

# COLONSAY HARBOUR MAINTENANCE PROJECT SET TO COMMENCE

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A £1 million project to upgrade harbour infrastructure at Colonsay Ferry Terminal is set to commence on 12 October and will last for three months.

Caledonian Maritime Assets Limited (CMAL), which owns the ferry terminal, has appointed Renfrewshire-based NG Marine to carry out repair works to the concrete pier structure and to replace timber fenders.

The ferry service will be unaffected by the works and will continue throughout the construction period.

CMAL, working in partnership with NG Marine, has implemented special measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The contractor and site works will be self-contained and working patterns have been arranged to minimise the number of trips on and off the island. In addition, construction materials will be delivered in bulk to minimise journeys.

The project is part of CMAL's routine harbour maintenance programme and will help to prolong the life of the concrete pier and improve the facility for current vessels.

Lee Rankin, civil engineering project manager at CMAL, said:

“We understand the local community may feel apprehensive about construction taking place now in the context of the coronavirus pandemic, but we are adhering to strict health and safety guidance and using a range of measures to protect our employees, contractors and the island community.

“We don't want to delay the project because it's needed to strengthen the existing facilities and support a more reliable ferry service. Ferries will continue to operate according to CalMac's timetable and the works will not disrupt passenger journeys.”