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Harbours

Schedule of Rates and Dues

2026/2027

Approved by on behalf of Councillor Judy Whyte

Position: Provost of Aberdeenshire Council

Date: 26th 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

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HARBOURS UNDER THE CONTROL OF ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

Banff	Portsoy	Macduff		Rosehearty
Gourdon	Johnshaven	Stonehaven		

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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 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 1st April in any year for summer or twelve months berthing and before 1st 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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SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM HARBOUR RATES AND DUES
B. COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IN ALL MACDUFF HARBOUR

	MACDUFF HARBOUR CHARGES 2026-2027		Unit Rate (Exc VAT)	VAT - 20%	Unit Rate (Inc VAT)
B.1	**HARBOUR DUES FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS – per week or part of**				
B.1.1	Vessels under 10m		£52.00	£10.40	£62.40
	10-17m		£78.00	£15.60	£93.60
	17-22m		£116.00	£23.20	£139.20
	22-26m		£142.50	£28.50	£171.00
	26-30m		£167.50	£33.50	£201.00
	over 30m		£270.00	£54.00	£324.00
	HARBOUR DUES FOR CREEL/LINE VESSELS – PER 6 MONTHS				
	6m or under		£209.00	£41.80	£250.80
	6.m – 7m		£246.50	£49.30	£295.80
	7.m – 8m		£284.50	£56.90	£341.40
	8.m – 9m		£322.50	£64.50	£387.00
	9.m - 10m		£360.50	£72.10	£432.60
B.1.2	**FISH LANDINGS**				
B.1.2.1	Vessels <10m		1.50%		1.50%
B.1.2.2	Vessels >10m	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%
B.1.2.3	Failure to disclose Fish Landings		£619.50	£0.00	£619.50
B.1.3	**WASTE DISPOSAL**				
B.1.3.1	Compulsory Waste Disposal Charge (on arrival, per visit), per week in Harbour & Slipway		£52.00	£10.40	£62.40
B.1.3.2	Supply of Skip for Waste Disposal (Duration on Request)		£103.50	£20.70	£124.20
B.2	**SLIPWAYS & REPAIR PADS**				
B.2.1	Charge per metre, per 24 hours and per all succeeding 24 hours				
	Vessels Over 15 Tonnes	Extraction per meter, 1st day only	£41.50	£0.00	£41.50
		24-hour period of part thereof	£11.00	£0.00	£11.00
	Vessels Under 15 Tonnes	Extraction per meter, 1st day only	£41.50	£8.30	£49.80
		24-hour period of part thereof	£11.00	£2.20	£13.20

B.2.2	**DISCOUNT:** Any vessel on the slipway for less than 6 hours shall be discounted by -	33.00%	0.00%	33.00%
B.2.3	Unconventional Hull – Slipway Cradle set up Charge	£3,190.00	£0.00	£3,192.00
B.2.4	Unattended vessel movement by Council at owner's request & risk - from berth to slipway or slipway to berth	£206.50	£0.00	£206.50
B.2.5	TURNOUT CHARGE – A charge shall be made (per hour or part thereof) in respect of any attendance by a Harbour Officer out with provision of listed standard port service. Out of Hours – Minimum 2 Hours	£72.50	£14.50	£87.00
B.2.6	Work can be conducted 7 days a week. Contractors expected to follow H&S standards. Hot work and confined space permits controlled by out of hours staff at weekend.			
B.2.7	When HP Water Blasting is carried out and no metering is available, an estimate of usage will be made by the Slipway Supervisor. The metered quantity or the Slipway Supervisors estimated quantity, in tonnes will be charged at the figure to the right.	£13.50	£0.00	£13.50
B.2.8	Charges for disposal of contaminated waste water, at cost per tonne	£659.00	£131.80	£790.80
B.2.9	TBT Testing to be charged accordingly plus VAT	At cost + 5%	£0.00	At cost + 5%
B.3	**WORK BOAT**			
B.3.1	Hire of Pilot Boat and crew per hour or part thereof	£316.00	£0.00	£316.00
B.3.2	Towage charge using Work Boat	£206.50	£0.00	£206.50
B.4	**WATER CHARGES**			
B.4.1	Bulk Fresh Water Charge	£44.50	£8.90	£53.40
B.4.2	Additional charge per tonne or part thereof in excess of 6 tonnes for Cargo Vessels	£8.50	£1.70	£10.20
B.4.3	Any vessel less than 20m, registered length where metering not available	£33.00	£6.60	£39.60
B.4.4	Any vessel 20m or greater, registered length where metering not available	£44.50	£8.90	£53.40
B.4.5	Vessels for which a composition fee under Section B.1.1 has been paid, a single quarterly charge shall be made: -			
	Any vessel less than 20m registered length, per quarter year - Where metering not available	£56.00	£11.20	£67.20
	Any vessel 20m or greater registered length, per quarter year - Where metering not available	£67.50	£13.50	£81.00
B.4.6	Recreational Vessel Standard charge, on each occasion, at Macduff Harbour.	£25.00	£5.00	£28.80

B.5	**ELECTRICITY**				
B.5.1	Under 17m	**Charged per day or part of for unmetered Electricity**	£35.00	£7.00	£42.00
	17.m - 22m		£40.50	£8.10	£48.60
	22.m - 26m		£47.00	£9.40	£56.40
	26.m & over		£68.50	£13.70	£82.20
B.5.2	Metered Electricity will be charged at 0.37p per unit		£0.37	£0.07	£0.44
B.6	**LINESMAN SERVICE**				
B.6.1	Mooring & Springing assistance upon request for Vessel <15 tons – Normal hours weekdays		£67.00	£13.40	£80.40
	Mooring & Springing assistance upon request for Vessel >15 tons – Normal hours weekdays		£67.00	£0.00	£67.00
B.6.2	Mooring & Springing assistance upon request for vessel <15 tons – Out of Hours & Weekends		£129.00	£25.80	£154.80
	Mooring & Springing assistance upon request for vessel >15 tons – Out of Hours & Weekends		£129.00	£0.00	£129.00
B.7	**FLAKED ICE SUPPLY**				
B.7.1	Charges for the supply of Ice, at a cost per tonne		£100.00	£0.00	£100.00
B.8	**LANDING TABLE**				
B.8.1	Single use of Landing Table		£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
B.9	**FORKLIFT**				
B.9.1	Use of forklift per hour, including personnel		£125.00	£25.00	£150.00
B.10	**MACDUFF FISH MARKET**				
B.10.1	The fish market is available for the purpose of net mending when there is no fish lying on the fish market for uplifting. The standing charge shown opposite per day shall be applied. VAT will be applied at the current rate if appropriate. The user is responsible for ensuring the fish market is cleaned to the satisfaction of the Harbourmaster after use, otherwise a fixed penalty of £100 will be imposed.		£72.00	£114.40	£86.40
B.10.2	Fish Cold Storage per box in excess of 10 boxes only. Per day or part thereof – unless less than 3 hours		£0.50	£0.00	£0.50
B.10.3	Cleaning of Fish Market required by Harbour Staff after use. Charged per hour, x 2 min after hours. No charge if undertaken by vessel crew to the satisfaction of attending Harbour Officer.		£155.00	£31.00	£186.00
B.11	**CHARGE FOR STORAGE OF FISHING GEAR ON PIER**				
B.11.1	**Authorised Storage –** Per week or part of		£63.00	£12.60	£75.60

B.11.2	**Unauthorised Storage -** Charge per item per day, after 1 week, for gear left on pier excluding vessels under repair. All gear stored on the piers is to be tagged with name and number of the vessel.	£15.50	£3.10	£18.60
B.12	**QUAYSIDE REPAIR WORK**			
B.12.1	Quayside Repairs for vessels <50 tonnes, one off charge (in addition to normal harbour dues)	£130.50	£0.00	£130.50
B.13	**CHARGE FOR CLOSURE OF PIERS & HARBOURS**			
B.13.1	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
B.13.2	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
B.14	**WHARFAGE**			
B.14.1	All wharfage will be chargeable as per ton or, in the case of any timber or wood product, per cubic metre at	£1.00	£0.00	£1.00
B.15	**COMMERCIAL OR CHARTER OPERATIONS**			
B.15.1	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
B.15.2	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

B.15.3	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 and every trainee. If no trainee or third party is carried the fee to the right will be due for each trip.	£31.00	£0.00	£31.00
B.15.4	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
B.15.5	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.16	**SINGLE ENTRY AND ROVER TICKET FOR LEISURE VESSELS**			
B.16.1	Single Entry for 24-hour period of part there of	£23.00	£4.60	£27.60
B.16.2	All Harbours (Rover 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.17	**POLLUTION CLEANUP**			
B.17.1	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
B.18	**OPERATING HOURS**	Normal Hours 08:00 – 16:00 Mon-Fri		Out of Hours 16:00 – 08:00 & Weekends