

Sustainability & Falmouth Harbour Newsletter



FALMOUTH HARBOUR

UK's Atlantic gateway.

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:

- Antifoul scraping
- Sustainability Plan
- Water Quality Monitoring
- Pup Pen update

Antifoul scrapings

Its that time of year when we are all getting our boats ready to go back in the water for a summer of sailing so preparing and antifouling hulls is probably on a lot of peoples minds.

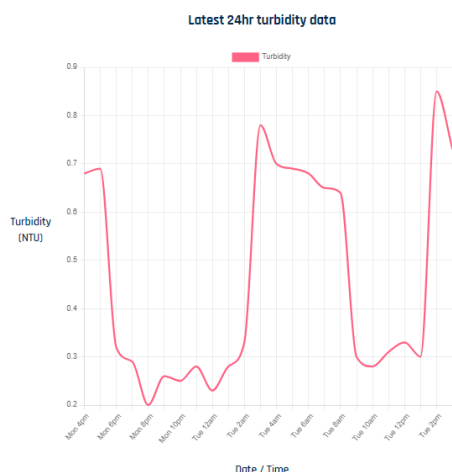
Can we take this opportunity to remind everyone that antifoul scrapings contain high levels of heavy metals and plastics which cause pollution to the water and sediments if not collected and disposed of appropriately.

Due to the potential severity of pollution it is an offence under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 to allow antifoul scrapings to enter coastal waters during removal and/or replacement of anti-fouling. The Environment Agency have confirmed that if a vessel owner allowed this they would be committing an offence and could result in the Agency taking formal enforcement action against the vessel's owner/s and/or the person/s undertaking the activity, including a prosecution where appropriate. This applies to vessels coating in traditional antifoul and copper coat.

[Best practice advice is available here.](#)



Water Quality Monitoring



We installed a [water](#) water quality monitoring buoy, funded by Natural England in August last year and have recently set up a webpage to allow interested stakeholder to take a look at the data it is catching. It is measuring turbidity which is a measurement of the quantity of suspended particles in the water column.

The data will be used by a University of Exeter student as part of their studies.

[Water Quality - Falmouth Harbour, Cornwall.](#)

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Sustainability Action Plan

We have been working hard on our sustainability action plan and are proud to publish this on our website after review and acceptance by our board of commissioners.

We would welcome any feedback / questions in relation to our action plan. Please do get in touch if you have any.

The plan is available here - [Falmouth Harbour Sustainability Action Plan](#)



Pup Pen update

We are really proud to have sponsored a pup pen this year at the [Cornish Seal Sanctuary](#). Our pen has welcomed many adorable seal pups, each with a unique tale of rescue and recovery.

This year the sanctuary have chosen celebrity names for the seal pups so our pen hosted many famous names including Judi Dench, Jim Carrey, Celia Imrie, Benedict Cumberbatch, Meryl Streep, Daisy Ridley and Daniel Craig.

These only make up a small number of pups rescued with a total of 44 rescued pups so far this year by the seal sanctuary.



Daisy Ridley - Credit: Cornish Seal Sanctuary



Daniel Craig – Credit: Cornish Seal Sanctuary

I was lucky enough to see Meryl Streep released alongside two other seal pups earlier this month. I hope they all manage to find some fish and safe places to rest.

For a reminder of best practice to adopt so we can all play our part to protect these seals is available here [Wildlife First - Making your marine & coastal encounter great for wildlife \(cornwallmarinelifecode.org.uk\)](#)

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.