

Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter



Falmouth Harbour are continuously working towards understanding our environmental impacts so that we can start to contribute positively to the sustainability of Falmouth Harbour and beyond. This newsletter will touch on a few projects we are working on or are relevant to harbour users.

This newsletter will focus on the following:

- The implementation of the SW Marine Plan
- Seagrass Restoration and the use of Advanced Mooring Systems
- Black water pump out
- How you can get involved if you would like to find out more and / or help

Working with the SW Marine Plan



South West Inshore and South West Offshore Marine Plan

June 2021



The South West Marine Plan has recently been formally accepted and is now a material consideration for all marine licencing decisions made by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). When thinking about a marine development such as installation of a pontoon please review the marine plan and the policies within to understand which may be relevant to your project. Reviewing these policies early on in the design process is a good idea to maximise the sustainability of your project and increase the likelihood of getting a licence.

Further information on whether you require a marine licence for your development is provided on the MMO website here. [Do I need a marine licence? - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/when-do-you-need-a-marine-licence)

For developments within our waters Falmouth Harbour is a statutory consultee. We look to ensure navigational safety is maintained around any new development and can also potentially provide advice on sustainability as well. If you would like to discuss your development with us prior to submission of a licence application to the MMO please get in contact.

Flushing Seagrass Restoration

Falmouth Harbour have removed 11 swinging moorings and installed two advanced mooring systems to support signs to demarcate an area for seagrass regeneration. We are starting to monitor the regeneration of the seagrass with the first planned dive on 24th August.

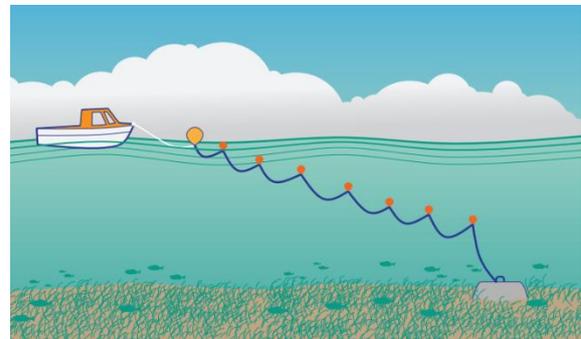
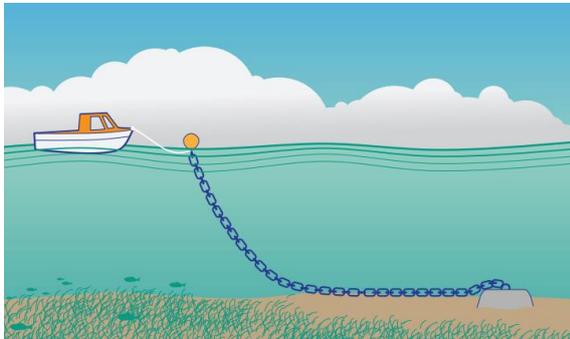
A recent visit and snorkel confirmed the AMS are working well and keeping the chain off the seabed allowing seagrass to now start to grow around the block.



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The difference between a traditional swinging mooring and advanced mooring system and the way they interact with the seabed can be seen below. The AMS design uses floats to lift the chain up away from the seabed to remove or reduce the impact.



Blackwater pump out

We have installed a black water reception facility. The facility is free to all Falmouth Harbour customers, this includes marina berth and mooring licence holders, fuel barge customers and paying visitors (Haven marina or visitor mooring or paid anchorage).



There will be a small charge for people who are not already customers. We hope this will encourage people to use the facility. Please call the Falmouth Haven Team on 01326 310990 for further information and to book a slot.

The use of this facility by local boat owners will help to reduce the levels of nitrates, phosphates and

harmful bacteria in the water keeping our waters clean, productive and pleasant to be around. We have used it for our pilot boats and mooring maintenance vessel and it is simple, quick and easy to use.

How you can get involved

We would like to understand your thoughts on the above initiatives and also on the local Falmouth Harbour harbour environment and how it can / should be sustainably managed. You can contact Vicki on egsm@falmouthharbour.co.uk or give the office a call to discuss further.