

Port of Bideford Quarterly Summary:

- An external PMSC audit was carried out in May – the first for over 6 years. The audit concluded that the Port of Bideford is compliant with the PMSC.
- The MCA audited the Port of Bideford Oil Response Plan in May and concluded that the plan is fit for purpose and that the port is Compliant.
- This was a busier shipping quarter
 - With 2 port calls by the steam Passenger Vessel Waverley on 31st May and 19th June, HM is in conversation with operators of Waverley to agree as many port calls for 2025 as is possible.
 - 1 minehunter and a cable barge left from H&W.
- The inaugural meeting of the Bideford Harbour Users Group happened on 22nd May.
- A local company are in the process of providing a quote for repairing one pump and one fountain nozzle which might be operational 14 days of commissioning the work.
- In June, equipment and scaffolding was deployed on the steps in Bideford Harbour by the “Tarka the Otter” statue.
 - This is a temporary deployment of an experimental device that uses air compressed or the vacuum created by the rising and falling of the tide to drive a turbine to generate electricity. The experiment was a success and was “a useful proof of concept.”
- <https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/gallery/revolutionary-tidal-energy-invention-light-9381921>
- In the summer months there has been an escalation of the anti-social behaviour on Bideford Quay.
 - This is excessive alcohol consumption, taking and suspected dealings in drugs, loud music, bad dancing and littering along the quay and in the waterway.
 - Plans coming to try and reduce such behaviour and give the police more powers.