

SLIGO HARBOUR PONTOON



OPERATING RULES

MARCH 2011

1. Access to the Pontoon at the Timber Jetty

- a. The Pontoon at Ballast Quay is a facility made available for use by owners and authorised crew of leisure craft (hereinafter referred to as “craft”), owned, managed and operated by Sligo County Council (SCC). The Pontoon is available to all local and visiting leisure craft. The Pontoon is designed to be used primarily for day trips or short-term stays in the City. The Pontoon is also available for long-term berthing either with or without crew.
- b. The Pontoon will also be available on a limited basis to sailing clubs wishing to host events during the sailing season. During these events there will be restrictions on other craft using the facility. The dates of these events will be advertised in advance on the SCC website; www.slicococo.ie
- c. Access to the Jetty area and to the Pontoon is controlled by security-coded locks, which (in the interests of security) will be changed on a regular basis and users should not divulge the access code to non-users.
- d. SCC reserve the right to refuse permission to use the marina or instruct an owner to remove their craft if anti-social behaviour is evident or for security or safety reasons.
- e. Car Parking facilities are not available on the Jetty area or adjacent to the Pontoon. Parking is available in nearby car parks, e.g. Quay Street and Finisklin Road Car Parks.

2. Use of the Pontoon

- a. A total of 60 metres of berthage is available on the Pontoon.
- b. During busy periods, double banking may be necessary and the person in charge of the alongside craft will be expected to co-operate with this.

- c. Leisure craft, being used strictly for recreational purposes, are free to use the Pontoon during daylight hours subject always to availability and the Harbour Master's directions. The owners of craft wishing to stay overnight should contact the Harbour Master at telephone 071 9111237, Mobile 086 089 0767, or Email – rgillen@sligococo.ie from 0900 – 1700 Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours contact should be made with the Harbour Master at 086 089 0767. . The charges for craft staying overnight are outlined in the attached schedule of charges.
- d. Any craft remaining on the Pontoon without permission may be removed without notice, at the sole risk of the owner, stored at the owner's expense and will only be released to the owner on payment of all charges together with a penalty charge of €150 per week.
- e. The owners/operators of leisure craft will be required to provide details of the craft when requested to do so.
- f. Operators/ owners who have not made prior arrangements should report their arrival at the Pontoon through the above contacts. The contact numbers are displayed at the pontoon.
- g. SCC accepts no liability whatsoever for any injury suffered by any person using the marina or any damage caused to any craft or equipment thereon. Persons using the marina do so at their own risk.

3. Security

- a. All directions issued by Sligo County Council or security staff must be complied with. The marina area is monitored by CCTV.

4. Safety

- a. Children aged 12 years and under must wear a life jacket at all times while on the Pontoon and must be under the supervision of a responsible adult at all times.
- b. Swimming/fishing from the Pontoon is not permitted.
- c. Barbecues are not permitted on the Pontoon.

- d. Life-saving equipment is located at clearly defined positions.
- e. All users should note that they are legally obliged to wear a lifejacket on all craft.
- f. All users are advised that there is a speed limit of 5 knots from Hughes Bridge to Deadman's Point and, as there is rowing activity in that area, the wash from craft must be kept to a minimum.
- g. In the event of a marine emergency, Sligo Harbour Office maintains a listening watch on VHF channels 12 & 16. Telephone Number is 071 9111237 from 0900 to 1700. Outside of these hours the phone contact is 086 089 0767.

5. Facilities

- a. Water and a 220V power supply are available at the Pontoon (24 x 7). There is a charge for the use of electricity. Electricity Cards are available from the Harbour Office or Harbour Master.

6. Waste Reception Facilities

- a. A general waste bin is available on the Pontoon.
- b. There is no waste oil reception facility available at the pontoon.

7. Environment

- a. In the event of any fuel spillage, large or small, the Harbour Office or Harbour Master must be notified immediately.
- b. Potable water must not be wasted. Ensure constant supervision when filling tanks to minimise overfilling.

8. General

- a. The person in charge of a visiting craft is responsible for ensuring that their craft is adequately secured by suitable warps and protected by suitable fenders.
- b.. Berth holders shall at all times respect the privacy of others and shall ensure noise pollution is kept to a minimum.

- c. Nuisance noise from halyards, etc., on spars can cause distress to other users and to local residents. Preventative measures must be taken to prevent such noise in fresh conditions.
- d. Inflatable and other tenders belonging to boats on the Pontoon must not obstruct other vessels or other berth users and are not permitted to be placed or stowed on the Pontoon. They should normally be stowed on davits or on deck.
- e. SCC accepts no liability for damage to first or third party craft caused by inadequate moorings or fendering. SCC accepts no liability for any damage to persons or their belongings using SCC Pontoon facility including the Jetty area. Persons using the Pontoon do so at their own risk.
- f. Where common cleats are used, the person in charge must ensure that any third party warp, which may have to be released, is remade immediately in a secure and seamanlike manner.
- g. Warps shall be tied off so as not to cause an obstruction or danger to persons walking on the Pontoon walkways. Pontoon walkways must be kept clear at all times for safety reasons.

9. Commercial Passenger Vessels using the berth

- a. Commercial operators must apply to SCC for permission to use the Pontoon; a copy of their PL Insurance and Passenger Licence must be furnished to SCC.

10. Storage of Boats

A limited area of storage for boats is available on the enclosed area of the jetty on obtaining the approval of the Harbour Master. Boat owners will be responsible for the cost of lifting the boats to and from the harbour.

11. Amendments

SCC reserves the right to review and amend these Rules when required.

Captain Redmond Gillen
Harbour Master

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Schedule of Charges 2011

The following Table outlines the charges (including VAT) applicable for overnight use of the Pontoon and storage on the Jetty (Daytime use is free of charge but service charges may apply.)

Duration	Charge per metre Pontoon €	Charge per metre Jetty €
Daily	1.30	
Weekly	8.00	
Monthly	30.00	50.00
Annual	100.00	

Electricity Charge

Electricity Cards €5.00 available from the Harbour Master.

Method of Payment

Cash or cheque are acceptable methods of payment; a receipt will be issued for all payments.

Payments may be made at the Harbour Office, Ballast Quay, Sligo

during office hours Monday to Friday 0900 to 1300 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours.

Outside of these hours, payments may be made to the Harbour Master, who will attend the facility and may be contacted on **086 089 0767**.