

Fingal County Council

Notice to Mariners No. 07/2023

- Small boats chained onto the harbour railings.

In accordance with the provisions of its bye-laws, Fingal County Council has now removed a number of small boats which were illegally chained to the railings on Harbour Road in Skerries.

Owners can make arrangements to retrieve their boats on payment of a fine of €150 to Fingal County Council by emailing the Harbour Master: harbourmaster@fingal.ie.

The Council is however prepared to waive this €150 fine for owners who retrieve their boats on or before Monday 23rd October 2023.

Any boat not retrieved by Monday 6th November 2023, (whether or not the €150 fine has been paid), will be destroyed and the Council shall not be liable for any loss to the owner.

Anyone claiming ownership of any particular boat will be required to present to the Harbour Master photographic ID in the form of a driver's licence/passport/public services card, as well as proof of address in the form of a utility bill/bank statement/letter from an official public body etc.

Copies of this documentation will be retained by Fingal County Council and may be produced at a later date to An Garda Síochána in the event of any dispute over ownership of a boat being claimed.

The question is where are you going to keep your little boats. You shall not chain it to the harbour railings. SSC members pay to leave their boats and dinghies in the club yard. While I expect few are members of the sailing club, if any of those persons are members of the sailing club they simply need to register any pay for storage in the club yard. If they are not members then I don't have a solution bar the obvious.

Skipper, owners and recreational boaters should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the persons in charge of their vessels or craft. All notices to mariners can be found on the website <https://www.fingal.ie/council/service/harbours> .

Captain Oleksiy Kirdoglo

Fingal County Council Harbourmaster