



Rules and Regulations governing the use of St Andrews Harbour

The Rules and Regulations governing the use of St Andrews Harbour and laid down by the St Andrews Harbour Trust must be adhered to at all times by persons using or visiting the Harbour.

General

- All persons using any part of the Harbour for whatever purpose do so at their own risk.
- The master of a vessel shall be responsible for the conduct of crew and passengers.
- The master of any vessel shall, when required by the Harbour Master, provide particulars of the vessel and owner.
- No persons shall launch a vessel within the Harbour area, or haul a vessel on to any pier or other harbour premises, without the permission of the Harbour Master.
- No rubbish, stones, bait, waste oil, black water or the like may be discarded below the level of high water or in the wider Harbour area, except in any approved facilities provided for such purposes. Persons discarding such items by other means will be charged for their removal and any other associated costs incurred.
- All animals must be kept under control at all times and where in the opinion of the Harbour Master their presence is not desirable, may direct that animals be excluded.

Health and Safety

- All vessels are to be maintained in a seaworthy condition.
- Swimming is not permitted within the Harbour.
- No items of boats, gear, fittings or equipment, supplies or stores or the like shall be left upon the quayside, walkways, or slipways, but excluding commercial fishing gear, unless approved by the Harbour Master. If approved, they shall not be left in a manner that may cause obstruction, and shall be clearly marked with the vessel's name.
- No items of gear, fittings or equipment, supplies or stores or the like shall be left upon pontoons.
- No vehicle may be parked on the quayside. No vehicle may be parked in such a way as to obstruct access to the Harbour area, in particular in front of the café, slip or North (Long) Pier, as emergency access is required at all times.
- Only persons over sixteen years of age may operate the bridge and gates. All persons wishing to operate the bridge and gates must first undergo instruction from the Harbour Master.
- Persons in charge of an animal fouling any part of the harbour area must remove the faeces immediately.



Navigation

- The speed limit in the harbour extending as far as the seaward end of the North (Long) Pier is 4 knots.
- All vessels shall proceed with caution entering or leaving the Harbour.
- A vessel entering the Harbour shall have right of way over all others moving within the Harbour.
- No commercial or private fisherman shall lay lines, nets, pots or floating gear attached in areas that are used as fairways or in a position that is likely to cause obstruction to other harbour users.
- No person shall fish in the Harbour area in such a way as to interfere with navigation.

Quayside Berthing and Mooring

- The Harbour Master has full authority to determine berths and moorings. The Harbour Master can instruct a boat owner to move their boat or reposition their moorings.
- At all times quayside berthed vessels shall be secured with two or more lines of suitable size and in good condition, made fast to the harbour wall or, in the case of moored vessels, made fast to fore and aft mooring points. The Harbour Master must sanction any securing line other than to the Harbour wall.
- The heavier vessels shall always take the inside berth, while the outside boat shall be responsible for fenders between it and the inside vessel.
- All berths and moorings, including pontoon berths, are licensed to the person and not the vessel.

Pontoon Berthing

- The allocation of pontoon berths will be determined annually. In the first instance pontoon berth-holders will retain that berth previously allocated, but can for operational reasons be instructed to move their boat to another pontoon berth.
- At all times vessels shall be secured with three or more lines of suitable size and in good condition made fast to the pontoon cleats; these lines comprising at least one each bow and stern line and a spring line arranged to prevent collision with the pontoon walkway.
- Mooring lines shall be made fast to only the cleats provided on pontoons and not to pontoon decking or frames.
- No vessel shall be berthed in a vacant pontoon berth without the permission of the Harbour Master.

Insurance

All vessels making use of the Harbour must be covered by third party insurance of not less than £3 million.

Commercial Fishing Vessels

- Only fishing gear may be stored on the Harbour Quayside and then at the discretion of the Harbour Master. No gear is to be stored on any slipways.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered from time to time by St Andrews Harbour Trust.
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