

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.

Next meeting of HUG is Thursday 16th July 2026

Harbour Board now has new chair Councillor Tinsley

HUG zoom meeting held in June to take comments on proposals for developing space at Fisherman's Quay. How to balance space requirements of working quay with increasing use of the space by the public? Project still in consultation phase and fits with Regeneration Board objectives to make the most of the waterfront.

Code of Conduct to be edited taking into account comments from stakeholders (including TTEF)

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>

The following dates are proposed for HUG meetings 2026:

- Thursday 8th October

Mike Teare

Chair Harbour User Group

March 2026