

Port of Bideford

Harbour Masters quarterly report to the Taw and Torridge Estuary Forum (TTEF)

Vessel Movements

Bideford:

- No vessel calls this quarter.

Navantia:

- “M/V Maastroom” 82m cargo ship, unloaded 2900 metric tons of rape meal 5th - 7th November.
- “M/V Hoogvliet,” 88m cargo ship, unloaded 3300 metric tons of rape meal 5-6th January.
- “Deo Gloria,” 70m dredger, laid over at Newquay for 2 days each on the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Yelland:

- “Deo Gloria” conducted a 14-day dredge campaign bringing Bristol Channel sand to the Yelland aggregates jetty. We expect her to return in May/June.

Port of Bideford - Marine Safety Plan

- Each port is required to have a medium-term plan demonstrating how it is achieving and maintaining its compliance with the PMSC.
- Additionally, annually each UK port is encouraged to publicly publish its progress against that plan. The Port of Bideford HUG has been consulted regarding the plan and is shared with the TTEF for interest.
- The present plan is set to run from 2024 – 2027 and compliance has been measured using a red, amber, green traffic light indication.

Port of Bideford - Pilotage Direction

- **Pilotage Direction (SMS Section 7)** – a formal “Direction” made by TDC as the Competent Harbour Authority, recognising the need for pilotage in the Estuary and using the powers of the 1987 Pilotage Act to implement it. Shared with the TTEF for interest.

PMSC Compliance

- MCA have called for all “anyone who operates any form of port or marine facility” to formally declare their compliance with the 2025 PMSC by 31st March 2026.
- The Port of Bideford has been audited, annually updated and is compliant with the PMSC. We will report this to the MCA before the 31st of March deadline.

Navantia Operating Agreement

- A 2-year operating agreement was made between Navantia and TDC for the discharge of animal feed cargo ships at the Newquay in Appledore.
- The agreement represents a significant step forward as it marks a firm undertaking and level of certainty for both parties in the bringing of commercial cargo into the Estuary.

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