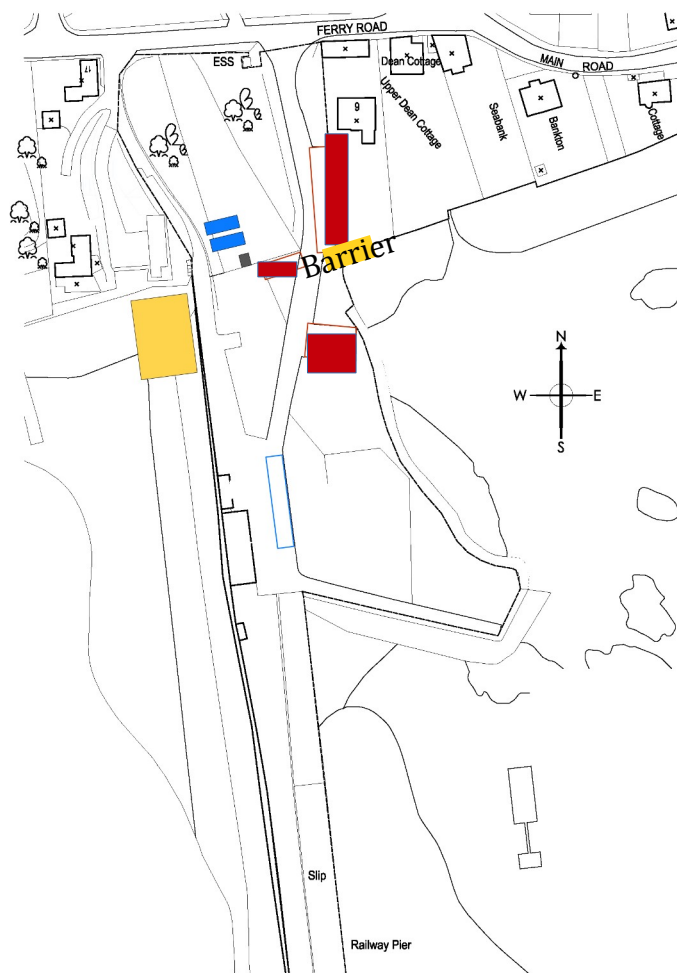


How to Use North Queensferry Harbour – Kayakers using launching and facilities

Location: Grid ref NT 128805

Come off the Queensferry Crossing at the first junction, follow the signs to N Queensferry past the sewage plant, the hotel and under the old road bridge. Descend the hill and take a right turn onto Ferry Road, a residential street, the yard is first left.



Parking

Please park in one of the areas marked in red. Parking is sometimes available in the blue area but not when boats are being launched and retrieved. Please do not park any further down than this or on any grassy areas. Parking is limited: please consider car-sharing.

Access

The code for the main gate is 1867. The code for the inner gate is given to those who store their boats in the containers, or who hire a club boat. Please close them behind you if you arrive or leave after 5pm unless there are still lots of people about.

Launch and Retrieval

You can launch and retrieve from either the slip or the wee beach (marked in yellow). The slip turns to mud when the LW water level is approx. 1.6 metres high. Please check tide levels. 1 hour after LW is usually OK, 1.5-2 hours after LW is usually fine even for particularly low tides (0.4m). Bear this in mind for returning as well as launching!

The club will have a trolley inside each container for those using the containers- if launching your own boat from a car we suggest bringing your own trolley, to avoid having to access the container. The slip is often busy with launching and retrieving large boats on trailers at the end of April and the end of September, particularly at weekends. Please avoid using it at high tide during these times and do not approach if a boat is out on ropes. The wee beach is a better bet at these times. The slip can become extremely slippery and dangerous at low tide. Please be very careful where it turns green!

A local feature is the proximity of a major shipping lane- and tidal streams under the various bridges. When a large vessel goes past the harbour there is a surge up the slip- so don't just pull your boats up a little way while you go and fetch the trolley- they might get washed away as the aircraft carriers and cruise liners head past.

Toilets and Fresh Water

The toilet unit is adjacent to the workshop building and is accessed via key safe on the gents door- the code is **1867 same as barrier. The keysafe contains 2 keys, marked with red and green tape- red for unlocking the boys' toilets, green for girls toilets (to the left of the unit).**

There are several obvious fresh water hoses- one on the slip and another beside the disabled parking. Water should be used sparingly, but sufficient to remove dirt etc which is otherwise likely to accumulate in the containers. This is also to minimize invasive species transfer.!

Long Craig Island

The small rocky island west of the pier is a nesting place for Arctic terns and is protected. Please do not bother the birds or attempt to land on the island.

Contacts

The harbour is managed by North Queensferry Community Trust and run entirely by volunteers. Tony Wood, the volunteer Harbour Manager can be contacted during office hours on 07857 963 074 if you are organizing a large-scale launching event. If you have any queries, comments or suggestions then you can contact nq.community.trust@gmail.com

Accessing the Kayak Containers

There are two containers- blue in colour, labelled A and B.

Each is accessed by using a mortice lock key to open a small panel. This gives you access to the bolt lever, which is easily operated to open the right hand side of the container door. Top and bottom bolts secure the left hand door if you need to open this. The container is 21 ft long so there is ample room to move kayaks in and out.

Those who rent a storage space are given their own key in return for a £25 returnable deposit. Club boats are in container B along with personal boats, which owners are encouraged to secure using cables.

To use a club boat from container B – we intend to put club boats in container B but this has not been put in place yet. Here's how we plan to operate it:

You will need to collect a key from the club keysafe which is located on the inside of the Gents toilet door, which is at the front of the toilet unit. The toilet unit is adjacent to the workshop building and is accessed via key safe on the gents door- the code is **1867 same as barrier. The keysafe contains 2 keys, marked with red and green tape- red for unlocking the boys' toilets, green for girls toilets (to the left of the unit).** The gents door opens outwards and on the INSIDE of it there is a second keysafe which belongs to LSKC so, ladies, there is no need to enter the Gents! - nb the toilet block is down towards the slip away from the containers. Inside the LSKC keysafe is a container B key with a label with the code to get in to the north compound .

Club boats are labelled and NOT secured by cables – simply pull them out, put on car or trolley, lock up and RETURN THE KEY TO THE KEYSAFE-(others may be using other club boats at the same time as you). When returning the boat, rinse it, rinse the kit and hang up spraydeck and buoyancy aid on the boat end or hooks (clear of the floor or mice will eat them) and lock up. This also reduces invasive species concerns. RETURN THE KEY TO THE KEYSAFE. Did I mention that already? RETURN THE KEY TO THE.. you get the idea!

Report any problems to Roddy MacDowell our club rep on the trust (**077652 41686**) so we can get them dealt with- we operate a no blame ethos- so confess all so that we can keep things working smoothly.

Please be aware that you will be filmed by security cameras when on this site.

David Simpson 07542 077 297