



Tarbert Harbour Authority Accidents & Incidents Report 2024 – 2025

There was a total of 4 incidents reported during the year 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025. This compares to 1 accident and 8 incidents reported in 2023 – 2024.

Incidents:

1. 23rd July 2024 – The Harbourmaster was alerted by a group of local children that there was a man overboard within the inner harbour. They had gone out on their inflatable dinghy and fallen overboard with the engine still in gear. HM and a visitor went out on the harbour punt to assist. Upon arrival they pulled the kill cord and recovered the person from the water. After the recovery they spotted another man in the water, who had accessed via the shore in a bid to assist the first person in danger. This person was also recovered into the harbour launch and taken ashore. No injuries sustained.
2. 21st September 2024 – A visiting vessel, struggling to berth due to strong wind gusts, struck an adjacent berthed vessel several times. Anticipating a third strike, the crew of another berthed vessel attempted to deploy fenders over the side. During this action, the davit of the visiting vessel struck one of them on the head. No serious injuries were sustained.
3. 11th November 2024 – A small local dive boat had sunk overnight while berthed on the pontoon. DHM was able to refloat the boat with the aid of a visiting workboat with its onboard hydraulic crane. The vessel was then taken ashore to investigate and repair.
4. 5th February 2025 – During the morning pontoon checks, staff discovered that a berth holder's vessel had sunk overnight while still secured to the pontoon finger. The cause of the sinking was not determined by insurers, and repairs were subsequently carried out on the pontoon finger.