

Peterhead Port Authority

Paint Blasting Rules

These Paint Blasting Rules made by Peterhead Port Authority (“**the Authority**”) apply at Peterhead Port (“**the Port**”) and take effect from **18th March 2021**:-

1. The existing Byelaws of the Authority prohibit the discharge of any materials into the harbour. Materials would include paint flake, grit and other particulate from paint blasting activity. Any discharge of such materials into the harbour would therefore constitute a civil and criminal offence in accordance with the Byelaws and the following Rules are without prejudice to that position.
2. A marine licence from Marine Scotland is required under the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010 for any activity which may involve the deposit of any substance in the sea (which includes the harbour). Accordingly any external paint blasting of a vessel or other structure (unless located in a dry berth) must be permitted by a marine licence from Marine Scotland. Prior to the commencement of any such paint blasting activity, an applicable marine licence must be presented to the Authority.
3. In any event, grit blasting or other paint blasting activity involving particulate, on any external area of a vessel or other structure is prohibited at the Port, whether the vessel or other structure is located in the harbour or on a dry berth (due to the requirement to keep mechanisms free from particulate).
4. Grit blasting of vessel deck surfaces is permitted at the South Breakwater only, providing the grit medium is permitted and resulting plume is contained within suitable enclosure covers. Permitted grit medium particulates are Garnett, Olivine and Scot-grit. The Contractor is responsible for the disposal of the resulting grit and paint particulate in accordance with all applicable legislation.
5. Any paint blasting activity carried out at the Port must be in compliance with applicable environmental, health and safety and other legislation including the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010.
6. Contractors are responsible to ensure their employees and sub-contractors act in compliance with these Rules.
7. Any alleged breach of these Rules may be investigated by the Authority. The Authority may report the allegation to the Police, Marine Scotland, SEPA and/or any other regulatory body (as applicable).

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Harbour Master