

Marine Licence with introductory note

The Marine and Coastal Access Act (2009)

Licence Holder:

Caernarfon Harbour Trust

Harbour Office, Porthi Dre, Tŷ Seiont,
St Helens Road Caernarfon LL55 2YD

Caernarfon Harbour pontoons

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the marine licence

The main features of the marine licence are as follows.

The installation of pontoons along the Cei Llechi area of the harbour in Caernarfon, Gwynedd. This will involve the installation of floating pontoons along a section of approximately 360m of the quay wall, secured off driven piles which are to be placed on the foreshore adjacent to the quay wall. The project also includes the installation of a 15m x 6m scrub deck adjacent to the harbour wall on the western side of the pontoons.

The status log of the marine licence sets out the marine licence history, including any subsequent marine licence variation(s)

Status log of this marine licence		
Description	Date	Comments
Application	29 September 2025	Application received and considered to be duly made
Date licence determined	11 December 2025	Determination date

Related marine licences or applications under determination

Not applicable

End of introductory note.

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1 LICENCE DETAILS

1.1 Marine Licence

This is a licence granted by the Licensing Authority in respect of an application numbered **CML2558** and duly made on **29 September 2025** and authorises the Licence Holder to carry out activities for which a licence is required under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, (2009 Act). This licence should be interpreted in accordance with **Section 4**.

1.2 Licence Holder

The Licence Holder is the company set out below:

Organisation: **Caernarfon Harbour Trust**
Address: **Harbour Office, Porthi Dre, Tŷ Seiont, St Helens Road Caernarfon LL55 2YD**

1.3 Licence Validity

Licence Start Date	11 December 2025
Licence End Date	10 December 2035
Licence Issue Date	11 December 2025

1.4 Conditions

This licence is subject to the conditions set out in **Section 3**.

Signed:



Dr. Emmer Litt – Marine Licensing Team Leader

For and on behalf of the Licensing Authority

2 LICENSED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Project

Caernarfon Harbour Pontoons

The following Licensed Activities can be conducted within the Licence Period, within the Licensed Area and in accordance with the Approved Application and the Approved Supporting Documents:

Table 1 Licensed Activities

Activity 1 Installation of pontoon piles, mooring system and pontoon floats	
Type of Licensed Activity	Construction
Description	Installation of floating pontoons along a section of approximately 365m of Cei Llechi wall, secured from driven piles which are to be placed on the foreshore adjacent to the quay wall.
Material types to be removed or deposited	Deposit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steel, Other: <i>Pontoons</i>
Dimensions	Piles and pontoons to stretch along approximately 365m of quay wall (approx. 24 piles in total).
Activity 2 Installation of a concrete scrub deck adjacent to the harbour wall on the western side of the pontoons	
Type of Licensed Activity	Construction
Description	Installation of a 15m x 6m scrub deck adjacent to the harbour wall on the western side of the pontoons
Material types to be removed or deposited	Deposit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steel, Concrete
Dimensions	Scrub deck to measure 15m x 6m

2.2 Licensed Area

The Licence Holder is authorised to conduct the activities described in Table 1 in the vicinity of Cei Llechi Caernarfon bounded by the coordinates specified in Table 2 and as indicated in the plan attached at Appendix 1:

Table 2 Coordinates

Latitude	Longitude
Pontoons extent:	
53.137613	-4.2732766
53.138485	-4.2753956

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53.138597	-4.2756960
53.138733	-4.2761680
53.138787	-4.2765221
53.138742	-4.2777291
53.138771	-4.2777613
53.138787	-4.2783621
53.138675	-4.2783795
53.137510	-4.2733625
Scrub deck extent:	
53.138804	-4.2784517
53.138796	-4.2783712
53.138938	-4.2783578
53.138947	-4.2784410
Access extent:	
53.139392	-4.2785358
53.139270	-4.2784714
53.139106	-4.2785036
53.138934	-4.2783480
53.138939	-4.2784982
53.139068	-4.2786350
53.139258	-4.2785559
53.139383	-4.2785975

In the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates set out above and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

2.3 Approved Supporting Documents

Title/Description of Document	Date Submitted
CML2558 Updated co-ordinates	29 September 2025
CML2558 - Map of Licence area	29 September 2025
CML2558 - Policy for the Use of the Scrubbing Off Grid in Afon Seiont_0.2	25 September 2025
CML2558 - NE2413-00-02 Proposed Layout (Overview)-A1	25 September 2025
CML2558 - NE2413-00-01 (REV A) Proposed Layout-A1	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_welsh-national-marine-plan-signposting-en-only	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_Scrub deck layout_0.1	25 September 2025

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CML2558 - 12732_Project Layout 0.1	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_Pontoons Caernarfon_WFD_V0.2	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_marine-inns-biosecurity-ra-and-management-plan	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_eng-marine-works-licence-application_0.2	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_Caernarfon Pontoons HRA_0.2	25 September 2025
CML2558 - 12732_Caernarfon Harbour Pontoons_Installation Methodology Statement_0.1	25 September 2025
CML2558 RCAHMW_PAD_marine_Final1_English.pdf	10 December 2025

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3 CONDITIONS

Notification and Inspection

3.1 Notification of Commencement

- 3.1.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) no less than **10 days** before the commencement of the Licensed Activities, or an individual phase of the Licensed Activities, is expected to commence.
- 3.1.3** The Licence Holder must ensure that local mariners and fishermen's organisations are made fully aware of the Licensed Activities through local notices to mariners **10 days** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.2 Notification of Vessels and/or Vehicles

The Licence Holder must ensure that the details of the vessels and/or vehicles utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority and Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of the Licensed Activities.

3.3 Notification of Agents/Contractors/Sub-contractors

The Licence Holder must ensure that details of any agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) utilised to undertake the Licensed Activities are submitted to the Licensing Authority at least **24 hours** prior to the commencement of Licensed Activities.

3.4 Notification of HM Coastguard

The Licence Holder must ensure that HM Coastguard is made aware of the Licensed Activities at least **24 hours** prior to commencement by contacting The National Maritime Operations Centre at **zone31@hmcg.gov.uk**.

3.5 Inspection of Licensed Activities

The Licence Holder must allow Marine Enforcement Officers or any other person authorised by the Licensing Authority to inspect the Works at any reasonable time.

3.6 Notification of Completion

- 3.6.1** The Licence Holder must notify the Licensing Authority within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.
- 3.6.2** The Licence Holder must notify Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries Division (Control & Enforcement Branch) within **10 days** of completion of the Licensed Activities.

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3.7 Accident or Emergency

3.7.1 If, by reason of force majeure any substances or articles are deposited otherwise than as permitted as part of the Licensed Activities or in the Licensed Area full details of the circumstances shall be notified to the Licensing Authority within **48 hours** of the incident occurring.

3.7.2 If it is necessary for the Licence Holder to recover or remove any equipment, plant or machinery used to undertake the Licensed Activities that have been dropped as a result of an accident or emergency, the Licence Holder is permitted to do so provided that the methodology for such recovery or removal has been approved by the Licensing Authority.

3.8 Distribution of Copies of this Licence

The Licence Holder is required to ensure that a copy of this Licence is given to:

- All agent(s), contractor(s) and sub-contractor(s) whose names have been provided to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.3 and
- The Masters of any vessels and transport managers responsible for the vehicles employed in accordance with this Licence whose details have been submitted to the Licensing Authority under condition 3.2.

3.9 Inspection of Documents

Copies of this Licence shall be made available at the following locations:

- at the address of the Licence Holder specified in section 1.2;
- at any site office, located at or adjacent to the Licensed Area, used by the Licence Holder or its agent(s), contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) responsible for the loading transportation or deposit of any substances or articles permitted as part of the Licensed Activities;
- on board each vessel or vehicle carrying out Licensed Activities.

The documents referred to in this Condition shall be available at all reasonable times for inspection by officers appropriately authorised by the Licensing Authority and authorised Marine Enforcement Officers at the locations stated in that paragraph.

Vessels, Plant and Equipment

3.10 Notified Contractors, Vessels and/or Vehicles only to Carry out Licensed Activities

Only those agent(s), contractor(s), sub-contractor(s), vessels and/or vehicles whose details have been notified to the Licensing Authority may operate under the terms of this Licence. Any changes must be notified to and be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing prior to any such agent, contractor, subcontractors or vehicles carrying out any Licensed Activities pursuant to or otherwise operating under this Licence.

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3.11 Refuelling of Plant and Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that plant, vehicles and machinery are not refuelled on the foreshore or in the sea.

3.12 Equipment, Structures and Access

The Licence Holder must ensure that all equipment, temporary structures, access tracks, waste and/or debris associated with the Licensed Activities are removed on completion of the Licensed activities.

Safety

3.13 Removal of Deposited Material

If the Licensing Authority considers it necessary or advisable for the safety of navigation, the Licence Holder must remove any deposit specified by the Licensing Authority or Marine Enforcement Officers within one month of notice being given by the Licensing Authority, and shall not replace such material until the Licensing Authority has given its written approval.

Pollution control

3.14 Pollution Prevention

The Licence Holder must ensure that pollution prevention best practice is adhered to at all times. Any incidents must be reported to the Licensing Authority as soon as possible using the hotline number **0300 065 3000**.

3.15 Spillage of Pollutants

The Licence Holder must employ bunding, storage facilities and spill kits to contain and prevent the release of fuel, oils and chemicals associated with the plant, refuelling and construction equipment into the marine environment. Secondary containment must be used with a capacity of **no less than 110%** of the container's storage capacity

3.16 Prevention of Disposal of Man-made Debris

The Licence Holder must ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent the disposal of man-made debris to the marine environment. Such material must be removed immediately and be disposed of appropriately. If it is not possible to prevent manmade debris from entering the marine environment during the Licensed Activities, the Licensed Activities must cease immediately.

3.17 Cleanliness of Equipment

The Licence Holder must ensure that equipment, machinery and PPE are washed with freshwater and/or thoroughly airdried before deployment and before moving between locations.

Activity-specific Conditions

3.18 Notification of UKHO - Commencement

The Licence Holder must ensure that notification is sent to The Source Data Receipt team, UK Hydrographic Office (email: sdr@ukho.gov.uk) at least 10 days prior to commencement of the works. The information supplied must include the start date and end date, a description of the works, positions of the work area (WGS84), and details of any marking arrangements.

3.19 Notification of UKHO - Completion

The Licence Holder must notify the UK Hydrographic Office of the Licensed Area and the Licensed Activities within 10 days of the completion of the Licensed Activities.

3.20 Use of Render and Concrete

The Licence Holder must ensure that no waste concrete slurry or wash water from the use of concrete or cement are discharged into the marine environment. Concrete and cement mixing and washing areas should be contained and sited at least 10 metres from any watercourse or surface water drain to minimise the risk of runoff entering a watercourse.

3.21 Concrete Cure Time

The Licence Holder must ensure materials used are suitable for use in the marine environment and works should be timed to ensure maximum concrete cure time.

3.22 UK Marine Noise Registry

- 3.22.1** The Licence Holder must complete an entry into the UK Marine Noise Registry detailing the proposed dates and locations and nature of the impact pile driving at least 10 days prior to its commencement.
- 3.22.2** The Licence Holder must amend the marine noise registry proposed activity form should the timing of the impact pile driving alter or no longer remain part of the project.
- 3.22.3** The Licence Holder must complete an entry into the Marine Noise Registry detailing the actual dates, location(s) and nature of the impact pile driving every 6 months following the commencement of impact pile driving until the completion of impact pile driving with the final entry to be completed within 8 weeks of completion of the noisy activity.

4 INTERPRETATION

In this Licence terms are as defined in section 115 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act unless otherwise stated.

- (a) **"2009 Act"** means the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
- (b) **"Approved Application"** means the Marine Licence Application Form together with the Approved Supporting Documents;
- (c) **"Approved Supporting Documents"** means the documents supporting, or supplementary to, the Approved Application, submitted prior to the Licence Issue Date, listed in the Table at paragraph 2.3 above;
- (d) **"Commencement"** means the first undertaking of any Licensed Activities;
- (e) **"Force majeure"** may be deemed to apply when, due to stress of weather or any other cause, the master of a vessel determines that it is necessary to deposit the substances or articles because the safety of human life and/or of the vessel is threatened;
- (f) **"Licensed Activities"** means the activities authorised by this licence as specified in 2.1;
- (g) **"Licensed Area"** means the area within which Licensed Activities are authorised by this licence as specified in section 2.2;
- (h) **"Licence Holder"** means the person(s) or organisation(s) named in section 1.2 to whom this licence is granted;
- (i) **"Licence Period"** means the period beginning with the Licence Start Date and ending on the Licence End Date;
- (j) **"Licensing Authority"** means Natural Resources Wales acting on behalf of the Welsh Ministers;
- (k) **"Marine Enforcement Officers"** means the relevant officers appointed by Welsh Ministers under section 235 of the 2009 Act, contact details for whom are provided in section 5;
- (l) **"Marine Licence Application Form"** means the application form forming part of the application referred to in paragraph 1.1;
- (m) **"Method Statement"** means the Method Statement(s) forming part of the Approved Application or Approved Supporting Documents;

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- (n) **“Works”** means any construction activities comprised in the Licensed Activities and, where the context permits, includes any plant, equipment or materials used to carry out those activities or operations but excludes monitoring, minor routine maintenance or other ongoing operational activities following completion of any construction activities;
- (o) all times shall be taken to be the time in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) on any given day;
- (p) all co-ordinates shall be taken to be latitude and longitude decimal degree (WGS 84)
- (q) in the event of any discrepancy between the coordinates listed in paragraph 2.2 and the plan attached at Appendix 1, the coordinates shall take precedence.

5 CONTACTS

Except where otherwise indicated, the primary point of contact with the Licensing Authority and the address for returns, correspondence and requests for variations of the licence is:

Marine Licensing Team
Natural Resources Wales
Welsh Government Offices
Cathays Park
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
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Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers may be contacted at:

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