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Getting Afloat at Bangor

The Marina is staffed 24 hours a day and maintains a listening watch on Channel 80 or Channel 11. All vessels are asked to call prior to entering or leaving the harbour. Should the red 'traffic lights' be lit please contact the duty berthing master before continuing. Harbour Bye Laws and Marina Rules are displayed in the office.

The marina mobile number is **07764 313383**.

Safety First

We take safety very seriously at Bangor Marina. Please therefore read the following guidance notes which set out our basic safety procedures. You should familiarise yourself with the locations of safety equipment, and its operation.

We try to make boating at Bangor as safe and as fun as we possibly can. In addition to the terms and conditions of marina use, the following notes are intended to help.

General

Consideration should be given to the wearing of a lifejacket while afloat. Don't run or cycle on the pontoons. Use the handrails on the access gangway. Don't overload your trolley. If you are not sure about how things work or if you need help please contact us. Also, please remember, alcohol and boating don't always mix.

Fire Drill

Fire alarms are tested each Monday at 0900 GMT.

A siren will sound in the event of an emergency. Subsequent instructions will be broadcast by loudspeaker and on VHF Channel 80 and 11.

In the event of a fire:

- Raise the alarm
- Clear the area of any people who may be in danger, without endangering yourself.
- Tackle the fire, only if it safe to do so. Otherwise leave the area. Gather at the fire muster point in the car park.
- Take heed of any instructions broadcast over the pontoon loudspeaker system.

We don't permit barbecues on the pontoons or on board.

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Rescue Recovery Equipment

A rescue cradle, a rescue pole and two rescue throw lines are located at the bottom of the access brow. Instructions on how to use this rescue recovery equipment are clearly displayed. Please familiarise yourself with the operation of this safety equipment. Marina staff are trained in using safety equipment and are happy to explain/demonstrate its use.

A Defibrillator Saves Lives

Acting quickly when someone is in cardiac arrest and fighting for their life is crucially important. When someone goes into cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces their chances of survival by 10%. Our 'Automated External Defibrillator' is located within the Marina foyer. It is a medical device that analyses the heart's rhythm and if necessary, it delivers an electrical shock, known as defibrillation, which helps the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. Instructions on use are clearly displayed on the unit, audible instructions are given by the machine when in use. Marina staff are trained in using the AED and are happy to explain/demonstrate its use.

Ladders, Fire Extinguishers & Water Rescue Equipment

There are fixed and portable ladders on each pontoon and you should know the location of the nearest ladder to your boat. Ladders and safety ropes are also fitted around the vertical faces of the marina basin. To aid self-rescue, we recommend that all boat owners leave transom ladders un-locked or un-latched. To help deploy the ladder in a rescue scenario we suggest attaching a pull down lanyard which could be reached from the water, we also recommend that all available un-locked or un-latched ladders be marked with a high visibility pennant. Safety cabinets are fitted on each pontoon and hold two dry powder extinguishers and a life ring. Please note the nearest cabinet to your boat.

VHF

When on board in the marina, keep your handset or portable on Channel 80. We also listen to Channel 11 for harbour traffic.

Navigation

When navigating in the marina, harbour or harbour approaches, please observe the Bye-Laws and terms and conditions of marina use. In particular, observe the red traffic light signals at the marina and harbour entrance. When these are lit, please contact the office by radio for instructions. Listen on VHF Ch 80 (Marina) or 11 (Harbour). Be aware that large and powerful vessels use the harbour from time to time. Even when alongside, these vessels may run engines

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or bow thrusters causing a wash capable of capsizing small craft. Navigation under sail or paddle alone is not permitted without the Harbour Master's permission or by prior arrangement.

Depths

In general, minimum depths below LAT are as follows (2019):

F, G, H, I2.9 metres

D (North)2.7 metres

A, B, C, D (South).....2.2 metres

Heights of tides are indicated by the tide board. Details of the most recent hydrographic survey are available for inspection, and berth holders are always advised to ensure that their berths are suitable. Shallow depths exist close to the breakwater and basin walls. Marks denoting the limits are in place

Speed

Please observe the 4 knots dead slow speed limit and do not create excessive wash within the Harbour & Marina. A speed limit of 8 knots exists between Wilson's Point and Luke's Point.

Wave Wash

Fast Ferry services operating in the area cause wave wash which can be felt both outside and inside the harbour in certain conditions. Large and powerful vessels operate in Bangor Harbour and its approaches, so a good lookout should be kept at all times.

Slipway

Let the office know your intentions before you launch or recover. There may be imminent harbour movements or lifeboat emergencies of which you are unaware of. The slipway is primarily a means of launching Bangor's Atlantic 85 lifeboat. The use of the slipway is restricted to season ticket holders and Bangor Marina and harbour users. A minimum clearance of 4.5m should be left at all times when the slip is in use. Vessels and owners use the slipway at their own risk at all times. All debris must be removed from the slipway after use.

Weather Forecast

The latest local forecast is displayed on the Marina notice board display screen. More detailed information can be obtained via Windy.com or Xcweather.com. Details are also available from HM Coastguard in Bregenz House.

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HM Coastguard

Belfast Coastguard Rescue Centre is situated at Bangor in Bregenz House. Navigational warnings are regularly broadcast by HMCG. A continuous VHF watch is maintained on Channel 16, Main Working channel 67, Secondary 73.

HM Customs

The nearest office is in Belfast. Vessels requiring Customs services should call **0845 7231110**.

Sharing the Lough

Yachts and conventional ships have always shared the Lough in a responsible manner. Now they are sharing with a third group – ‘Fast Ferries’. All three groups can use the Lough in a safe and responsible manner, when sea sense prevails. The International Collision rules for powered and sailing vessels apply throughout the Lough. Know them and use them. Give early notice of your intentions, as Fast Ferries approach very quickly. Check the ferry times. Watch out for Fast Ferry wave wash especially when launching or recovering boats.

Terms and Conditions of Marina Use

These are based on guidelines issued by the Yacht Harbour Association and the British Marine Industries Federation. All Marina users are required to hold fully comprehensive insurance cover with a third party liability element of £3 million. Marina users should satisfy themselves that they have taken all reasonable precautions against theft.

Winter

Please take extra care during cold and icy conditions. The access ramps and adjacent areas are regularly salted during frosty periods. Salt can be provided to customers who wish to salt their pontoon. Please contact the Marina Office for assistance.

Swimming & Diving

Swimming is not permitted within the confines of the marina and harbour. Diving operations are only permitted with the express written permission of the Harbour Master and in compliance with current Health and Safety legislation. Under the guidance of the Port Marine Safety Code we operate a Diving permit scheme.

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Hot works and Grinding

Hot work and grinding operations are only permitted with the express written permission of the Harbour Master and in compliance with current Health & Safety legislation. Under the guidance of the Port Marine Safety Code we operate a Hot Works permit scheme.

Mooring Up

Please ensure that your craft is correctly moored and fendered, with proper bow and stern lines, and well placed springs. We cannot accept responsibility for any damages resulting from inadequate moorings and/or fenders, particularly during stormy conditions. Cleats provided on the pontoons are of cast quality and shackles should not be used to secure lines to the cleats.

Useful Marina Information

Access

Access is gained by using a fob or Personal Identification Number (PIN) to operate the door lock. Visitors may obtain the current PIN from the office at the time of registering their visit. Contract berth holders will be provided with a card when completing their agreements. Doors will open and close automatically when the correct PIN is used. Door locks can be operated from the office if necessary (when it is attended). Parking, access, facilities and berthing arrangements are all in place for the less able.

Parking

Parking is free to all marina and harbour users displaying a valid Smart Parking car park permit. An ANPR system controls the area of marina car park that was previously covered by the ticket based Pay & Display system. Bangor Marina car park permit holders will continue to receive free parking within the paid section of the car park providing the number plate of their vehicle has been registered. During events and busy times when the car park divider barriers are open and access is solely controlled via the fob activated automatic barriers the ANPR cameras will be switched off.

To register your vehicle(s) for free parking within the paid parking section of the car park, please submit your car number plate information at Marina reception. Don't try to tailgate through the barriers. Parked cars should not block emergency access or access for any deliveries or garbage collections.

Electricity

Please remember to disconnect your lead before you leave the berth. Disconnect from the

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pontoon outlet first. Do not leave live cables on the pontoon. If you see any damage to electrical equipment, please let us know immediately.

Fuel

White DERV diesel and unleaded petrol are available at the fuel pontoon. The self-service pumps can be operated using credit or debit cards, with clear instructions provided on the notice board. Audible guidance is also available from the fuel auditor. Your credit or debit card will only be charged for the amount of fuel dispensed.

All refuelling must be conducted at the company's designated fuel berth. Please adhere to the following safety regulations while fuelling:

- No smoking
- No naked flames
- No engines running
- No mobile phone use
- No radar use

Heads

Do not use your flushing heads in the Marina or harbour. Facilities are available in Bregenz House.

Toilets and Showers

These are available continuously, except during daily cleaning times. These times are advertised in the facilities. We would appreciate your co-operation during these short periods. Separate facilities are available for the disabled.

Pump Out

A pump out station is located on the fuel pontoon and is available 24 hours a day. Please contact the office to arrange this service and for any assistance.

Laundry

The laundry is open continuously. The equipment is operated by tokens, available from the office. Soap powder is available from the office. An iron is also available.

Trolleys

These are provided for the convenience of all berth holders. They should be returned to the trolley park after use. Trolleys should not be used in the boatyard. Children should not 'ride' in trolleys. Please do not carry dirty fuel cans /oil containers / used fuel filters in trolleys.

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WiFi

A limited free Wi-Fi Internet service is available at Bangor Marina. Please contact the marina office for log-on details.

Children and Guests

Young children should always be in the care of adults and should wear a lifejacket. Children should not be allowed to ride in marina trolleys. Berth Holders' guests should always be accompanied while on the harbour and marina estate and should be advised of all the safety considerations.

Dinghies and Tenders

These should not be used for recreational purposes in the marina or harbour.

Bangor Harbour Code of Practice for Rowing Boats, Canoes, Kayaks, and Stand-Up Paddleboards

Bangor Harbour offers excellent opportunities for sports, leisure, and recreation on its sheltered waters. We aim to encourage these activities while ensuring they coexist with the harbour's commercial functions. As Northern Ireland's busiest marina, Bangor Marina can be a challenging waterway due to its commercial activities. Therefore, this code provides guidance for safe navigation and use of the harbour by rowers and paddlers. This first edition of the Bangor Harbour Code is available from the Marina office and is designed to be a straightforward guide for those accessing the sea via harbour waters. Developed with input from experienced rowers and paddlers, the recommendations are based on risk assessments and local and international regulations.

Travel Information

Trains and buses to Belfast, with connections throughout Ireland, run from Bangor Station only 1/2 mile from the Marina. There are frequent connections to ferry services to the mainland via Larne and Belfast. A fast ferry service operates from Belfast to Stranraer. Air flights to destinations throughout the British Isles and abroad are available from Belfast City and Belfast International airports. Various timetables are available from the office. Travel agents are situated in the town within 1/2 mile. Hire cars and taxis are readily available.

Banks

Banks, Building Societies and Post Offices are situated within walking distance of the Marina. Cash Points accept a wide range of cashcards from most British and Irish Banks.

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Tourist Information Centre

The Council's Tourist Office is situated at the Tower House opposite the Marina and is open 7 days a week during July & August; from 09.00–19.00 hours Monday to Friday, from 10.00– 19.00 on Saturday and from 1400–1800 hours on Sunday. During the rest of the year the office maintains normal business hours.

Lets Talk – Comment Cards

Your observations, comments and suggestions are extremely important to us, they help us achieve the high standards we have set for ourselves. Comment cards are available from the Marina reception. Completed cards can be handed in at the Marina reception or deposited in the red coloured comments post box which is located in the amenity's corridor.

Contractors

All contractors must register at the Marina Office.

Residential Use of Boats

(Not occasional overnight/weekend use) We permit owners to live aboard with our prior consent. Additional terms & conditions and a surcharge will apply. We do not permit houseboats.

Repairs and Maintenance

Berth holders are welcome to carry out minor running repairs on their craft, subject always to the marina terms and conditions. Only registered contractors may carry out work to vessels within the harbour and marina area. Contractors should be able to satisfy marina and harbour requirements regarding insurance, namely the possession of a third party liability cover of at least £5 million. Details of how to register are available at the Marina/Harbour Office. Berth holders should be aware that in the event of injury or damage being caused on the harbour estate by a contractor who has not satisfied the above requirements, the berth holder's insurance will be deemed to be liable.

Bicycles

Please use the bicycle stand provided. Please do not leave your bicycle chained to the railings for indefinite periods. We reserve the right to remove any bicycles that cause obstructions or nuisance. Please do not cycle on the pontoons.

Recycling

Domestic rubbish can be disposed of in bins provided in the compound, situated at the rear of

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Bregenz House. Recycling facilities for the collection of glass bottles, metal cans, paper, plastic bottles, old batteries, old oil filters and waste oil is provided in the Commercial Pier. The Bangor Port Waste Management Plan is available for inspection if required.

Keys

We are happy to hold keys to craft for emergency access purposes only. We reserve the right to refuse to accept keys of craft for collection by third parties, unless by written prior arrangement.

Pets

Pets should be exercised off the Marina Site and Car Parks, and should not be allowed to foul the pontoons, access, nor car parks, nor cause any aggravation to Marina users. Dogs should be kept on a lead when not on board. We reserve the right to insist on appropriate pet insurance.

Charitable Giving

We support a number of charities locally in cash and in kind. These include the RNLI, Belfast Lough Sailability, the Bangor Sea Cadets and the Maritime Volunteer Service. We also make donations to other worthy causes from time to time. If you are visiting Bangor on a sponsored voyage or passage and you request support from us in advance, we would like to have sight of written confirmation from the fund raising management of your chosen charity that your request is valid. If you request support upon arrival or when settling your account on departure, we may well decline to assist, until we have the chance to consider any above mentioned validation. In any event, we will not offer discounted berthing as a means of charitable giving, but we will, at the end of the financial year, consider all validated requests when deciding on the extent and level of our giving for the year. We cannot offer support in the form of fuel or electricity.

Environmental Awareness

We are keen to encourage and promote environmental awareness amongst our berth holders. Please consider the needs of the environment for the good of all

Beware of the Wildlife

Shoreline habitats support a huge variety of species that can be vulnerable to disturbance. Reduce your speed and check your wash in sensitive areas.

Don't be a noisy neighbour

Roaring engines, flapping halyards, loud music can disturb other users of the marina and nearby residents. Do what you can to reduce noise pollution to a minimum.

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Overboard is out

Litter spoils the appearance of the marina and harms the environment. Bag your rubbish and dispose of it in the marina bins. It is an offence under the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Regulations 1988 to dump rubbish in a river or at sea.

Don't Flush

Untreated sewage from vessels is unsightly and a health hazard to other water users. Don't pollute the marina environment use the shore facilities whenever possible.

Don't pollute the water

Drips and spillages have a serious cumulative effect on the marine environment. Portable fuel tanks and spare fuel containers should be filled away from the waters edge. Don't overfill tanks. Provide drip trays and absorbent material. Dispose of used engine oil within the waste oil tanks in the marina.

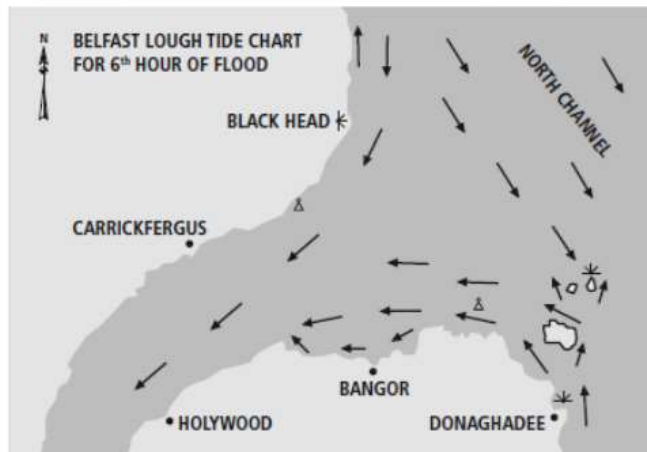
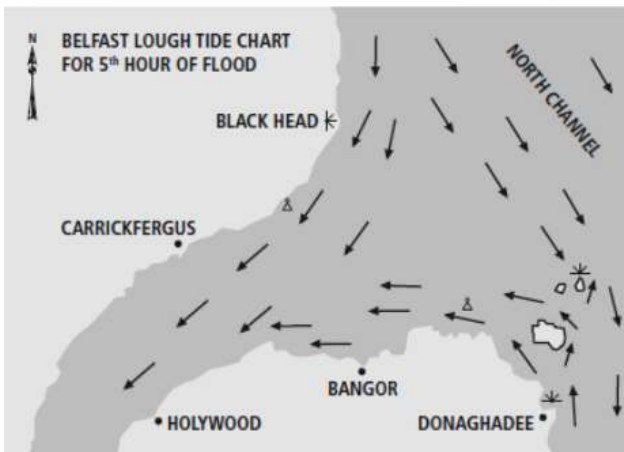
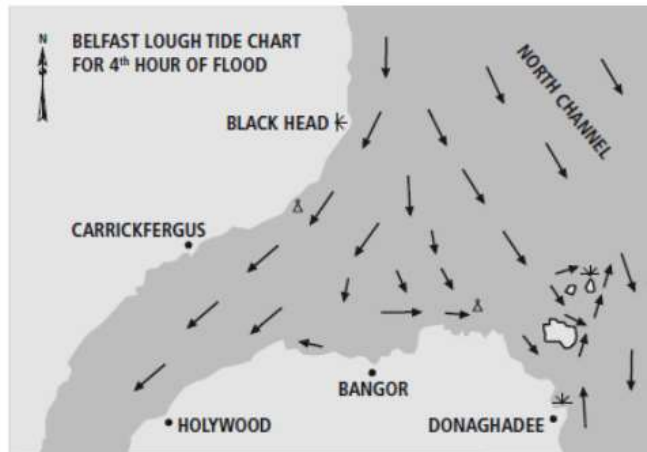
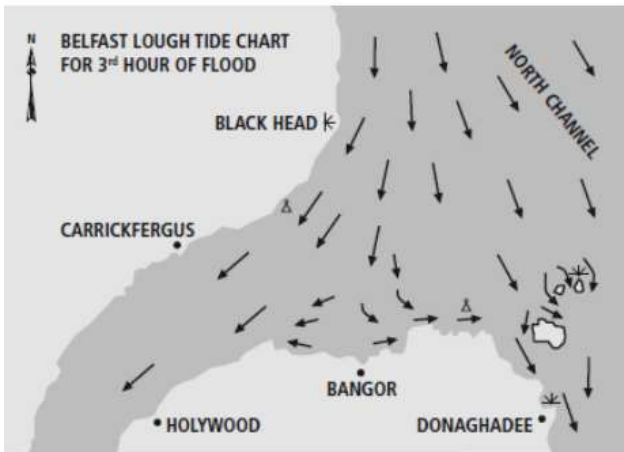
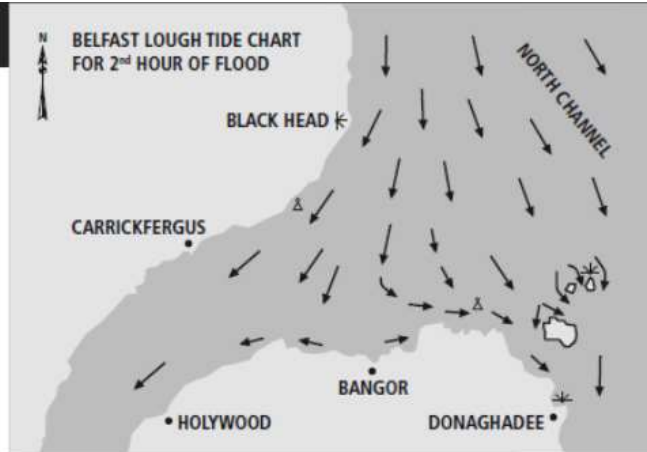
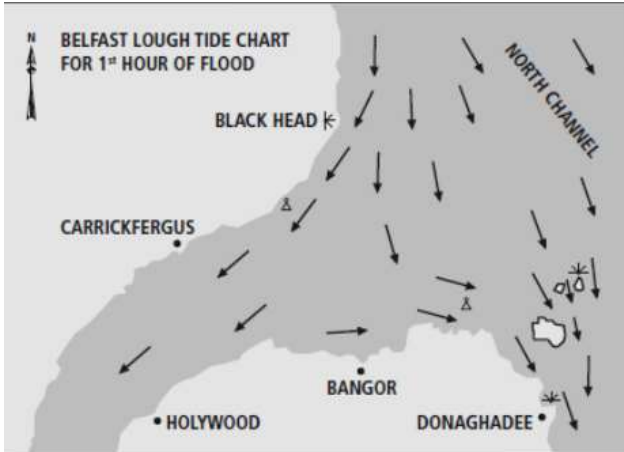
Paint a pretty picture

Take care with anti-fouling. Ensure that anti-fouling scrapings are swept up and disposed of. Try not to allow them to enter the water. Where possible use products that are biodegradable, phosphate and chlorine free.

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Belfast Lough – flood tidal information



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