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Dear Stakeholder

Wick Harbour Authority are pleased to bring you a further update on developments here in the port. We thank you all for your continued patience with the ongoing harbour re-development works associated with BOWL and trust that they have not proved too problematic for you.

BOWL CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Significant construction works have been ongoing over the winter and spring months. Piling operations are now concluded and the large piling crane has now been dismantled and away to its next job. The re-profiling of the quayside is progressing well along with the construction works at the old slipway yard.



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The installation of new pontoons to accommodate the crew transfer vessels will be the next stage in the re-development. Harbour users and locals will already be familiar with these type of vessels as the Seacat Intrepid and Rix Lynx have been in port. Rix Lion and Rix Panther are now in port adding to the fleet already here.

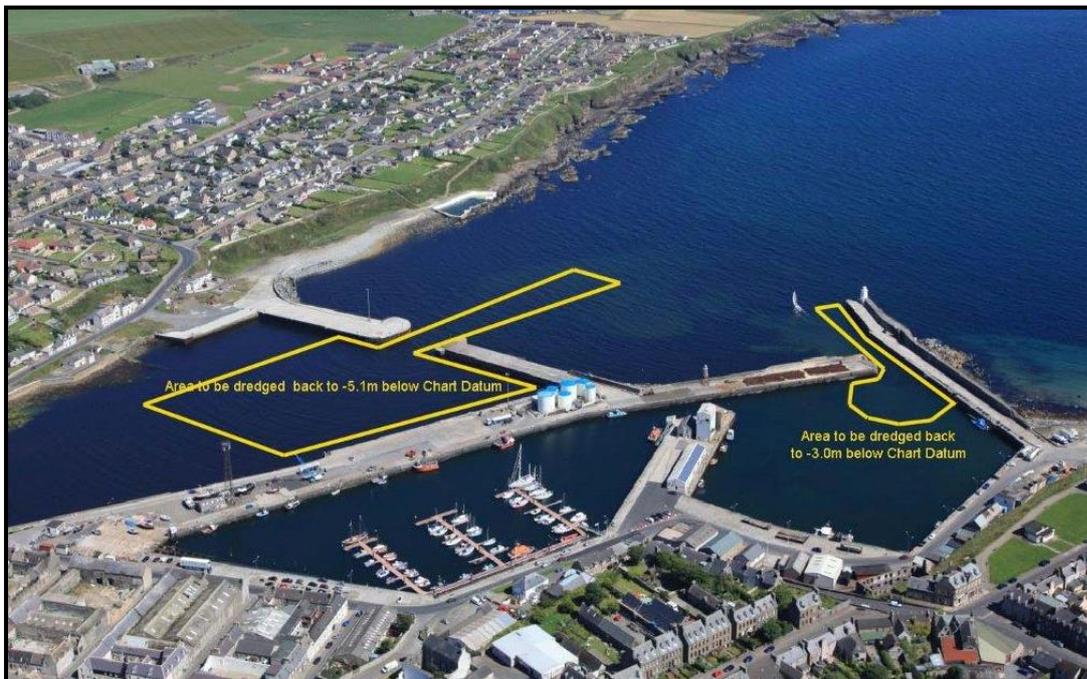
For more information about the works and the project, please visit: www.beatrice.com

COMMERCIAL FISHING BOATS

Vessels are reminded to check with Harbour staff before setting creel gear on the quay, as harbour users require access at all times. We have been particularly pleased to welcome a number of new small shellfish boats to the harbour during 2017. We hope that this summer season provides good fishing for everyone. Please do not hesitate to contact the Harbourmaster if you have any suggestions or concerns.

DREDGING

We are pleased to report that dredging operations will be taking place during May. The dredging vessel Admiral Day will be arriving in port during the second week in May. Work to dredge the outer harbour entrance, the sand bar and navigation channel for the River Harbour is expected to take at least 3 weeks.



CARGO

The port is still expecting a delivery of Wind Turbine cargo shortly. In preparation for this and future heavy cargoes, hard standing areas are already prepared. Various deliveries of pipes will be arriving in connection with the forthcoming Subsea 7 contract at Wester Site - dates to be confirmed. In addition the usual cargoes of lime, fuel etc are expected over the next few months.

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 hope to bring you further detailed news on this in our next update.

MARINA

Another busy year is anticipated, welcoming visitors from near and far. We have already seen 2 French yachts in port this past week. Many of our local marina users are preparing their vessels for the season and the harbour has been a hive of activity these past couple of weeks with folk painting and power washing their boats. We look forward to seeing everyone back on the marina very shortly - the colour and atmosphere the boats give, brightens up the harbour and town as this picture from last year shows.



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 16 June 2018.**

NEW WICK HARBOUR LOGO & WEBSITE

Recently the Board decided to update our image with a new logo and website. We hope you like the modern clean look of the new logo. Our new Wick Harbour website has been developed by Larus Digital and North Design – we are grateful for their advice and ideas along the way. Please take a look at our new website www.wickharbour.co.uk where you will find live tide and wind data, Notice to Mariners information, port information and services and any other relevant harbour news.

Regards

Yours faithfully

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