth Harbour to manage race marks for local sailing clubs - Falmouth Harbour, Cornwall](#)

Introducing Our New Harbour Patrol RHIB – LUGO

LUGO enhances our capability for rapid incident response, byelaw enforcement and Beach Safety Zone monitoring.



Pilot Vessel Atlantic



Our new pilot boat Atlantic has been fully operation for a whole year and has proved to be every bit as good as we had hoped.

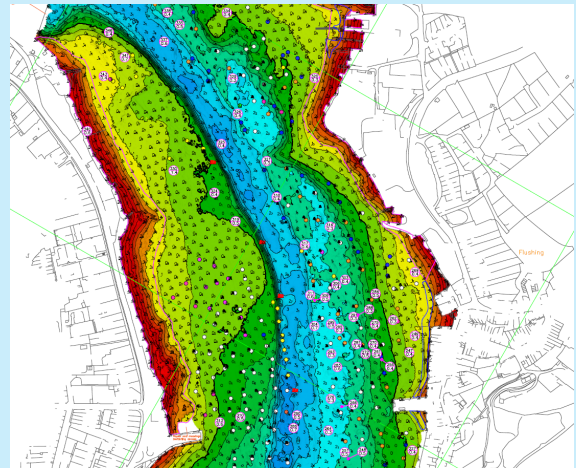
The boat is fast, quiet and efficient and has great sea keeping abilities.

Both pilot boats are running on HVO as are the other diesel vessels in our fleet.

Harbour Survey

A bathymetric survey has been completed of the inner harbour.

This included LIDAR scans of the shallow areas and plotting all moorings.



We will ask the Hydrographic Office to set the charts to 0.5M increments which will give more information for boats inside the harbour.

Surveying is a part of our Conservancy duties under the PMSC (Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code).

Falmouth Harbour Users Consultation Group

The Harbour Users Group (HUG) has been running for well over a year and meets four times a year. It is made up of a broad church of users from across the harbour, both leisure and commercial.

The minutes are publicly available here: [Publications - Falmouth Harbour, Cornwall](#)

The email address for the HUG is here: HUGChair@falmouthharbour.co.uk

“We have lots of great events happening this year including the Triangle Race and Falmouth Sailing Week. Remember to stay clear of participating vessels. This includes all club racing”

New Visitors Buoys

The majority of visitors mooring buoys are now orange in colour, so are easier to pick out from customers seasonal moorings. Call Falmouth Haven on VHF CH 12 if you need to pick one up.



Boat Jumble

We are planning on having a pre season boat jumble at Grove Place. This will take place Sunday 19th April.

To book a space please call in at the Slipway office at Grove Place.

This will be a good chance to clear some of those lockers out and maybe find a bargain.

A Safe & Enjoyable Season Ahead

By navigating responsibly and respecting harbour regulations, we can ensure Falmouth Harbour remains safe, welcoming and environmentally protected.

Thank you.

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