

Perth Harbour
PMSC Harbour User Meeting
Held – 25th June 2026

Attendees/Invites

Organisation	Attended (Y/N)	Apologies (Y/N)
Forth Ports	N	Y
Taymara	Y	
NLB	Y	
Police Scotland	N	Y
Scottish Water	N	N
LiveActive	N	Y
CalPort	N	Y
Blast Design	N	N
Glenalmond Timber	N	N
PKC Harbour Management	N	Y
PKC DP	N	Y
PKC Harbour	Y	
Tay Sports Hub	N	Y
Kinnes Shipping	Y	
Salt Dog Marine	N	N
David Anderson Marine	N	N
SFR	N	N
ScotBroker	N	N
Perth Pilot	N	Y
Tay and Earn Trust	Y	
Paddle Scotland	N	Y
BB/SSE	N	Y
Amey Highways – Friarton Bridge	N	Y
Shell Pipeline	N	N
INEOS FPS	Y	
PKC Greenspace	Y	
Inchyra Sailing Club	N	N
Newburgh Community Trust / Council	N	Y
Newburgh Sailing Club	Y	
NatureScot	N	Y
UHI	N	Y
King James VI Golf Club	N	N
Perth Sailing Club	N	N
Perth Sea Cadets	N	N
Dundee Rowing Club	Y	
Perth Jet Skis	N	N

Introduction

Harbour Master (HM) welcomed all to the annual Perth Harbour PMSC stakeholder meeting.

HM provided a brief update on harbour operations and structure. Users may have noted we have a dredger on site in February to carry out removal of sediment at the harbour entrance.

Safety

HM reported no significant commercial incidents, four leisure/public incidents;

- Person in water
- Security gate breach
- Unauthorised vessel access at harbour
- Ladder damage

All NMs have been investigated and mitigations put in place.

HM asked if there are any other incidents the attendees are aware of to report. Nothing reported.

HM provided an updated reporting procedure – the Perth Harbour website has an incident/near miss reporting link. In the first instance to contact the harbour on the numbers provided.

Issue with jet skis and no traction from last meeting. HM requested update from PKC greenspace team with no update. PKC also progressing review of lifebuoys across the estate, not the harbour, following two incidents of person in water in 2025. Awaiting update from PKC.

HM asked if users had any complaint about the water works at Sleepless Inch following previous reports – no issued raised. HM reminded all to report to SEPA if there is an environmental risk.

Compliance

- PMSC/ISPS Updates;
 - CRS Harbours Ltd, a consultancy providing professional, bespoke services to the ports, harbours and marine facilities industry are engaged as our Marine Advisor.
 - HM provided update from DP following the recent MCA Compliance exercise that concluded in March. PKC declared compliance to the PMSC.
 - DFT carried out ISPS audit of port in 2025, no NCs noted by inspector.
- Drills/Exercises – HM provided an update on drills carried out in accordance with the ports emergency plans. Three yearly oil spill exercise carried out Sept 25 as required by MCA.
- AToNs – HM reported on the AToN annual report to NLB was submitted with a performance level of 99.7%. HM mentioned upcoming Navigational Risk Assessment update and asked stakeholders to raise any comments on AtoNs or safety on the river. If users identify any issues or requests to share direct with HM. Three AtoNs are currently extinguished and works to repair will be carried out in coming weeks.
 - INOES raised point that the Perth MSMS does not list INEOS lights. HM agreed this should be in place and update will be undertaken.
- PMSC Bridging Document between Forth Ports and Perth Harbour in place. HM discussing with other facilities on the river.
- Navigation Risk Assessment – HM provided update that the Perth NRA has been updated and highest risk across the river remains grounding, which is expected due to the shallow complex channel. HM asked users if they had a differing opinion and/or any incidents they were aware of to report.

Harbour Closure Update

HM provided updated as per PKC request. PKC previous Harbour Closure Order (HCO) has not progressed with Transport Scotland. PKC changed position following discussion with TS and now seeking a Harbour Revision Order (HRO) to limit vessel size to 24m and retain their SHA status and responsibilities. PKC would look to revoke CHA (Pilotage Powers) for vessels on the River Tay. Consultation carried out at start of year, with a number of representations made by users. Currently the order is with Transport Scotland and been delayed due to the recent elections. We await outcome.

River Tay Steering Group

HM provided an update on the River Tay Steering Group. Meeting held March 26. HM updated that the Tay Cities Deal format may be changing and we await output. Tay & Earn Trust stated they had engagement with PKC but not heard anything for some time. HM took action to engage with PKC Development team to request an update. Next meeting planned Sept 26. T&ET stated there is a significant opportunity for Culture and Tourism across the Tay, from city centre, to Willowgate, and Elcho Castle. T&ET assessing various options for growth, including floating accommodation.

Operations / Cargos

1. Cargos - HM provided an update to shipping, 6 vessels since February. Three vessels are programmed for July – one export and two imports. HM reminded all to check the website for updates on shipping as we have a page outlining planned dates. HM reminded to all users the ships are restricted in their manoeuvrability once in the channel and can not get out of the way.
2. Surveys – HM provided update that regular surveys are under way of harbour entrance every 6months. Survey due June 26.
3. SSE Power Lines – Hm provided update that SSE Transmission still plan to carry out works across the Tay and Earn last 2026 and early 2027. HM will keep all up to date once confirmed.

Police Scotland

Apologies from Police Scotland for not attending meeting, provided report – no change or any concerns to raise.

A.O.B

1. AtoN/River Closure – NLB requested an update on the next stage should TS approve the removal of Pilotage Powers as there is a concern ships can still use the river without the pilotage control measure. HM provided update stating, once final decision is made by TS, Perth Harbour will then undertake a full Navigational Risk Assessment of the river to determine the risk profile of the river with pilotage removed. As a temporary measure a NTM will be issued stating there is no pilotage, and discussions commenced with PKC around Harbour Directions and issuing until Byelaw are amended.
2. Dundee Rowing Club mentioned they received contact from INEOS about the use of the slip for their annual pipeline exercise. HM raised INEOS had not been in contact about this exercise. INEOS will discuss internally and ensure Perth Harbour is on the notification/consultee list.

Next Meeting

TBC – June 2027