



Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

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New Chairman and Deputy for Falmouth Harbour Commissioners

The Falmouth Harbour Commissioners have welcomed a new Chairman and Deputy Chairman with the appointment of David Ellis and Peter Fish.

With a strong background in maritime industries and associated forces both David Ellis and Peter Fish are well qualified for their new roles.

David Ellis, Chairman of Falmouth Harbour Commissioners, joined the board in 2005. Mr Ellis has a background of more than 30 years in the police force, recently retiring from Devon & Cornwall Police as Chief Superintendent. He was also BCU Commander of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Mr Ellis commanded the Police response to the Boscastle floods in 2001 and in 1999 was seconded to Romania for 6 weeks on a Foreign and Commonwealth Office project to improve Romanian policing standards. Alongside his professional credentials Mr Ellis is also a leisure user of Falmouth Harbour, knowing first hand what users want and need.

Taking on the role of Deputy Chairman is Peter Fish. Mr Fish joined Falmouth Harbour Commissioners in January 2005 after a 34 year career in the Royal Navy, which included holding the position of Commanding Officer at RNAS Culdrose for two and a half years. Mr Fish has also been a regular user of the harbour for the past 14 years.

The new Chairman and Deputy Chairman have a clear vision for the future and have identified a number of key areas of work over the coming year. Mr Ellis outlines the key objectives for the year ahead: "We are determined and committed to ensuring the long-term prosperity and viability for Falmouth Harbour, benefiting all our users and the wider community. Our key priorities for the next 12 months are:

- The completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Cruise Terminal Project
- The continued commitment to Harbour Safety and education of water users in regards to safe practice
- The delivery of a high standard of services to a wide range of stakeholders in both the commercial and leisure sector.
- Our commitment to the environment and to maintaining our superb surroundings.
- Greater openness and accountability to the community through increased awareness of our operations.

The priorities for the next 12 months will enable Falmouth to raise its profile as a desirable destination for leisure users and as a port at the forefront of world shipping.

Ends.

26 June, 2008

Notes to Editors:

Falmouth Harbour, including the Carrick Roads, is reputed to be the third largest natural harbour in the world. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are a statutory port authority with responsibility for the Inner Harbour at Falmouth (excluding Falmouth Docks), the Penryn River up as far as Boyers Cellars, the southern part of the Carrick Roads and a large part of Falmouth Bay. As well as providing regulation of its Harbour Area the Commissioners provide small craft facilities for residents and visitors.

Falmouth Harbour Commissioners is a statutory port undertaking created by an act of parliament in 1870. It operates as a trust port and has a board of

eight commissioners who act as trustees. Falmouth Harbour Commissioners are committed to operating the harbour in an open and accountable manner and welcome feedback from harbour users.

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