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NEWLYN PIER & HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS PAY TRIBUTE TO FORMER HARBOUR MASTER, ANDREW MUNSON

Newlyn Pier & Harbour Commissioners (NP&HC) have paid tribute to **Andrew Munson**, who was **Newlyn Harbour Master** for 34 years, from 1979 to 2013.

He first joined **Newlyn Harbour** as a trainee clerk in 1969 and was appointed **Harbour Master and Clerk to the Commissioners** ten years later.

During his tenure as Harbour Master, Andrew oversaw many major improvements at the Harbour, including the building of the Mary Williams Pier in 1980; its 90m extension and the first refurbishment of the Fish Market in 1988, and the installation of a pontoon system and enhanced slipway facilities in 2006.

He also hosted visits by **Her Majesty the Queen** and **HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, HRH The Duke of Cornwall, The Prince of Wales** and **Diana**, the late **Princess of Wales**.

In addition, Andrew was a founder member of both the **South West Ports Association** and the **UK Harbour Masters' Association**.

“I am deeply saddened to hear of the passing of former Newlyn Harbour Master, Andrew Munson,” commented **Chairman of Newlyn Harbour Commissioners, Robert Clifford-Wing**. “It was my privilege to work with him in his later years as Harbour Master, firstly, in my role as a Commissioner and latterly as Vice Chair of the Board. Andrew was well-respected by all harbour users and navigated Newlyn Harbour through a major period of change in the fishing industry. My thoughts are with his wife, Carol and his family at this difficult time.”

Outgoing **Harbour Master, Rob Parsons** added: “As I prepare to leave Newlyn Harbour to take up the role of **Harbour Master and Head of Harbour Authority and Services** in Torbay, I am all too aware of the legacy that a Harbour Master leaves behind, and Andrew’s was significant. He was a larger-than-life character within the Newlyn Harbour community, a hands-on Harbour Master, a skilled boatman and a significant presence on the Harbour’s management team for more than three decades. I echo the Chairman’s sentiments in expressing my sincere condolences to Andrew’s widow, his family and friends. On his watch, a number of major developments took place that laid the foundation stones for the thriving port that exists today and we pay tribute to his contribution.”



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