

NEWSLETTER



In June of this year, An Bord Pleanála granted permission for alterations to the Ringaskiddy Port development permitted in May 2015.

The changes consisted of alterations to the main berth and associated mooring dolphins, the process of landside handling of containers and the layout and design of ancillary buildings.

The permission will permit the Port to better achieve the planning requirements for the Ringaskiddy mobility management plan. The more efficient landside container handling capability enables a fully planned and managed freight

movement operation required by the plan.

The development will replace the existing container terminal at Tivoli, securing Cork Container Terminal as an international gateway for trade well into the future.

On foot of this positive decision from An Bord Pleanála, the construction contract and ship to shore crane procurement processes have now resumed. Port of Cork look forward to bringing you more information on the project when our procurement processes conclude.

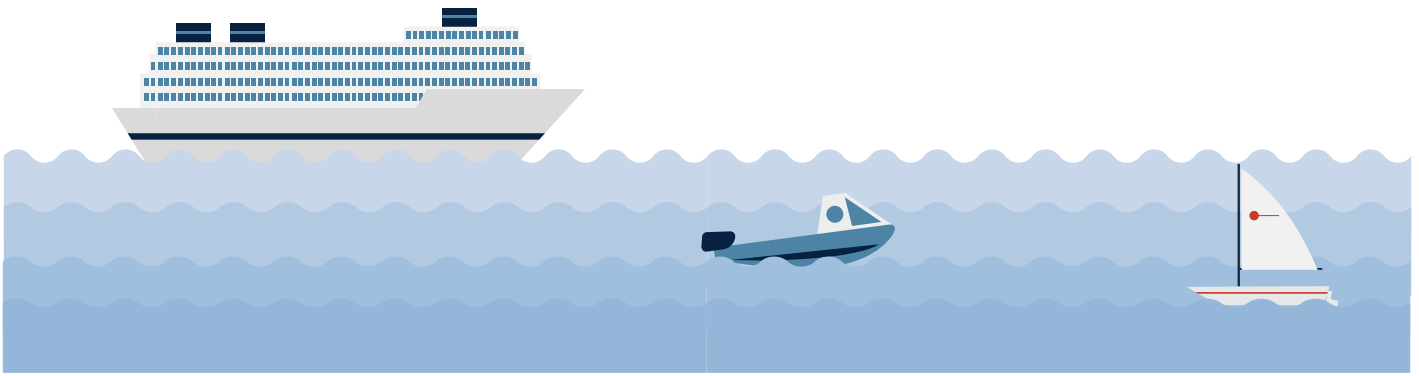


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Opening of Bantry Harbour Marina

Bantry Bay Port Company officially opened the new Bantry Harbour Marina in August 2017. Over 40 boats visited the new marina which was officially unveiled by Bantry footballing legend, Graham Canty along with Bantry Bay Port Company Chairman, John Mullins.

The opening of the new marina is part of the overall Bantry Inner Harbour Development which marks the start of the regenerating of the Inner Harbour Development scheme developed by the Bantry Bay Harbour Commissioners in 2012.

At the official opening, Bantry

Bay Port Company and Port of Cork Company Chairman John Mullins said 'We are delighted that the new Bantry Harbour Marina is now open for local and visiting boats to enjoy. This new sheltered harbour facility will be of great benefit to both commercial and leisure users, bringing increased activity to Bantry harbour and town'.

The development was welcomed by Councillors and local businesses in Bantry.

'This is a very special day, not only for the town of Bantry, but for West Cork as well,' said Mayor of Co Cork Cllr Declan Hurley.

'The new floating pontoon, the redevelopment of the town's harbour

and the dredging of the harbour entrance will have tremendous benefits for the continued economic and tourist industry growth in the area. The future is bright and prosperous for Bantry and West Cork,' he said.



Terns at Ringaskiddy Deep Water Berth

The Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*) is a protected species under the EU Legislation of the Birds Directive 2009/147/EC. A sub-colony has been nesting on the mooring dolphins at the Port of Corks Deep Water Berth in Ringaskiddy since 2010. While these migratory sea birds have become used to nesting at the Port, unfortunately this sub-colony has produced very few to no successful fledglings over the last few years. It has been suspected this is due to the chicks being preyed upon.

To identify the cause of this predation the Port of Cork enrolled the help

of several UCC Ecology and Zoology students to carry out daily monitoring. From this it has been confirmed that the Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*) is the primary cause of chick predation and reduced fledging success. To prevent chick losses, shelters have been added to the moorings and a twine barrier has been erected over the moorings which the terns can pass through freely but the spacing is too small for the herons. These measures have increased the fledging numbers when compared to the last few years and will be put in place earlier in next year's breeding season to increase numbers in the future.



Shamrocks GAA

The Port of Cork is happy to be supporting the development at Shamrocks GAA which commenced in June of this year and is due for completion in early October. The development encompasses a new state of the art gym and a complete renovation and extension of the main playing pitch. The gym will be the first of its kind built in the Ringaskiddy zone and will be of enormous benefit to all club players and wider membership from the community.

The pitch will be finished to best modern standards and will be a centre for many games with visiting teams from across the city and county. The new facilities will also be of benefit to the three National Schools; Monkstown, Ringaskiddy and Shanbally who have no green areas in their schools.



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