



VISITOR INFORMATION - 2018

Welcome to the historic Light Ship Petrel at Ballydorn, home of Down Cruising Club. We hope this information enables you to make the most of your stay with us here on Strangford Lough.

Berthing

Upon arrival, please contact one of our Berthing Officer **Chris Canning on 07811 385222** or **Alan Grundie on 07980 735587** to provide details of your boat and length of stay.

The Berthing Officer will give berthing instructions according to the size of your boat and proposed length of stay alongside (maximum of 2 nights / 3 days - longer stays at the discretion of the Berthing Officer). As our pontoon facilities are limited, Down Cruising Club members will have priority and you may be required to move to an alternative berth during your stay, or raft up.

Visitors are not permitted to leave their boat unattended overnight.

If you leave the Light Ship, please ensure that you close the main gate securely behind you. The Berthing Officer will provide you with the access code for re-entry via the gate.

Berthing Fees make a valuable contribution to our ongoing efforts to maintain LV Petrel and are payable in cash only. Down Cruising Club does not have credit / debit card facilities.

- **Short Stay up to 6pm - £15**
- **Overnight - £20 per night**

If a Berthing Officer is not available prior to your departure, please hand your berthing fees in at the Bar, or if the Bar is closed, post them in the letter box in the Galley Door (Port Side of Ship)

Electricity

A Berthing Officer will provide you with an initial £2 electricity top-up (approx. 8kW) to the pillar nearest to your berth. Further top-ups are available from a Berthing Officer, if needed.

Bar

Down Cruising Club relies heavily on the revenue generated by the bar, which is well stocked, very reasonably priced, and operated on a voluntary basis by our friendly Members. We encourage you to join us and we look forward to meeting you and hearing about your voyage.

Opening times from April to September are generally Friday 7pm – 11pm; Saturday 4pm - 11pm; and Sunday 4pm - 7pm. If there is a lack of demand the bar may close earlier than the times noted.

Children are welcome in the Bar until 10pm, and must be supervised by a Parent or Guardian.

Wi-Fi

Password - petrel1940 (case sensitive)

Our website is: www.downcruisingclub.org and we are also on Facebook, Instagram (@lightship_petrel) and Twitter @LightshipPetrel). Like, follow, interact and share!

CCTV

CCTV recording is in operation on the pontoons for safety and security purposes, and to manage berthing and boat movements.



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Showers and Toilets

The showers and toilet facilities are available to all visitors when the Club is open. Opening times depend on the time of year and the Light Ship is normally kept locked, but is generally open when DCC Members are present.

Safety

Please exercise caution on the pontoons as tides run extremely quickly past the Light Ship. Life rings are located at intervals along the pontoon. **Children must be supervised and wear a life jacket when on or about the pontoons.** Please note that Petrel is an historic ship – there are uneven surfaces, deck fittings and raised door sills, so please exercise caution to avoid trips & slips.

Please seek advice prior to leaving your berth when the tide is running, to ensure a safe and incident free departure.

Medical Emergencies

In the event of a medical emergency, a First Aid Kit and Defibrillator are located in the lobby of the Light Ship, at the top of the stairs down to the Bar. If the emergency services are required, our address is Light Ship Petrel, 52 Ballydorn Road, Killinchy, BT23 6QB. You will need to open the gate at the end of the gangway to enable access. Please note that due to its steel construction, your mobile phone will not work inside the Light Ship.

Provisions

There are 2 convenience stores, a petrol station and ATM in Balloo Village (approx. 3 miles / 45m walk). McCann's General Stores in Balloo (02897 541314) have a hardware section and supply gas.

Rubbish Disposal

Light Ship Petrel is moored in a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – please help us keep it that way! Bins are located 50m to the left of the main entrance to the Light Ship, adjacent to the Black Shed, opposite the slipway. Please do not use bins on board the Light Ship or in the layby.

Restaurants

Daft Eddy's - Sketrick Island (5 minute walk from the Light Ship) – 02897 541615

Balloo House - Balloo Village (3 miles) – 02897 541210

Poacher's Pocket - Lisbane (3.5 miles) – 02897 541589

Taxis

Killinchy Cabs - 07761 762629

Enler Cabs - Comber 028 9187 0777

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Smart Cabs - Saintfield 028 9751 0077

Buses

There is a Bus Service No. 11 from Balloo to Belfast via Comber – check the timetable at www.translink.co.uk