

Harbour User Group (HUG) Report for TTEF July 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.

Last meeting of HUG was 16 July 2026

In addition to Harbour Master's report there was Multi agency response (MAR) incident 11 June following person found lying in vessel moored at quay

Code of Conduct taking into account comments from stakeholders (including TTEF) recommended to be sent to Harbour Board for ratification/publication

Crown Estates next steps moorings and wrecks following TTEF survey - seeking clarification from Crown Estates

- Next meeting of HUG is Thursday 08 October 2026. Agenda points will include:
 - Code of Conduct
 - Water Quality
 - Crown Estates and vessel mapping / register update
 - Bideford Fisherman's Quay Update
 - Heritage vessel panels
 - Reports from members

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

- Meeting dates for 2027 have not yet been finalised

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