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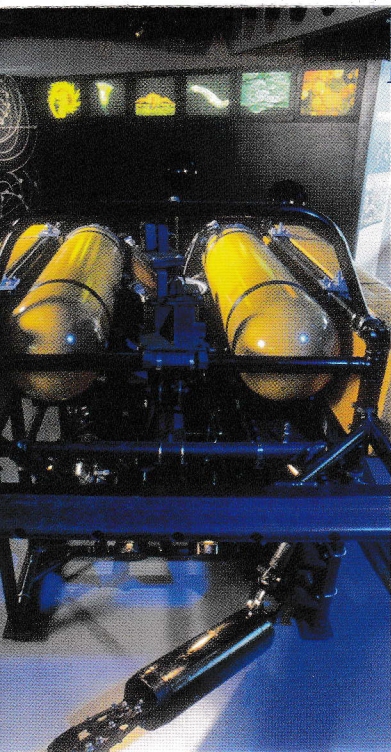
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Collections

Aberdeen Maritime Museum is the place to see real objects that illustrate the story of the North Sea.

Displays include paintings from the clipper ship era, ship models from 1689 to the present, whalers' harpoons, 14th century jugs traded to Aberdeen from Holland, a fine lighthouse lens assembly, the deckhouse of a steamer and a remotely operated vehicle.



Shipping

Three thousand ships were built in Aberdeen during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Models, paintings and photographs tell the story of world class ships such as the tea clipper *Thermopylae* and the *Jho Sho Maru*, one of the first units of the Japanese Navy.

Oil

The museum is the only venue in the country where you can see the sheer scale of Britain's offshore oil and gas enterprise and enter the world of the North Sea oil worker.

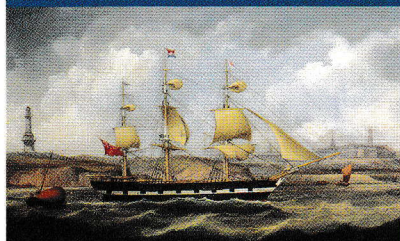
Aberdeen Harbour

Aberdeen Harbour Gallery has undergone a magnificent refurbishment in a major project highlighting the long and fascinating history of the port which it overlooks.

The new exhibition includes objects from the 13th to 21st centuries, plans showing the development of the harbour and computer interactives that allow you to compare views of the harbour, past and present.

Fishing

Aberdeen is synonymous with fishing. The city built the vessels, and provided both their crews and the workers who processed the catches landed at the fish market.



The Leading Lights Café

Named after the navigational towers at Torry, this is one of the city's most popular licensed cafés. Hot and cold snacks and meals are freshly prepared on the premises. Coffee, tea and home-baked goods are served throughout the day.

Aberdeen Built Ships Website

This website provides information on the thousands of vessels built

in the city from 1790 to 1990.

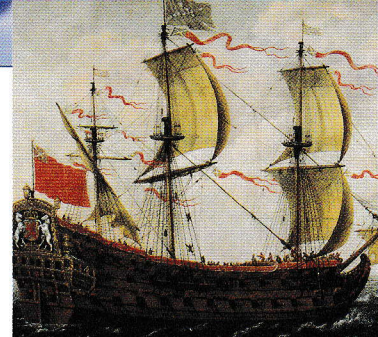
www.aberdeenships.com

Aberdeen Maritime Museum Shop

The museum shop offers a wide selection of gifts and souvenirs as well as a specialist selection of books and videos.

Car Parking

Commercial car parking is available nearby - entrance on Virginia Street (400 spaces).



Corporate Hire

The museum's first class facilities are available for conferences and corporate hospitality.

The Education Room is fully equipped for meetings and audio-visual presentations - phone (01224) 337700.

Language Services

Each exhibition area has translations of the themes in French, Spanish, German and Italian.

Enquiry Services

Specialist staff are able to provide information on Aberdeen's maritime past and ships built in the port. The enquiry form serves as a guide to this service. Forms are available at reception.

Education Programme

The museum caters for school visits on a range of topics including Victorians at Sea, The Desperate Journey, Oil, Transport, Fishing and The Story of Aberdeen.

Younger visitors can discover the museum through a range of quiz sheets. Contact the Education Officer on (01224) 337710.

Diary

The museum has a lively programme of exhibitions and events, details of which are published on a regular basis in Diary, along with those at Aberdeen Art Gallery and Provost Skene's House.

These are also accessible on our website at:

www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

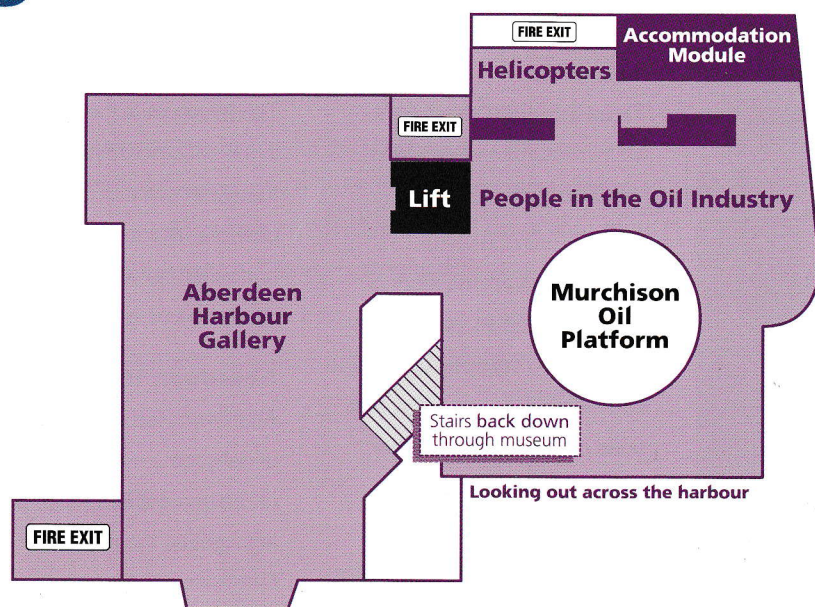


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Third Level:

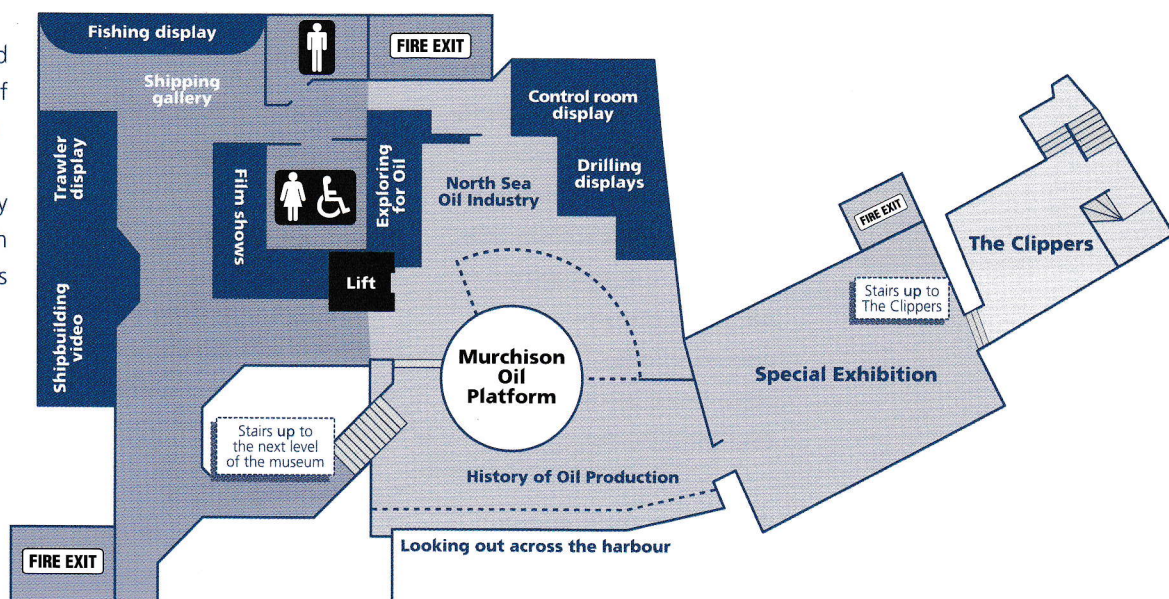
The museum's top floor provides magnificent views of the harbour, full of multi-coloured oil supply vessels, and displays on its development.

The eight metre high *Murchison* oil platform model can be viewed and the life and work of a modern offshore installation experienced.



Second Level:

Displays of historic models and paintings covering the age of sail. Exhibitions on the 3000 ships built in the city, the fishing industry and the history of offshore oil are told through artefacts, computer interactives and graphics.



First Level:

An introduction to Aberdeen's maritime heritage, featuring the Duthie Deckhouse and Rattray Head lighthouse lenses. The North Sea is explored using diving suits, a real remotely operated vehicle and undersea film. In Provost Ross's House you can learn about fishing in North East Scotland and view fine marine artworks in the Picture Gallery.

