



# Port Ellen

Harbour User Consultative Forum – 14/11/2025

# Harbour Authority & Harbour Operator

## ❖ Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL):

- ❖ Statutory Harbour Authority and Asset Owner

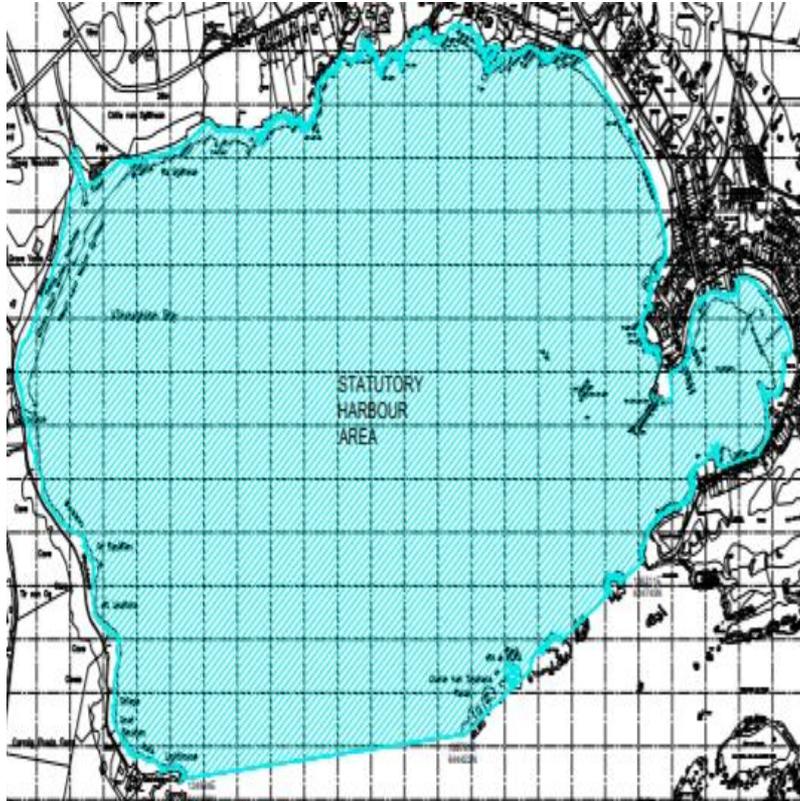
## ❖ CalMac Ferries Ltd (CFL):

- ❖ Ferry Operator under CHFS; and
- ❖ Harbour Operator under the **Harbour Operating Agreement (HOA)** to CMAL

- ❖ **CMAL delegate the vast majority of the operation of the Harbour to CFL under the HOA.** However, CMAL retain responsibility for:

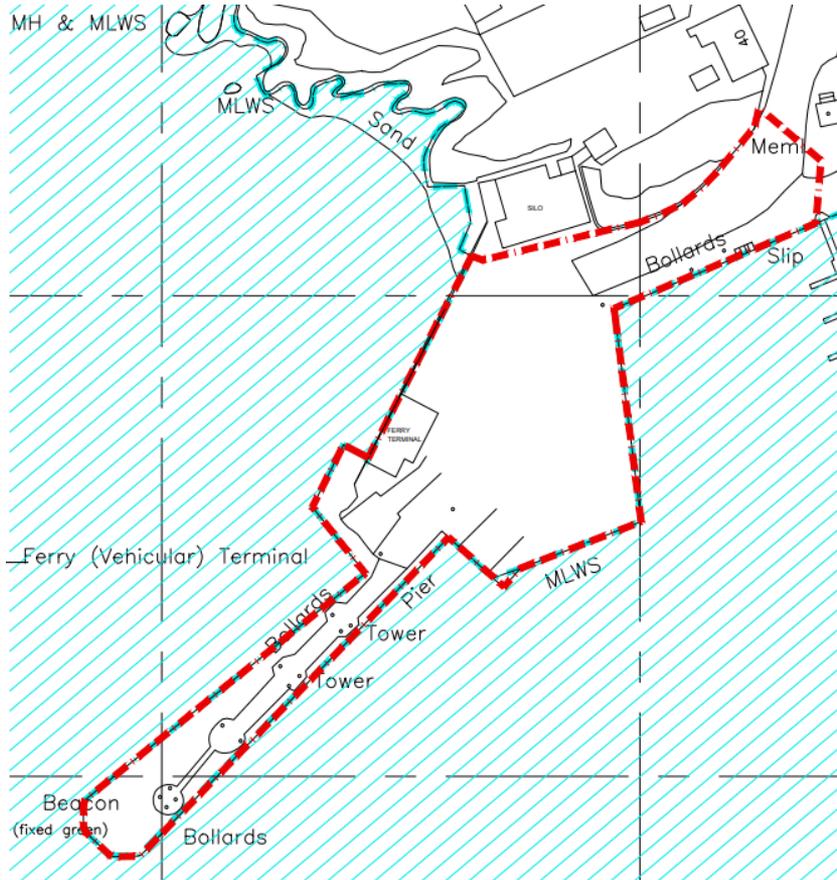
<i>Conservancy</i>	<i>AtoNs</i>	<i>Dredging</i>
<i>Wrecks</i>	<i>Dangerous Vessels</i>	<i>Vessel Detention</i>
<i>Bathymetric Surveys</i>	<i>Issuing NtMs</i>	

# Statutory Harbour Area @ Port Ellen



- Port Ellen is generally well sheltered from all but southerly winds. There is an anchorage towards Kilnaughton Bay, and the finger pier can accommodate vessels up to 100m (South berth) and 80m (North berth) with a draft of 4.3m. Larger vessels can request the berth but will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The quay wall can also be requested but will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
- Anchorages available as per charts;
- Fishing vessels can land on the quay wall which is 35m long with a depth of 3m. If this is occupied, then either the linkspan or the fish quay wall can be used. Vessel should berth at the fish quay.

# Shore Area @ Port Ellen



- **GPS Coordinates - 55.627751N -6.190050W**
- CFLs Area of Responsibility highlighted in **Red**;
- Pier;
- Vehicle marshalling area;
- Linkspan;
- Second berth with concrete ramp;
- Passenger gangway suitable for either berth;
- Terminal office with ticket office, toilets and waiting room.

# Harbour Information & Links

<https://www.cmassets.co.uk/>

- ❖ **Terms and Conditions of Harbour Use**
- ❖ **Schedule of Harbour Charges**
- ❖ **Current Notices to Mariners**
- ❖ **CCTV System Privacy Notice**
- ❖ **Port Marine Safety Policy Statement**
- ❖ **Harbours Enforcement and Prosecution Policy**
- ❖ **Navigational Safety, Pilotage & Towage Policy**
- ❖ **Marine Conservancy Policy**
- ❖ **Chartlet, Weather, Wind and Tide information** (Not for navigational purposes)

# Harbour Information Available

The Following Information is available on request:

- **Bathymetric Survey** of the Port – Request from Port Manager/Supervisor;
- **Topographical Survey** of the Port – Request from Port Manager/Supervisor;
- **Vessel Arrival Booking Process** – also available via the CalMac Harbours Website;
- **Workboat Checklist** – also available via the CalMac Harbours Website;
- **Harbour User Consultative Forums** – also available via the CalMac Harbours Website

<https://www.calmac.co.uk/harbours/>

# Health, Safety & Environmental Issues

## Near Misses;

- Hauliers parking in lanes overnight – Traffic Management.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party vessels not following pier staff hand signals during unloading.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party vessel berth across linkspan with no communication made.
- Lack of PPE/Lifejacket within designated areas

## Accidents;

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party vessel makes contact with berth infrastructure

# Port Waste Management Questionnaire

- Purpose is to seek feedback from Harbour Users and selected other relevant stakeholders on port waste management at the harbour, the purpose being to ensure that marine waste provision is adequate and managed;

- Please complete & return your questionnaires to;

[harbour.operations@calmac.co.uk](mailto:harbour.operations@calmac.co.uk)



## CALMAC PORT WASTE MANAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This port waste management questionnaire is relevant to:

CalMac Harbour Operations are seeking feedback from Harbour Users and selected other relevant stakeholders on port waste management at the harbour, the purpose being to ensure that marine waste provision is adequate and managed. Thank you for participating.

Completed questionnaires should be returned by the following means:

- E-mail to: [harbour.operations@calmac.co.uk](mailto:harbour.operations@calmac.co.uk), or
- Handed in to the Harbour Manager / Supervisor at your local CalMac office

1. Do you support the principle of waste minimisation? Yes / No

2. Can you suggest any ways that you could minimise the waste you produce?

3. Do you think that the level of waste provision at the port facility is adequate? Yes / No

If no please explain:

4. Are the recycling facilities adequate? Yes / No

Please provide further information:

5. Do you currently recycle any of your waste at another facility? Yes/No

Please provide further information:

6. Would you be happy with an increase in harbour charges for better waste facility provision? Yes/No



# Navigational Safety Questionnaire

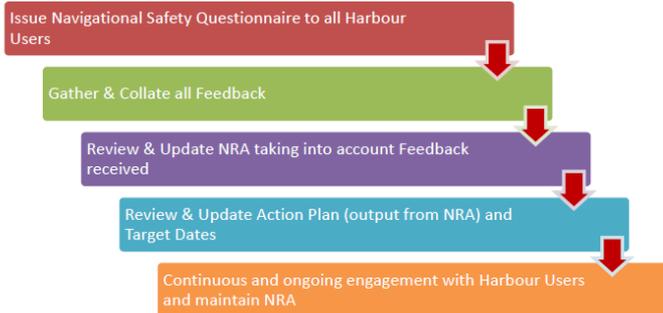
- The Navigational Safety Questionnaire is aimed at providing all users a voice with regards to the provision of safe navigation within the harbour;



## CALMAC MARINE NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

CalMac Harbour Operations are seeking feedback from Harbour Users and selected other relevant stakeholders on navigational safety within the harbours we operate. The purpose of this questionnaire is to give ALL users of our harbours the opportunity to comment on the safety of navigation in those areas you sail or operate. CalMac welcomes all relevant feedback in order to identify areas for improvement and make our harbours a safe place for all.

The basic process CalMac Harbour Operations will use is:



## CALMAC MARINE NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY QUESTIONNAIRE

This navigational safety questionnaire is relevant to:

1. Do you feel that the harbour is a safe place to operate within and navigate? Yes / No

2. Can you suggest any ways that navigation could be improved in the harbour?

3. Do you think the provision of Aids to Navigation (AtoN) is suitable? Yes / No

If no please explain:

4. Are you aware of any incidents or near misses in the past 12 months which CalMac should be aware of or consider when assessing navigation risks? Yes / No

If yes could you please outline some further details of the incident:

5. Do you have any other comments relating to safe navigation, AtoN provision or marine safety? Yes/No

If yes please explain:

# Notices to Mariners

## Standing NtMs

- SN/01 – Dive Projects
- SN/03 – Fuel Bunkering
- SN/04 – Safe Speed & UKC
- SN/05 – Weighted Heaving Lines
- SN/08 – Reporting of Incidents, infrastructure or Aids to Navigation Defects.

## Current NtMs

- NtM 02/24 – Sanctions on Russian & Belarus Vessels update
- NtM 05/25 – Colonsay Scalasaig Bay North Perch and AtoN Light Missing
- NTM 12/25 - Foot and Mouth Disease

Always Live Updates

# Engagement, Consultation & Roles

- Primary purpose of the HUCF: **To permit formal engagement and consultation with all users of the Harbour;**
- Normally, formal **HUCF meetings held once per year** supported by more frequent, less formal engagement. Currently using Microsoft Teams.
- **CFL Port Manager** – Responsible for the safe and effective delivery of the local CFL Ferry and Harbour Services;
- **CFL Area Harbour Operations Manager** – Supporting the CFL Port Manager in the delivery of the local CFL Harbour Operation and Services whilst also creating the standards to which the CFL Harbour Operation and Services will work to.

# Development Projects

## Current and Planned Developments:

- Port Ellen Terminal Development planned closure in 2026.
- Port Askaig will become primary port during this period.
- Public meetings:
  - Public Consultation to be held on Traffic Modelling Study for Port Askaig with Royal Haskoning.

# Harbour Specific Issues

Open forum to raise and discuss  
issues relating to harbour  
operations at Port Ellen

# Attendee & Agenda Review & AOB

To confirm:

1. Attendees are suitable – any users missing?
2. Agenda Items – are there other items you would like to cover?
3. AOB – Any other business?