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**Harbours**

**Schedule of Rates and Dues**

**2026/2027**

Approved by: pp  on behalf of Councillor Judy Whyte

**Position: Provost of Aberdeenshire Council**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**



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## **SCHEDULE OF HARBOUR CHARGES**

By virtue of the powers contained in the Harbours Act 1964, the Grampian Regional Council (Harbours) Order 1987 and the Pilotage Act 1987, Aberdeenshire Council have revised the dues chargeable by them at the undernoted Harbours and the revised maximum dues are listed in the following schedule.

Other charges, to which the provisions of the said Act and Orders do not apply, are also listed in the schedule.

The schedule shall have effect from 1 April 2023

Head of Service  
Legal and Governance  
Corporate Service  
Aberdeenshire Council  
Woodhill House  
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### **HARBOURS UNDER THE CONTROL OF ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL**

Banff                      Gourdon                      Portsoy                      Johnshaven                      Macduff                      Stonehaven                      Rosehearty

## SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM HARBOUR RATES AND DUES

### A.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A.1.1 Any item or service not covered by these Rates and Dues will be assessed by the Harbours Service and the Project Manager shall have the power to set an appropriate Rate or Fee for that Item or Service.
- A.1.2 It must be further noted that any legitimate cost incurred by the Harbours Service on behalf of any vessel, skipper, owner, or agent whether requested or not by that person/vessel shall be recharged to that person/vessel including any administrative or service costs so associated.
- A.1.3 For any Credit Notes generated not through fault of the Harbour Service, a charge of £30.00 will be applied
- A.1.4 VAT shall be charged at the current rate on vessels under 15 gross registered tons, where the vessels is not designed or has been adapted for recreational / pleasure activities.
- A.1.5 All reference to length in the Rates & Dues shall mean registered length
- A.1.6 No refunds will be applied
- A.1.7 Please note that legal action for debt recovery may affect your ability to obtain credit in the future.
- A.1.8 If legal action is required to recover any debt due to Aberdeenshire Council under these Rates and Dues the cost of such action including all administrative and ancillary costs shall be due to be recovered from the debtor.
- A.1.9 Please note that legal action for debt recovery may result in you being blacklisted and may affect your ability to obtain credit in the future.

### A.2 CARGO VESSELS

- A.2.1 Cargo dues shall be payable prior to the shipment or discharge of any goods unless the shipper or consignee has been granted credit terms by the Council. The Council reserve the right to retain any goods in respect of which the cargo dues have not been paid, and that at the cost of the shipper or the consignee, as the case may be, until the dues and costs thereby incurred by the Council are settled in full.

### A.3 BERTHING FEES FOR FISHING VESSELS (MACDUFF)

- A.3.1 For any vessel for which no composition fee has been paid, the rate payable on each entry, valid for 1 week or part thereof or as otherwise specifically arranged, shall be as stated in Table B.1.
- A.3.2 If, after paying the composition fee, the vessel ceases to regularly land fish, each entry to the harbour shall be charged in accordance with Table B.1  
**NOTE - To qualify for composition fee the vessel must have 3 consecutive entries to the Harbour.**
- A.3.3 Masters of vessels or their agents paying harbour dues under any of the above categories who engage in commercial fishing shall be required to declare the value of the catch to the



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Harbourmaster within 7 days of landing and to pay the appropriate fish landing dues either directly to the Council or to a fish salesman or purchaser, duly authorised by Aberdeenshire Council to collect such dues.

### **A.4 COMMERCIAL OR CHARTER OPERATIONS**

- A.4.1 The methods and process of levying the above fees shall be determined by the Service Manager or the Harbours Sub-Committee.  
Similarly, no discount or reduction in this Rate or payment may be given without the written permission of the Service Manager.  
Any operator who wishes clarification of the above shall seek this from the Harbours Service who shall consult the Head of Roads and Landscape Services and shall advise that operator which category of payment applies.  
The decision of the Head of Roads and Landscape Services shall be final in that case.

### **A.5 COMPOSITION FEE FOR TRADITIONAL BERTHING, COMPOUND & HARDSTANDING**

- A.5.1 All reference to length in this section shall mean "length overall"
- A.5.2 Please note that by signing an application for a berth all customers have confirmed their acceptance that there will be no refunds if the berth is vacated before the end of the period covered by that payment.
- A.5.3 All Berthing Fees MUST be paid in full before 1<sup>st</sup> April in any year for summer or twelve months berthing and before 1<sup>st</sup> October where winter berthing in Harbour or Compound is required.
- A.5.4 Supply of Water (Under present circumstances this is VAT free)
- A.5.5 If a vessel is occupying a berth not allocated to them, there will be a daily rate charged for the period the vessel is in the un-approved berth, irrespective of whether they have paid the berthing charge.

### **A.6 SINGLE ENTRY (AND ROVER TICKET)**

- A.6.1 All payments will be due on entry and in advance for extended stays in any and all Harbours.

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**c. Harbour Charges 2026-2027 for Banff, Portsoy, Rosehearty, Stonehaven, Gourdon & Johnshaven**

	<b>Harbour Charges 2026-2027 for Banff, Portsoy, Rosehearty, Stonehaven, Gourdon &amp; Johnshaven</b>		Unit Rate (Exc VAT)	VAT - 20%	Unit Rate (Inc VAT)
<b>C.1</b>	<b>BERTHING FEES (RECREATIONAL &amp; COMMERCIAL)</b>				
C.1.1	6m or Under	<p><b>6 Month Berthing (April – September (or part of) or October – March (or part of))</b></p> <p>Applicable at Banff (including Compound), Portsoy, Rosehearty (including Compound), Stonehaven, Gourdon, Johnshaven &amp; Hard Standings at all Harbours</p> <p><b>£209.00</b> minimum charge up to 6 meters.</p>	£209.00	£41.80	£250.80
	6.m - 7m		£246.50	£49.30	£295.80
	7.m - 8m		£284.50	£59.60	£341.40
	8.m - 9m		£322.50	£64.50	£387.00
	9.m - 10m		£360.50	£72.10	£432.60
	10.m - 11m		£398.00	£79.60	£477.60
	11.m - 12m		£436.00	£87.20	£523.20
	12.m - 13m		£474.00	£94.80	£568.80
	13.m - 14m		£512.00	£102.40	£614.40
	14.m - 15m		£549.50	£109.90	£659.40
	15.m - 16m		£587.50	£117.50	£705.00
	16.m - 17m		£625.50	£125.10	£750.60
	17m - 18m		£663.50	£132.70	£796.20
	18.m - 19m		£701.00	£140.20	£841.20
19.m - 20m	£739.00	£147.80	£886.80		
C.1.2	<b>Pontoons Berths at Banff Marina</b>	<p>Minimum Charge <b>£1,000.00</b></p> <p><b>(only 6, 8 &amp; 10 meter pontoon berths available)</b></p>			
	6m		£1,000.00	£200.00	£1,200.00
	8m		£1,317.50	£263.50	£1,581.00
	10m		£1,635.50	£327.10	£1,962.60
<b>C.2</b>	<b>SUPPLY OF WATER FOR RECREATIONAL VESSELS</b>				
C.2.1	Compulsory charge in Leisure Harbours <b>except Banff Pontoons &amp; Traditional Berths</b> where water is supplied, an annual fee per berth shall be levied on all vessels over and above berthing fees levied under Item C.1.1 above for the supply of water.		£13.50	£0.00	£13.50
C.2.2	Compulsory charge on Pontoon & Traditional berths in Banff Harbour Marina an annual fee per berth will be levied on all vessels over and above berthing fees levied under Item C.1.2 above for the supply of water.		£33.00	£0.00	£33.00

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<b>C.3</b>	<b>SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY AT BANFF</b>			
C.3.1	Electricity will be charged per/KWh via a smart meter card payment system. Rates will be as per Aberdeenshire Council's current electricity tariff, the rates will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Harbourmaster and adjusted as necessary.			
<b>C.4</b>	<b>TRAILERS IN COMPOUND</b>			
C.4.1	Trailers can be left in the Compound for 1 month free of charge, any additional months to be charged at the following rate.	£94.00	£18.80	£112.80
<b>C.5</b>	<b>SINGLE ENTRY (AND ROVER TICKET)</b>			
C.5.1	Single Entry for 24-hour period or part there of	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
C.5.2	All harbours (Rovers Ticket valid for 1 week from date of issue, except Macduff & Banff Serviced pontoons - covers 2 nights in either harbour only)	£83.00	£16.60	£99.60
<b>C.6</b>	<b>CHARTER OPERATIONS FOR LEISURE PURPOSES</b>			
C.6.1	Commercial vessels that are regularly engaged in running sea angling, leisure fishing or tourist trips shall declare themselves to be involved in such trade. For the purposes of this section "regularly engaged in running sea angling, leisure fishing, or tourist trips" means a minimum of 20 trips per 6 month period. An uplift shall be applied at the percentage indicated to the appropriate Composition Fee as designated under Item C.1 above, at the start of each season. If the operator fails to meet the necessary number of trips indicated above, the uplift may be reimbursed on production of the owner's proof of this.	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%
<b>C.7</b>	<b>UNMANNED SLIPWAYS &amp; REPAIR PADS</b>			
C.7.1	Any vessel using a slipway inclusive of entry and exit from the harbour for one day only	£27.00	£5.40	£32.40
C.7.2	Season ticket for unlimited use of any Aberdeenshire Council slipway (other than the commercial slipway at Macduff) valid for 6 months commencing 1st April or 1st October, per vessel.	£84.00	£16.80	£100.80
C.7.3	Use of repair pads by any vessel in respect of which a composition fee has been paid.	£27.00	£5.40	£32.40

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<b>C.8</b>	<b>CHARGE FOR STORAGE OF FISHING GEAR ON PIER</b>			
C.8.1	<b>Authorised Storage</b> - After 1 week up to 6 months (INCL VAT).	£63.00	£12.60	£75.60
C.8.2	<b>Unauthorised Storage</b> - Charge per item per day, after 1 weeks, for gear left on pier excluding vessels under repair. All gear stored on the piers is to be tagged with name and number of vessel. (INCL VAT)	£15.50	£3.10	£18.60
<b>C.9</b>	<b>CHARGE FOR ICE</b>			
C.9.1	<b>Flaked Ice Supply at Banff Marina</b> Flake ice will be provided free of charge to Berth Holders of Aberdeenshire Council Harbours, supplies permitting. Any other person requiring ice may purchase it at the price (per fish box) indicated in the column adjacent subject to availability. At times of high demand, please give prior notice to the Harbourmaster to ensure demands can be met.	£4.00	£0.00	£4.00
<b>C.10</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL OR CHARTER OPERATIONS</b>			
C.10.1	Vessels or organisations that are operating or are involved in “ferrying” activities e.g., commercial crew changes or deliveries of persons, materials and supplies to vessels outside the harbour shall declare themselves to be involved in such trade.  Operators of such services shall notify the Harbourmaster of all such trips and shall pay to that Harbourmaster the fee indicated on the right for each and every trip made. This is in addition to normal harbour dues if berthed in the Harbour. No Harbour Dues will be charged for single entry.  Such “trip” shall be defined as any trip that involves any exit, entry, or both for the purposes of transporting any persons or materials to or from any vessel berthed or passing offshore at any Aberdeenshire operated Harbour.	£31.00	£0.00	£31.00
C.10.2	Vessel operators who use their own vessel as a tender for the above operation shall pay a fee per passenger as indicated on the column to the right.	£31.00	£0.00	£31.00
C.10.3	Vessels or organisations that are operating a second or third party training business, testing and/or verification of equipment etc shall declare themselves to be involved in such trade and shall notify the Harbourmaster of all such trips and shall pay to that Harbourmaster a fee equivalent to 5% of the sum received for that operation and not exceeding the sum indicated on the right for each	£31.00	£0.00	£31.00

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	and every trainee. If no trainee or third party is carried the fee to the right will be due for each trip.				
C.10.4	Vessels or organisations that are operating in-house training within the harbour limits shall declare themselves to be carrying out such training and shall notify the Harbourmaster of all such training and shall pay to the Harbourmaster, after the initial 10 persons trained, a fee equivalent to 5% of the sum that would be received from a second or third party organisation for such training but not exceeding the sum indicated on the right for each and every trainee.		£31.00	£0.00	£31.00
C.10.5	Any organisation or operator who fails to disclose that they are engaged on any of the above services or fails to notify the Harbourmaster of a trip shall be obliged to pay the fee in the column to the right for each and every passenger carried or a rate of twice that rate if no passengers are declared or indicated.		£62.00	£0.00	£62.00
<b>C.11</b>	<b>FISH LANDINGS</b>				
C.11.1	Vessels <10m		1.50%		1.50%
C.11.2	Vessels >10m Per Quarter	Per Quarter – 2.5% on first £7,500 total catch value. Reduced to 1.5% for remainder of quarter	2.50%/1.50%		2.50%/1.50%
C.11.3	Failure to disclose Fish Landings at the required 3-month interval within 28 days of each initial request. Fish Landings still to be paid on top of this charge.		£619.50	£0.00	£619.50
<b>C.12</b>	<b>CHARGE FOR CLOSURE OF PIERS &amp; HARBOURS</b>				
C.12.1	Closure of Aberdeenshire Council Piers for filming or advertising will be charged at the following rates per day -				
	1 – 3 Days		£1,139.00	£227.80	£1,366.80
	4 – 7 Days		£779.50	£155.90	£935.40
	8 + Days		£419.50	£83.90	£503.40
C.12.2	If at any point a section of the Harbour is to be closed to the public due to any commercial activity (including training, testing and/or verification of equipment), the operator shall notify the Harbourmaster a minimum of 24 hours prior to the closure and shall pay to that Harbourmaster the fee indicated on the right if the closure exceeds 1 hour within a 24 hour period.		£137.50	£0.00	£137.50



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<b>C.13</b>	<b>POLLUTION CLEANUP</b>			
C.13.1	Pollution event cleanup where causation is made. Min charge applies. If cost exceeded, then full cost recovery implemented.	£2,479.00	£0.00	£2,479.00