

Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter



Falmouth Harbour are continuously working towards understanding our impacts so that we can start to really 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:

- Electric Rib
- Disturbance
- Shoresearch

Electric Rib

We are taking a step towards decarbonising our fleet of vessels being one of ten organisations to trial an electric workboat as RS Electric Boats secures funding for its Zero Emission Network of Workboats (ZENOW) project.

ZENOW has received £4.1m in Government grant funding from the UK Shipping Office for Reducing Emissions (UK Shore) and Innovate UK as part of its Zero Emissions Vessels and Infrastructure competition (ZEVI). This new funding brings the total project to £5.4m.

This exciting project will allow us, and other organisations including other harbours along the south coast and the Environment Agency to trial an electric rib over a three-year demonstration phase. This sea trial data will form part of the partners' detailed work to understand and develop how electric boats are used in practice, for example, by providing data on exact duty cycles and usage patterns. This data will enable ZENOW to advise on adopting electric technology in a maritime environment and help shape other geographical electric networks.

To read the press release in full [please visit our website.](#)

There are some ambitious local and national projects that have been awarded funding. The full list is [available here.](#)



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Disturbance



During the Armed Forces Day, Power boat and Tall Ships events behind the scenes a lot of work was being completed to watch for seals and dolphins that could potentially be impacted by these events and the associated increase in on the water activity.

Dolphins and seals are regularly sighted in the inner harbour and the bay is alive with dolphins, porpoises, whales and tuna.

If you want to learn more and hear from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and British Divers Marine Life Rescue we have a session planned at our fast approaching open day on 5th October at the Maritime Museum. Please do come along with any questions you may have on this subject.

You can book this and many other [sessions here](#) free of charge.

Shoresearch

It's [Shoresearch week coming up \(29th September – 3rd October\)](#). Run by the Cornwall Wildlife Trust it is a great opportunity to get out onto our rockpools and see what you can find whilst contributing to wider knowledge of what lives in our seas.

Alongside the sessions run directly by CWT Falmouth Marine Conservation Group are also planning a session on [Gyllyngvase beach on Saturday 30th September @11:45](#). There really is so much to see at Gylly, some pics of what I found a couple of weeks ago are below.



How you can get involved

Falmouth Harbour would like to understand your thoughts on the above information and also on the local Falmouth Harbour environment and how it can / should be sustainably managed. You [can contact Vicki](#) or give the office a call to discuss further.