General Regulations Relating to use of Dry Dock.

Waterways Ireland’s Dry Docks are suitable for flat bottomed vessels. Any other hull shape will require shoring/propping certification by a qualified person (such as marine surveyor, shipwright, boat builder). This certification may be required on a number of occasions if the shoring is altered in any way as work progresses and must be provided at the time of making application for the use of a dry dock.

1.0 Waterways Ireland will not be held liable for any damage sustained by the vessel during the docking, undocking or whilst the vessel is in the drydock.

2.0 The Owner shall keep the vessel fully insured and shall ensure that all insurances for Hull and Machinery, Protection and Indemnity and all other marine risks are in force throughout the drydock period.

3.0 Waterways Ireland will hold the Owner of the vessel liable for any damage sustained to their dock or dock gate during the docking or undocking of the vessel.

4.0 Waterways Ireland does not provide any holding facilitates for sewage, waste oil at their drydocks. Prior to drydocking the Owners shall dispose of any sewage, waste oil, slops or dirty ballast in a proper environmental manner.

5.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, shall undertake to make the vessel fit and safe in all respects for docking and or berthing and shall be prepared to adjust the vessels draught, trim and mooring ropes.

6.0 The vessel is not permitted to:

   6.1 Take on fuel whilst in the drydock.
   6.2 Discharge or throw overboard any dust, waste, oil or oily elements.
   6.3 Use sanitary lines whilst in the drydock.

7.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is to provide and maintain safe means of access to and egress from the vessel and every place which any person has at anytime to work.

   7.1 The main gangway giving general access to the vessel from the dock side or dock floor is to be of sufficient width, securely protected on each side with hand rails, of good construction, sound material and adequate strength.

8.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is to provide hand tools, only 110 volt electrically operated equipment and temporary lights for working on the vessel which must be in good working order.
9.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is to provide at all times staging, scaffolding of good construction, sound material and of adequate strength.

10.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is responsible for providing personal protective equipment for their staff whilst working on board the vessel or in the drydock and ensuring that any subcontracted labour also wears Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

11.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, shall provide ladders of good construction, of suitable and sound material and of adequate strength which shall be properly maintained.

12.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is not to use any equipment or materials which may be on site belonging to Waterways Ireland.

13.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is to take all reasonable precautions when carrying out any hot work:

13.1 Carry out risk assessment before commencing any hot work.
13.2 Be aware of the location of fuel tanks.
13.3 Ensure that engine room bilges are clean and do not present fire hazard
13.4 If hot work is to be carried out on fuel tanks, gas free certificate to be obtained from industrial chemist.
13.5 Provide fire watchers.
13.6 Provide suitable fire extinguishers.
13.7 Provide welding and flame cutting equipment which is maintained in good condition.
13.8 When not in use gas supplies to be turned off at the gas cylinder, burning torches and hoses to be removed from any enclosed space.

14.0 Preparation of the hull for painting. Waterways Ireland does not permit the use of shot or sand blasting in or around the drydock. Only hard scraping, wire brushing and mechanical discing is acceptable.

15.0 Spray painting is not acceptable, paint to be applied by brush or roller.

16.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, is responsible for the removal and proper environmental disposal of any debris and the cleaning of the drydock before the vessel is undocked.

17.0 The Owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, shall dispose of all old material, including any machinery parts removed from the vessel whilst in the drydock in a proper environmental manner.

18.0 Waterway Ireland does not provide any fixed or mobile cranes at their dry docks.

19.0 The owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, must provide a method statement of the job to be undertaken.
20.0 The owner, or a person qualified to act for the owner, must provide a safety statement for the job to be undertaken.

21.0 Waterways Ireland requires payment of a security deposit of €250 with each application to use the dry dock.

21.1 If the number of days booked and paid in advance for the dry dock overruns, payment for each subsequent day will be deducted from the security deposit before it is returned.

21.2 If the number of days over runs by 7 days a request will be issued for a further €250 security deposit to be paid. This must be paid before the overrun reaches 17 days.

21.3 The security deposit (or any part of it) will be returned within 10 working days of exit from the dry dock providing that the dry dock has been left clean and tidy and in good repair.