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Dear Stakeholder

Wick Harbour Authority are pleased to bring you a further update on developments here in the port.

### **BOWL CONSTRUCTION WORKS**

We thank you all for your continued patience with the ongoing harbour re-development works associated with BOWL. The summer months have been extremely busy with marine and shore construction works. We are now beginning to see the end result of many of the construction works which have been taking place in and around the harbour these past months. Work on the Stevens Building is progressing well. Re-pointing of the façade has taken place and windows are being installed. Harling of other buildings within the vicinity has also taken place. The images below show the original BOWL representation (right) and the area as recently photographed by ourselves. Great to see it all coming together.



The installation of the new pontoons to accommodate the Crew Transfer Vessels has now been completed and the permanent boats are now using this facility. The seasonal CTVs have now departed for the winter but will be returning in the spring for next year's campaign. The redundant



slipway winch house has also been demolished. This will tidy the area up and also allow for a greater sweep for cargo traffic / cranes etc using the Commercial Quay.

For more information about the project, please visit:

[www.beatrice.com](http://www.beatrice.com)

*Photo A McGee Images*

## FISHING

Vessels are reminded to check with Harbour staff before setting creel gear on the quay, as harbour users require access at all times. Landing figures are slightly up on last year driven in part by increased prices. **Special thanks to all fishing vessel owners who co-operated moving vessels during congested cargo and dredging periods.** Work to install new lighting and improve existing lighting within areas used by the commercial fishermen will commence shortly. These areas are Inner/Outer Harbour, Mart Jetty and Commercial Quay. Please do not hesitate to contact the Harbourmaster or Deputy Harbourmaster if you have any suggestions or concerns.



## DREDGING

Wick Harbour Authority have undertaken significant dredging works over the summer months. The dredging vessel Admiral Day and seabed levelling vessel Doonhammer undertook dredging the Outer harbour entrance, the sand bar and navigation channel for the River Harbour. This work was undertaken with financial assistance from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. Under separate contract, the

Inner and Outer Harbour areas were dredged in connection with BOWL works. Malcolm Bremner Harbourmaster said

“I am delighted with the dredge results, Wyre Marine Services were very co-operative and excellent to work with. “This significant dredging campaign should now mean that in future the harbour will only require to conduct the usual maintenance dredging operations.”

We are also progressing with seeking permission to re-open the south dumping ground.

## CARGO



The harbour has had a busy spell with cargo for the onshore windfarm developments at Bad-A Cheo and Achlathan. Large wind turbine components were delivered onto the Commercial Quay before being transported through the town by lorry. The first delivery of pipe cargo for Subsea 7 contracts came into the harbour during October. Further deliveries of both pipes and towhead structures are due early 2019. In addition, we continue to see our usual cargo shipments.

## HIGH WATER PROTECTION GATE

In our previous update we outlined plans to utilise the outer harbour area by installing a High Water Protection Gate. This project is progressing well, and the Harbour Authority are currently working collaboratively with all agencies.

## MARINA

We had another very successful season welcoming a significant number of visitors from near and far with numbers comparable to last year. This is encouraging as other marinas have reported numbers slightly down on last year. During 2018 we welcomed visitors from Norway, Germany, France, Poland, Netherlands, Switzerland, Belgium, Finland, Sweden and Ireland as well as those from within the UK. Our furthest travelled guests were from Australia. On the right is the yacht Santa Maria departing the marina earlier in the summer – she had started her voyage in June back in the Canary Islands. In most cases we continue to see the yachts berthing for a couple of nights, however it is encouraging to see a rise in people deciding to stay longer and explore Caithness and the north, once they are here !! Yet again your be-decked yachts during RNLi Wick Lifeboat day brightened up the harbour, and we have received great feedback from visiting yachters throughout the season, commenting on how helpful and friendly our local marina customers and other harbour users have been.



*"As a visiting yachtsman sailing around Britain, I've yet to visit a friendlier, more helpful marina/harbour. The showers, toilets etc are great too ..."*



**Thank you all for continuing to help make Wick a popular spot to visit.**

To further enhance the Marina area we will be renewing the decking on the pontoon areas and fingers. This work will be commencing shortly.

**Again if you have any thoughts or suggestions to make on the marina, please do not hesitate to contact us. [Note - RNLi Wick Harbour Day Saturday 15 June 2019](#)**



*left-right : Echo, Orage, Caithness Seacoast*

*Photo : Orage - D Sinclair*

## **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY HARBOUR MASTER**

The Board of Wick Harbour Authority are delighted to announce the appointment of Ian Cormack to the post of Deputy Harbourmaster. As Coxswain of RNLI Wick Lifeboat for 18 years and Wick



Harbour Pilot for 7 years, Ian brings a wealth of experience to the role.

John Mackay Chairman said " Following a competitive process with some excellent candidates, we are thrilled to welcome Ian to the team here at Wick Harbour ". "The developing offshore wind farms in the Moray Firth have provided Wick Harbour with tremendous opportunities for the future, and this appointment strengthens our team further, and demonstrates the Board's determination to grow and develop the harbour, and its various associated businesses."

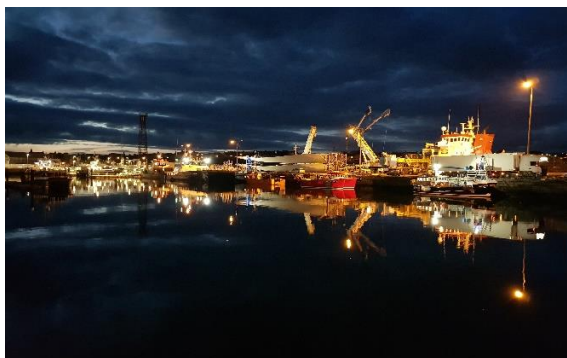
Ian said " Its farewell to my position in the RNLI, a post which was a privilege to hold, but I now look forward to taking up the post of Deputy Harbourmaster at Wick Harbour where there are exciting developments taking place. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities this will bring. "

Regards

Yours faithfully

**CHAIRMAN – John Mackay**

**HARBOURMASTER – Malcolm Bremner**



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