



Banff Harbour Newsletter – Summer 2010

Summer season is here again – and its time for another newsletter and some nice weather for sailing and fishing (fingers crossed.)

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new berth holders, if you require any help at all then just call into the office I'll be glad to help. It also good to see the return of many existing berth holders, its good to see you all getting out a lot more this year already.



The harbour is a busy place again this summer, a pleasure to see. We have had many visitors already this season not only from Scotland but further afield as well, it looks like I am going to have to brush up on my Norwegian! It is also heartening to see that we are getting return visits this year, truly a compliment to the marina and, of course, to yourselves - our visitors often comment on the quality of our facilities and the friendliness of our berth holders.

On the sailing front its good to see events well attended by our berth holders - Pie and a Pint (or maybe two!) at Portsoy and a trip to Pennan, not to mention the Traditional Small boat Festival to name but a few. I had a nice sailing trip away with Andy Morrison and Alex and Cameron Slater earlier this summer. We visited Lossiemouth, Helmsdale and Lybster lovely places to visit - I can thoroughly recommend them all!

But back to business, the Pontoon gate code required changing at short notice earlier this season due to a breach in security. The code will be changed again at the end of the season as normal, please ensure that the code is kept to yourselves if anyone asks for the code for entry to the pontoons direct them to me, thank you for your assistance.

Some dredging took place earlier this year with an experimental plough dredge to follow later this season.

Again on a more serious note I have had reports of youngsters jumping from the piers in an unsafe manner. Could you please report any near misses or unruly behaviour as soon as possible to allow me to take any action necessary.

Harbour users have pointed out that some creels at the back of the harbour are a risk to other vessels due to creel floats being under the water – that is the ropes are too short – no buoys or long floating lines of the creels. We have had a few near misses just recently.

And finally - The harbour section is in the process of arranging for a questionnaire to be circulated throughout all the council run harbours (similar to 2008.) They are looking to better understand your views and your feedback is important to how they can improve the service provided. The survey will be available online and in hardcopy so please fill one in and let us know your opinions.



All that remains is for me to say Happy Sailing and Good Fishing to you all for as long the summer holds out!

Sam

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The harbour survey can be accessed online at:

www.surveymonkey.com/harboursurvey

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