

FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS



HARBOUR MASTER'S NOTICE

2026/04

International Catering Waste Regulations

Harbour users are reminded that International Catering Waste (ICW) must be handled in accordance with UK legislation. ICW is defined as food waste, and any materials that have been in contact with food, originating from vessels that have arrived from outside the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, or that have called at such ports during their voyage. Food waste is considered ICW even if it was originally sourced within the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

The vessel operator is responsible for ensuring that ICW is correctly handled, stored, and managed in accordance with the regulations until it is landed in accordance with Harbour procedures.

Fowey Harbour Commissioners can provide a facility for the disposal of ICW. Once accepted, ICW will be managed and disposed of via an approved contractor.

Prior to disposal:

- ICW must be kept separate from all other waste and stored securely
- Any waste contaminated by ICW must be treated as ICW
- ICW must not be placed in general harbour waste bins

Vessels must:

- Notify the Harbour Office in advance
- Follow instructions regarding designated collection points and procedures

ICW must only be landed when directed and handled in a way that prevents contamination of other waste streams. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in enforcement action by the relevant authorities.

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/handling-and-disposing-of-international-catering-waste>

Fowey Harbour Commissioners can provide guidance and facilities to support compliance and may monitor arrangements as part of Harbour operations.

Please contact Harbour Patrol on VHF Ch.12, or the Harbour Office at:

Fowey Harbour Office
Albert Quay
Fowey
PL23 1AJ
Tel: 01726 832471
Email: reception@foweyharbour.co.uk

Harbour Master
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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.**

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