

Porth Clais

Kayaking/Canoeing, Raft Building, Supertanker SUP

Physical Hazards

Car park and road: Very busy in summer so keep good group control

Harbour: Watch out for and brief students on risks associated with:

- Mooring ropes/Chains
- Steps
- Edges
- Slipway
- Fishermen

Moorings: Trip hazard at low water, entanglement when in water.

Other boats and water users: briefing on avoidance, awareness.

Environmental Hazards

Wind: Northerly = strong wind funnelling down harbour – risk of being blown out into exposed waters – particularly on raft sessions. Check weather carefully before going to venue.

Water: Depth insufficient in places for capsize – choose appropriate spots for games particularly if near top slipway. Levels drop quickly with the tide and harbour empty at low water

Access Issues/Constraints

There is a launching fee of £1 p/boat. The harbour can get busy so please be sensitive to other users. Park vehicles and trailers considerately. Use rear car park or the boat park.

Telephone:

No mobile signal in harbour although patchy signal is possible on the coast path and approx 200m back up the road towards St Davids. Emergency phone on car park.

Abercastle

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Physical Hazards

Car park and road: Narrow road and small car park with limited manoeuvring space for vehicles. Vehicles also drive on slipway and beach.

Harbour: Watch out for and brief students on risks associated with:

- Mooring ropes/Chains
- Boat traffic
- Fishermen

Moorings: Trip hazard at low water, entanglement when in water.

Other boats and water users: Briefing on avoidance, awareness.

Environmental Hazards

Wind: SW – E = wind funnelling down harbour – risk of being blown out into exposed waters. Check weather carefully before going to venue.

Water: Be aware that gap between mainland and island is dry at low tide. There is a strong tidal stream off Ynys Deullyn (the headland forming the West side of the bay).

Access Issues/Constraints

There is a launching fee of £1 p/boat. The harbour is owned by the National Trust and managed by Abercastle Boat Owners Club whose guidelines for use should be followed. Park considerately – leave trailer on beach.

Telephone:

No mobile signal in harbour although patchy signal is possible on the coast path and approx 200m back up the road towards Trefin. Phone box by bridge on main road through Abercastle.

Fishguard Harbour

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Physical Hazards

Car park and road: Very busy in summer so keep good group control.

Harbour: Watch out for and brief students on risks associated with:

- Mooring ropes/Chains
- Steps
- Edges
- Slipway
- Fishermen

Moorings: Trip hazard at low water, entanglement when in water.

Other boats and water users: briefing on avoidance, awareness. Particularly be aware of the Irish ferries and wash associated with them.

Environmental Hazards

Wind: Southerly = wind funnelling down harbour – risk of being blown out into exposed waters. Can be an issue when rounding the headland on return to harbour at the end of session. Harbour dry on spring low tide.

Water: Over falls can develop around Dinas Head so be aware of group control in this area and the consequences of a swimmer close to the headland

Access Issues/Constraints

The slipway here is public access so please be sensitive to other users. Parking is limited so park considerately.

Telephone:

Mobile signal in harbour although patchy, better signal is possible along the coast and a pay phone is available in Lower Town.

Cleddau Estuary

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Physical Hazards

Car park: Use of the car park at PAC is fine and the slipway is public access.

Parking at Black Tar and Beggars Reach is also fine although there is limited space so please be sensitive and use the car park rather than the beach.

Slipway: Can be slippery and watch out for motor boat users

Ropes/ buoys: trip hazard, entanglement when in water, capsize hazard if broached on upstream side.

Mud: Mud banks can look solid but are in fact quite deep, careful when stopping for breaks etc and exiting canoes

Other boats and water users: Briefing on avoidance, awareness. Particularly be aware of motor boats and wash associated with them.

Environmental Hazards

Wind: All wind directions have an effect on this venue and can make it difficult to return to egress points or cross from one bank to the other. Wind against tide can create rough water where the tide flows fastest. Check tide and wind before embarking on journey.

Water: Tidal estuary so can develop strong currents especially where river narrows at beggars reach. Trip planning essential.

Access Issues/Constraints

The slipway here is public access although please be sensitive to other users.

Remove trailer from bus when parking and push into space out of the way. Park in PAC car park if possible, otherwise be discreet.

Telephone:

Mobile signal excellent in most places.