

# FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS



## HARBOUR MASTER'S NOTICE

2026/03

### MGN 715 Recommended Best Practice for Respectful and Safe Operation

Harbour users are advised that the Maritime and Coastguard Agency has issued Marine Guidance Note 715 – Recommended Best Practice for Respectful and Safe Operation in Shared Spaces. This guidance promotes safe, responsible and respectful navigation between different water users, recognising the increasing diversity of activity in coastal waters and harbours, including commercial vessels, recreational craft, paddle craft and personal watercraft.

The guidance highlights the importance of:

- Maintaining an effective **lookout** at all times
- Proceeding at a safe **speed** appropriate to prevailing conditions
- Being **aware** of other water users and operating vessels with consideration
- Understanding and complying with obligations under the **COLREGs**
- Ensuring appropriate navigation **lights and signals** are used where required

All harbour users are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this guidance and ensure their operations are conducted in a safe and considerate manner, particularly in areas where multiple types of watercraft operate in close proximity.

The full guidance can be accessed at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mgn-715-mf-recommended-best-practice-for-respectful-and-safe-operation>

Fowey Harbour Commissioners support the promotion of safe, professional and respectful conduct across all marine operations within the harbour.

Harbour Master  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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**CCTV, VHF and Radar surveillance is in operation in Fowey Harbour.  
Recorded footage and audio may be used in evidence to prosecute byelaw offenders.**