

FALMOUTH HARBOUR CHARGES

1st Jan to 31st Dec 2026

*VAT will be applied where applicable



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HARBOUR

UK's Atlantic gateway.

SECTION 1

Harbour Conservancy Charges

Harbour Conservancy Charges (Harbour Dues) are payable in respect of every vessel entering, leaving, passing through or using Falmouth Harbour.

The Falmouth Harbour Area is defined as:

- 'Added Limits' area of Falmouth Bay (as part of Falmouth Harbour), defined by The Falmouth Harbour Revision Order 1991.
- 'Falmouth Harbour' area as defined by The Falmouth Harbour Act 1958

LOA is defined as a vessel's maximum length overall including all fore and aft projections.

Harbour Dues are calculated from a vessel's Gross Tonnage (GT) and are payable per entry and for every period of four weeks or part thereof that the vessel remains in Falmouth Harbour.

Vessel	Price per GT
All vessels of more than 50GT entering any part of the Falmouth Harbour Area except those detailed below.	21.4p
Vessels anchoring within the "Added Limits" (Falmouth Bay) as defined.	4.4p
Vessels transiting the Falmouth Harbour Area and completing both inwards and outwards passages within a 24-hour period, including transiting to the Ports of Truro or Penryn.	4.4p
Vessels of more than 70,000GT where a 4.4p tariff would otherwise apply.	5.4p
Any vessel whilst operating within the Falmouth Harbour Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Loading, discharging or transhipping cargo.Operating as a bunker supply vessel.Directly engaged in the provision of services and the supply of materials or cargo to facilitate the offshore oil industry.	under 2,500 GT: 44.1p 2,500 GT and over: 48.5p

Minimum charge for any vessel described in section 1 above:

Under 75 GT	£35.00
75GT – 500GT	£75.00
500 – 1,000 GT	£110.00
1,000 – 2,000 GT	£135.00
2,000 – 4,000 GT	£170.00

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Small Commercial Vessels (below 50GT or 24metres(m) LOA) Annual Subscription

Available to vessels below 50GT or 24m LOA, and holding commercial certification, using the Falmouth Harbour Area as their primary operating port or port of residence where they spend at least 60% of their time. An annual subscription includes all Harbour Dues from 1st January until 31st December and is payable on a yearly basis.

- Resident small commercial vessel annual subscription: £20 per metre LOA.

All commercial operators wishing to apply for a resident vessel subscription must do so by the 1st April or the minimum charges may apply. The application form can be found at:

[Harbour Conservancy Charges - Falmouth Harbour, Cornwall](#)

Where a Gross Tonnage is not available

A Gross Tonnage certificate should be made available on request, where non-existent a suitable calculated estimate may be agreed with the Harbour Master, with the exclusion of:

- Drilling, production rigs or floating structures for oil, gas, renewables or similar industries (such as oil rigs): **£7,800 (per vessel/structure)** Agents are requested to contact the Harbour Master in advance of such structures arrival to clarify costs.

Exemptions, discounts and surcharges

Harbour Dues surcharges, exemptions or discounts may be applied or removed at the discretion of the CEO or Board of Commissioners.

Pilotage Charges and Pilotage Exemptions

See Falmouth Pilot Services website for pilotage rates: [Welcome to Falmouth Pilot Services](#)

SECTION 2

Bunker Barge Authorisation

All bunker barges operating within Falmouth Harbour limits require prior approval by the Harbour Master. This process normally includes a ship visit and will be charged as below:

- Initial assessment: **£740**
- Re assessment of previously approved barge and annual renewal: **£370**

Where the Harbour Master or their representative is required to travel, out of port travel expenses and time at cost plus 20% will be charged to the operator as agreed in advance.

Ship to Ship Transfer (STS) Pre Operational Visits

Where vessels are intending to complete Ship-to-Ship Transfer operations they must seek prior approval from the Harbour Master. Approval may require a ship visit and the sharing of operational and safety documents.

- Pre STS ship visit (where required) and operational brief: **£370**

Any STS operations taking place within the Harbour Area must comply with The Merchant Shipping (Ship-to-Ship Transfers) Regulations 2020.

Bunker Barge operators must comply with the relevant procedures or may see authorisation revoked.

SECTION 3

Combined Charges

All catching vessels engaged in the Commercial Fishing Industry may be subject to a combined charge to cover unrestricted entry and transhipment per year: **£700**

SECTION 4

Commercial / Large Vessel Moorings

1. Crossroads Mooring – Charges Per Day or Part thereof

All vessels standard charge	11.2p per GT
All vessels incapable of moving from the mooring to an anchorage or another berth using its own power, at short notice	15.7p per GT
Vessels of unusual type or posing unusual problems	By special arrangement
Minimum charge for any vessel	£405

Mooring Assistance/Buoy Jumping is available via an approved contractor, POA.

Minimum charge for Cruise vessel wishing to utilise Crossroads Bouy **£5,000**

Maximum size of vessel normally permissible on the mooring except by special arrangement with the Harbour Master:

Length Overall (LOA) – 183m (600'6") Draught – TBC Anchor cable size 77mm (3")

Connecting Shackle/Cable Hire: **£49** each

FHC Pennant Hire: **£49** per day or part thereof (at discretion of the Harbour Master)

Connecting Chain Hire: **£49** per day or part thereof

2. Large Vessel Moorings (Inner Harbour) – Charges Per Night and per Length Overall (LOA) (vessel must depart by 1100 or another night may be charged)

- Vessels under 24m **£3.20** per metre per night
- Vessels over 24m **£3.90** per metre per night
- Superyacht over 24m Mooring **£4.30** per meter per night (including shore side liaison)

Maximum size of vessel normally permissible, except by special arrangement.

- Max length overall – 60m
- Max draught – 5m

Discounts

- A 20% discount may be offered for charitable or sail training vessels that can confirm they are acting as such and at the absolute discretion of Falmouth Harbour's CEO.
- Discounts may be available for vessels wishing to make extended bookings or take a mooring on a fixed term basis via a mooring agreement.

Deposits

A deposit of up to 25% may be requested at the time of booking.

Mooring Assistance is available from the Falmouth Harbour Team for the Large Vessel Moorings.

- During the working day: **£245**
- Outside of working hours: **£305**

Conditions

- *The Large Vessel Mooring Questionnaire or Crossroads Buoy Mooring Questionnaire must be completed in advance of a vessel occupying a mooring.*
- *Where vessels lie alongside each other whilst secured to the moorings, individual charges will be levied for each vessel as per the tariff, irrespective of whether each vessel is individually secured to the moorings.*
- *Terms outlined on the booking form or lease agreement shall apply.*
- *Charges are subject to VAT where appropriate.*

SECTION 5

Falmouth Harbour Staff, Assets, Infrastructure

Falmouth Harbour operates a fleet of specialist vessels, assets and infrastructure and considers ad hoc hire requests subject to availability. Costs would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This includes; harbour maintenance vessels, a fork lift truck, harbour patrol boats and a mixed collection of property including quays, hardstanding, car parks, slipway, a workshop and office space.

Staff

Harbour Staff may be available to assist with ad hoc work, special projects or events subject to availability, time will be recharged at cost plus 20%.

Incidents

Where Falmouth Harbour staff or contractors employed by the Harbour are required to respond to incidents ashore or afloat, including casualty vessels, Falmouth Harbour reserves the right to re-charge costs incurred to the vessel, individual or organisation responsible.

This includes neglected vessels that may need to be moved, stored or monitored by the harbour in the interest of safety, the protection of the environment or to ensure safe navigation.

Staff time will be recharged at cost plus 20% in addition to any associated vessel costs and exceptional administration requirements.

Oil Pollution Response

Falmouth Harbour reserves the right to charge all reasonable costs incurred by the organisation in the response to an oil spill or pollution incident to the vessel, individual or organisation responsible. This includes any damage to Falmouth Harbour vessels or assets whilst engaged in oil spill response.

Staff time will be recharged at cost plus 50% in addition to any associated vessel costs.

Channel Clearance

Falmouth Harbour will provide Harbour Vessel(s), in addition to the Pilot Boat, as required, in support of large vessel movements. This may apply to the following vessel types:

1. Vessels carrying Dangerous Goods.
2. Special Category moves.
3. Large vessel movements at times of high leisure traffic density.

This will be charged as per Falmouth Harbour's standard tariff for vessels.

SECTION 6

FaBTest

Marine renewable energy devices deployed at the Falmouth Bay Test Site (FaBTest).

- Devices that can be mobilised and recovered by coded workboat under 24m LOA: £1,950 per month or part per device
- Devices that require commercial vessel over 24m LOA for deployment and recovery: £3,750 per month or part per device.

Issuing of device pre deployment information pack and associated administrative support: £450

FH staff time may be charged at cost + 20% in instances where significant time is required to support device deployment – *potential developers are encouraged to discuss this at pre deployment stage.*

Note: a minimum 3 month charge will apply to any device deployed to site.

SECTION 7

Garbage and Waste

Falmouth Harbour can assist with waste disposal in small volumes from visiting vessels such as superyachts:

- Everyday waste and recycling via Falmouth Harbour Haven Marina bins for yachts up to 60m: **£35 per day.**
- International Catering Waste: **£77 per 10kg.**
- Larger volume waste disposal: **price on application.**
- Black water pump out facilities are available for leisure and small commercial vessels on North Quay (tidal and booking required): **£15 per pump out.** *This is free to Falmouth Harbour customers.*
- Small quantities of oily waste on a non-commercial basis may be accepted depending on capacity: **£1.55 per litre, minimum charge of £17.50.**

SECTION 8

Other Charges

Harbour Works Licence for Jetties, Slipways, Pontoons and Sea Walls - Fee Structure

Structures or works in the Harbour area require a Harbour Works Licence. A Harbour Works Licence may be issued, upon payment, to construct, alter, renew, or extend works within the Harbour below the high-water mark of ordinary spring tides.

Third parties need to seek authorisation from the Commissioners by way of a licence prior to commencing works of any scale within the Harbour. *Please contact the Harbour Office for pre application consultation.*

Licences for structures already in place are personal to the Licensee and are not transferable. Change of ownership where a property with a structure below the line of mean high water will require a Change of Ownership Licence.

Falmouth Harbour aims to process applications within three months of receiving a valid application. An application will only be valid upon receipt of the required documentation and payment of the application fee (inclusive of VAT).

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- Fees will be proportionate and reasonable to the work required but will be charged at cost plus 20%. A minimum fee of £805 will be applied.

Notes:

- *A Marine Management Organisation licence may also be required.*
- *If works affect or are placed on Falmouth Harbour Fundus then further charges and or fundus licences may be required.*

Events

A charge may be made for any Falmouth Harbour support required for the staging of a public event on or by the Harbour.

- Prices can be provided in advance for use of facilities, vessels and staffing requirements, for example marina berths or vessel storage.
- Support for special projects, non-routine marine movements, or the staging of public or private events will be charged at cost plus 20% in addition to any associated vessel costs.
- When the nature of a special event necessitates the issue of a **Notice to Mariners**, this will be produced and promulgated by the Harbour Authority. A charge to the applicant or event organiser may be made at a rate of £260, irrespective of the area of the Harbour affected.

Organisers of such projects are recommended to discuss the level and basis for charging at an early stage in the planning process.

Applicants should ensure that a minimum of 14 working days' notice is provided for all events. A 50% surcharge may be applied in addition to these charges when a period of less than the minimum period of notice is provided.

SECTION 9

Administration Charges

Falmouth Harbour reserves the right to apply a 10% administration charge in instances where vessel call or stakeholder interaction have resulted in considerable additional administration or the coordination of services creating significant time demands on the organisation's officers.

Payment in Advance

Falmouth Harbour reserves the right to require full or partial payment for services in advance of a vessel's arrival, internal movement or departure when this is deemed necessary by the CEO or Board of Commissioners. The vessel operator, owner or agent will receive written confirmation of this requirement outlining the payment process and notice period.

Late Payment

Falmouth Harbour will consider ways to recover late payments, this may include applying the administration charge at 30-day intervals to the invoiced amount.

Late or non-payment could result in the harbour initiating legal action and no longer facilitating the use of harbour assets and infrastructure such as moorings or shore side facilities including rejecting requests for leases or mooring agreements in the future.

Charges for Leisure Vessels

SECTION 10

Harbour Conservancy Charges - Leisure Vessels and Harbour Dues

Leisure Vessels

Leisure Vessels are defined as any vessel below 50GT and not used for commercial activity. Harbour Dues are payable by all Leisure Vessels entering or dwelling within Falmouth Harbour.

Failure to notify the harbour office on Channel 12 (or by email info@falmouthharbour.co.uk) upon entry into the harbour within 12 hours of arrival, and / or departure from the harbour without paying harbour dues will be taken as an attempt to evade the payment of harbour dues. Harbour Dues certificates, where issued, must be displayed.

Visting Leisure Vessels, Daily Harbour Dues

Applicable to any 24h period

- £16 below 12m
- £21 over 12m but under 50GT

These dues include access to marina facilities if visiting the harbour and whilst anchored within the inner harbour for up to 10 days as applicable.

Annual Visiting Leisure Vessels Harbour Dues

For vessels staying over 10 days (in any one calendar year) they must apply for an annual Harbour Dues Certificate at below rates:

- £13 per metre (valid for 12 months)

Falmouth Harbour Licence Holders and Resident Vessels

Falmouth Harbour Annual Leisure Mooring or Marina Berths include Harbour Dues within their licence fees, therefore there is no additional charge to licence holders.

Residents of Falmouth Harbour as non-Falmouth Harbour facility licence holders:

- £13 per metre (valid for 12 months)

Local Leisure Vessels

Local vessels that are usually berthed within the immediate area but outside of Falmouth Harbour Limits, such as the Carrick Roads, St Mawes or the Helford, can enter and remain within Falmouth Harbour Limits without payment of dues for a 24 hrs period if evidence of payment of a neighbouring Harbour Area's Harbour Dues or facilities licence can be provided. (local Harbour Areas include; Port of Truro, Penryn, Helford, Mylor and St Mawes)

Background

As a Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA), under Section 26 of the Harbours Act 1964, Falmouth Harbour has the powers to levy ship, passenger and goods dues on those using the Harbour. SHAs can also levy other charges for the provision of specific services.

As a Trust Port, Falmouth Harbour must operate in a commercially viable manner and must set its fees and charges in a way that allows sufficient revenue to be generated for the proper maintenance of the Harbour and to meet the costs of conservancy and other duties as an SHA.

The Ports Good Governance Guidance published by the Department for Transport states that an SHA's general duties and powers include but are not limited to:¹

- Safe and efficient marine operations.
- Open Port Duty.
- Environmental duty.
- Civil Contingencies duty.
- Harbour authority powers.

Falmouth Harbour therefore must retain the adequate provision required to exercise these duties, this includes but is not limited to: Harbour Master provision and on call rota, 24/7 pilotage service, operational staff, environmental management and decarbonisation of operations, harbour maintenance craft, patrol vessel, marine incident management, maritime event support, hydrographic survey, oil spill response provision, local aids to navigation, regulation and enforcement.

As a Competent Harbour Authority (CHA), Falmouth Harbour also provides pilotage services for the Falmouth Pilotage Area under agency agreement with the other CHAs in the area. Charges are levied as per section 10 of the Pilotage Act 1987. Pilotage fees, including PEC charges, are set out in the Pilotage Information Document.

¹ [Ports Good Governance Guidance](#), page 19