

Bantry Bay Port Company Limited

Whiddy Pontoon



OPERATING RULES

July 2014

1.

Access to the Whiddy Pontoon

- a. The Whiddy Pontoon is a facility made available for use by owners and authorised crew of leisure craft (hereinafter referred to as “craft”), The Pontoon is owned, managed and operated by the Bantry Bay Port Company Limited. The pontoon is available to all local and visiting leisure craft.
- b. The pontoon is designed to be used primarily for a pick up point or drop off. The maximum set down time will be limited to **1 hour**, unless otherwise pre-arranged with the Harbour Master or authorised person. The pontoon is not available for long term berthing either with or without crew.
- c. Overnight berth requests may be granted by the Harbour Master or approved person for visiting leisure craft subject to availability. The applicable rate is available upon request
- d. The pontoon will also be available on a limited basis to local marine based events upon application and approval by Bantry Bay Port Company Limited. During these events there will be restrictions on craft using the berth. The dates of these events will be advertised in advance on Bantry Bay Port company’s website; www.bantrybayport.com and posted locally.
- e. Bantry Bay Port Company Limited reserve the right to refuse permission to use the Pontoon or instruct an owner to remove their craft if anti-social behaviour is evident or for security reasons.

2. Use of the Whiddy Pontoon

- a. A total of 50 meters of berthage is available on the Pontoon.
- b. [Landing Berth](#) Vessels berthed on the left hand side (South Side) as you walk down the gangway, must at all times remain attended and capable of moving if so required at immediate notice by order of the Harbour Master or authorised personnel.
- c. Priority berthing will be allowed to emergency services such as rescue, towage and fire-fighting vessels.
- d. The berths are suitable for craft with a draft of up to 3 meter at all tides.
- e. The maximum length of stay for any craft other than emergency vessels is 1 hour, any extension to this must be approved by the Harbour Master or authorised person.
- f. Any craft remaining on the pontoon without permission will be removed without notice, at the sole risk of the owner and stored at the owner’s expense. A release fee of €150 is applicable to all impounded craft, additional removal and administration costs shall be invoiced to the owner of the craft.
- g. The owners/operators of leisure craft will be required to provide details of craft when requested to do so by the Harbour Master or his assistant.

- h. Bantry Bay Port Company accepts no liability whatsoever for any injury suffered by any person using the Pontoon or any damage caused to any craft or equipment thereon. Persons using the Pontoon do so at their risk.

3. Landing Berth for drop off and Emergencies

- a. The landing berth is identified as on the left hand side (South Side) as you walk down the gangway, as marked on the pontoon. Boats are not permitted to lie at this berth, the sole purpose is for pick-up and drop off.
- b. Boats must always remain crewed when on the landing berth. The berth must be vacated immediately when requested to do so by Harbour staff. Craft left unattended on this may be removed without notice.

4. Security

- a. All directions issued by Security staff or Harbour staff must be complied with. The pontoon area is monitored by CCTV.

5. Safety

The Directions issued by the Harbour master or authorised personnel must at all times be adhered to.

- a. Children aged 12 years and under must wear a life jacket at all times while on the pontoon and must be under supervision of a responsible adult at all times.
- b. Swimming/Diving or Fishing from the pontoon is not permitted.
- c. Barbecues are not permitted on the pontoon.
- d. Life saving equipment is located at clearly defined positions.
- e. All users should note that they are legally obliged to wear lifejackets on any craft under 7.5 meters in length.
- f. All Owners, Operators, Skippers are advised to navigate their craft with due care and consideration for all other Harbour Users.
- g. All craft should operate at a safe speed and in a safe manner as to not endanger other craft, harbour users or Bantry Bay Port Company Limited property. Vessels wash must at all times be kept to a minimum.
- h. Due care must be taken, not to impede the safe operations of other craft in the vicinity.

- i. In the event of a Marine emergency, Bantry Radio maintains a listening watch on VHF channels 23 and channel 16. **Valentia coastguard** may be contacted on telephone on [0669476109](tel:0669476109) or [VHF channel 16](#).

6. Facilities

- a. Fresh water is available on the Whiddy Pier in the vicinity of the Whiddy Pontoon.

7. Waste Reception Facilities

- a. There is a waste oil tank situated by the public toilet on the main Bantry pier. Contact KWD on [027 56673](tel:02756673) for general waste collection.

8. Environment

- a. In the event of any fuel spillage the Harbour master or his assistant must be notified immediately.
- b. Potable water must not be wasted. Ensure constant supervision when filling tanks to minimise overfilling.

9. Commercial Passenger vessels using the berth

- a. Commercial operators must apply to Bantry Bay Port Company Limited for permission to use the Pontoon; a copy of their public liability insurance must be furnished to Bantry Bay Port Company Limited, the insurance must indemnify Bantry bay port company limited.
- b. Commercial craft engaged in tourist activities are not permitted to berth on the Pontoon overnight without prior approval from Bantry Bay Port Company limited, if passengers are to be landed or embarked the landing berth should be used.

10.General

- a. Owners/Operators or Skippers of craft using the Pontoon are responsible for ensuring that their craft is adequately secured by suitable warps and protected by suitable fenders.
- b. While the craft are tied up at the pontoon they shall at all times respect the privacy of others and ensure noise pollution is kept to a minimum.
- c. Inflatable and other tenders belonging to boats on the Pontoon must not obstruct other craft on another berth. Users are not permitted to stow objects on the Pontoon.

- d. Bantry Bay Port Company Limited accepts no liability for damages to first or third party craft caused by inadequate mooring or fendering. Bantry Bay Port Company Limited accepts no liability for any damage to persons or their belongings using the Pontoon or Gangway facility. Persons using this pontoon do so at their own risk.
- e. Ropes shall be tied off so as to not cause an obstruction or danger to persons walking on the pontoon walkway. No fishing gear will be allowed on the Pontoon this includes, Pots, Dredges, Trawls, Ropes, Nets, Warps or any other commercial fishing gear.

No commercial fish shall be landed on this Pontoon.

For safety reasons the gangway must be kept clear at all times.

Boat or other equipment must not be left unattended on the Pontoon at any time.

11. Amendments

- a. Bantry Bay Port Company Limited reserves the right to review and amend these Operating Rules as and when required.

12. Schedule of Charges

The following fees will be charged by Bantry Bay Port Company for **overnight** stays on the Whiddy Pontoon as of 1st July 2014.

Size of Boat	1 Night	2 Nights	3 Nights	4 Nights	5 Nights	6 Nights
< 6Meter	€10	€20	€30	€60	€90	€120
>6M-12M	€20	€40	€60	€100	€140	€180
>12M-18M	€35	€70	€105	€165	€225	€285
>18m-22M	€40	€80	€120	€200	€280	€360

NOTE: €100 will be charged per night after the 6 day period of overnight charges already incurred for all categories.

By Order of

Captain Paul O Regan

Harbour Master Bantry Bay.

