

Harbour User Group (HUG) Report for TTEF January 2026

The Harbour User Group (HUG) for Port of Bideford held its first meeting in April 2024

The purpose of the HUG is a vehicle for the Port of Bideford Harbour Master to consult on all matters substantially affecting the conservation, protection, regulation, management, maintenance and improvement of Bideford Harbour and its navigation. The composition includes representatives of: berth holders, commercial and leisure users, heritage, biosphere, Navantia, Bideford TC and Harbour Master.

In 2025 HUG covered:

- Estuary strategy 2025 - 2030 stakeholder <https://democracy.torridge.gov.uk/documents/s34755/11a%20-%20Torridge%20Estuary%20Strategy%202025%20-%202030.pdf>
- Code of Conduct for Estuary Users - not yet finalised
- Proposal for plans and improvement Fishermans Quay - stakeholder
- Water quality and monitoring
- Security and access onto vessels
- Future structure Port of Bideford with Local Government Reorganisation

Terms of Reference, Composition and Minutes are available on Torridge DC website: <https://www.torridge.gov.uk/article/22103/Harbour-User-Group-HUG>

The following dates are proposed for HUG meetings 2026 (all coincide with Spring tides)

- Thursday 8th Jan
- Thursday 16th April
- Thursday 16th July
- Thursday 8th October

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December 2025