

Harbour User Group (HUG) - Report for TTEF October 2025

The HUG is made up of Harbour Master and Deputy with representatives from commercial shipping, berth holders, leisure, Biosphere, Town Council, shipyard, TTEF, heritage. The purpose of the HUG is to allow Harbour Stakeholders to have a vehicle to express their opinions in the affairs of Bideford Harbour. The HUG holds four meetings per year allowing the Harbour Master to consult on all matters substantially affecting the conservation, protection, regulation, management, maintenance and improvement of Bideford Harbour and its navigation.

HUG meeting 07/10/25 covered:

- Logging and reporting issues with people boarding boats without permission
- Harbour Masters report - covered elsewhere in this meeting
- Code of Conduct for harbour - first draft discussed and sub group established to prepare next draft and report at next meeting
- Water Quality - work of Taw Torridge River Champions and Biosphere presented as reported elsewhere in this meeting
- Estuary Strategy and Plan update - including the proposed Crown Estate creation of a map and register of all vessels moored in Taw Torridge
- Consultation - on feasibility plans for improvement to Fishermans Wharf, Bideford balancing the needs of commercial port with leisure and recreation interests

Next meeting January 2026

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