



Abu Dhabi Maritime

Annual Report 2025

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About Abu Dhabi Mobility

Advancing Seamless

MARITIME MOBILITY

for Abu Dhabi's Prosperity

Abu Dhabi Mobility (the Integrated Transport Centre) leads the emirate's vision for a smart, sustainable, and integrated mobility ecosystem. As the authority overseeing land, aviation, and maritime transport, Abu Dhabi Mobility's mandate is to deliver seamless, safe, and future-ready transportation that enhances quality of life and drives economic growth.

Abu Dhabi Mobility's strategy is built on pillars of quality of life, sustainability, innovation, commercialisation, and economic development. Through advanced technologies

and forward-thinking policies, the organisation is transforming Abu Dhabi's transport landscape, expanding public transport, deploying intelligent traffic management, and promoting green mobility solutions.

The maritime sector is central to this vision. Abu Dhabi Mobility's maritime mandate, delivered in close partnership with Abu Dhabi Maritime, encompasses developing and enforcing regulations, registering maritime assets, licensing activities, and maintaining critical infrastructure and waterways.

This collaborative approach extends to managing public water transport, advancing zero-emission vessels, and fostering sector competitiveness through private partnerships and talent development. The strategic collaboration ensures the emirate's maritime ecosystem is innovative, sustainable, and globally competitive.

By integrating maritime priorities with broader mobility objectives, Abu Dhabi Mobility is unlocking Abu Dhabi's potential as a global maritime hub, enhancing safety, accessibility, and sustainability, and positioning the emirate at the forefront of innovation in mobility.



About Abu Dhabi Maritime

From

CUSTODIAN to CATALYST

Abu Dhabi Maritime has evolved from custodian to a dynamic catalyst for the emirate's maritime ambitions, driving growth, innovation, and sustainability.

In partnership with Abu Dhabi Mobility, its mandate extends beyond governance to shaping a future-ready maritime ecosystem aligned with UAE Vision 2031 and Abu Dhabi Vision 2030.

Its strategy is built on ten Strategic Value Pools covering infrastructure, mobility, safety, regulation, technology, sustainability, education, tourism and leisure, professional services, and cooperation. These pillars ensure a holistic approach to sector development aimed at enhancing connectivity, fostering innovation, and embedding environmental stewardship. This integrated framework strengthens Abu Dhabi's position as a centre for excellence and resilience.

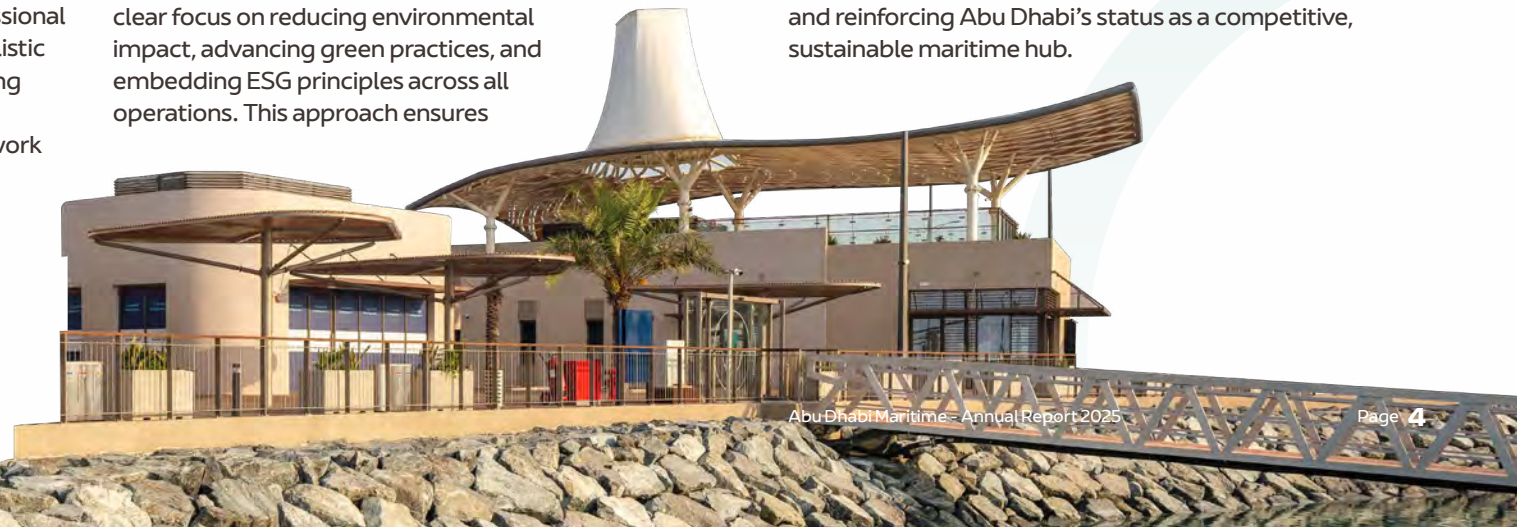
Digital transformation remains a priority, with advanced regulatory frameworks and

fully digitised maritime services. This evolution improves transparency, efficiency, and customer experience, complemented by public water transport expansion, marina upgrades, and community-focused initiatives that enhance reliability and accessibility.

Sustainability is central to the vision, with a clear focus on reducing environmental impact, advancing green practices, and embedding ESG principles across all operations. This approach ensures

readiness for emerging technologies, alternative fuels, and decarbonisation pathways, positioning Abu Dhabi as a leader in sustainable maritime development.

Looking ahead, Abu Dhabi Maritime will accelerate strategic partnerships, capacity expansion, and talent development by delivering a resilient blue economy and reinforcing Abu Dhabi's status as a competitive, sustainable maritime hub.



2025 Highlights



5
Operational COPs issued



2,300+ hours
Total trainings/campaigns conducted and participated in

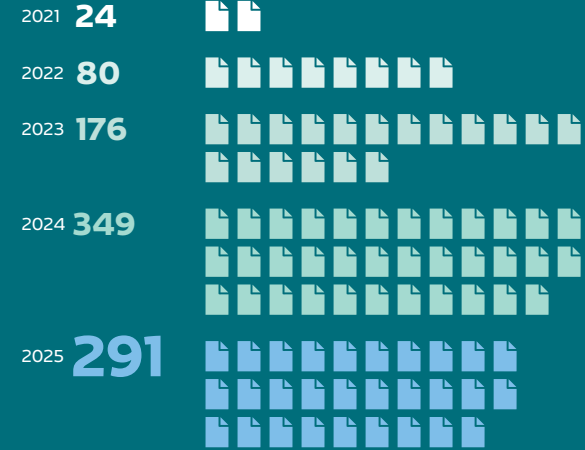


Compliance with maritime regulations
100%



30+
Stakeholder engagement opportunities in 2025

NOCs and permits processed



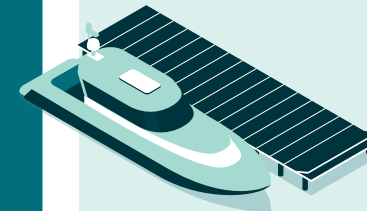
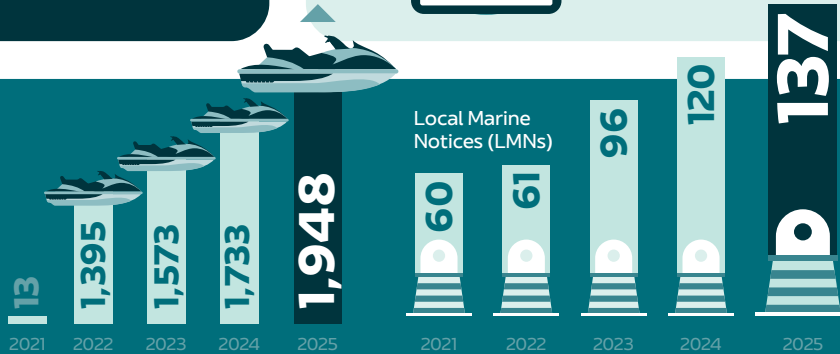
875+
Infrastructure inspections conducted in 2025



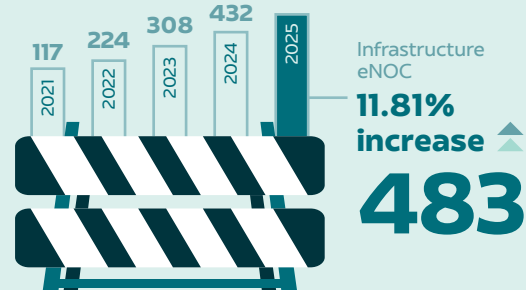
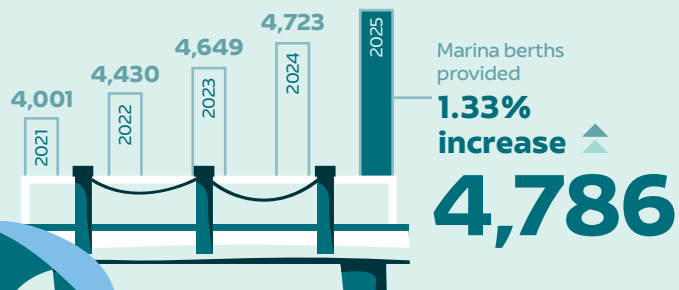
2,000+
Electronic marina berth leasing attestation applications received since 2022

Watersport marine craft licences issued/renewed

12.4%
increase



2,051
Total stations attended (waterways maintenance)



97%
PWT customer satisfaction rate

100%
Complaint recovery

21
Number of managed facilities

210K Public water transport passengers in 2025

36K Slipway launches in 2025

3 kitesurfing areas Operated by facility operations

97% Customer satisfaction in issuance of NOCs and permits

70+ Companies tracking their ESG journey in 2025

مرصدنا
MARSDNA

Impressions
1.2M

47.5K Followers | 1,113 Posts | 31.5K Engagements

6 Social media campaigns



ABU DHABI MARITIME AWARDS

(2025 Edition)



ABU DHABI MARITIME
AWARDS 2025 EDITION

تحت رعاية
سمو الشيخ حمدان بن زايد آل نهيان
ممثل الحاكم في منطقة الظفرة

Under the Patronage of
H.H. Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
Ruler's Representative in Al Dhafra Region

Over the past two years, the Abu Dhabi Maritime Awards have achieved strong growth and international reach, receiving more than 250 award submissions across all categories.

Participation has expanded to include entries from 13 countries across the Middle East, North Africa, and Türkiye. The annual awards ceremony now welcomes more than 300 attendees each year from around the world, while the evaluation process is supported by a panel of more than 25 qualified assessors and jurors drawn from the global maritime and business excellence sectors.

Key Numbers

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250

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13

countries across the Middle East, North Africa, and Türkiye.

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300

attendees annually from around the world.

Evaluation supported by more than

25

assessors and jury members with expertise in the maritime sector and business excellence globally.



Setting

GLOBAL BEST PRACTICES

المركز البحري
أبوظبي
MARITIME HUB
ABU DHABI

Delivered under the **Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi**, our flagship initiative *Empowering Maritime Development* achieved a **5-Star rating** at the International Best Practice Competition.

This recognition affirms the Hub's role in delivering globally benchmarked best practice through integrated, customer-centric solutions that advance efficiency, safety, and sustainability as part of our continuous improvement journey.

LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE

on the Global Stage



Our pursuit of excellence begins with leadership. Capt. Saif Al Mheiri, CEO of Abu Dhabi Maritime, earned two prestigious Gold Stevie Awards at the International Business Awards: Executive of the Year - Diversified Services and Sustainability Hero. These accolades, among the most respected in global business, celebrate visionary leadership and our dedication to embedding sustainability into every facet of maritime operations.

**They reaffirm that
excellence is not just a
goal, it's our culture.**

Chapter 1:

Evolving as a Maritime Sector Catalyst

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Abu Dhabi Mobility in partnership with Abu Dhabi Maritime enters 2026 with a renewed mission to support the Emirate's long-term vision for a world-class, future-ready maritime ecosystem. Guided by the Abu Dhabi Mobility Strategy and the Maritime Transport Strategy, the sector aims to create a safe, sustainable, and globally competitive maritime environment that enhances economic growth, mobility, livability, and international connectivity.

We have evolved from a traditional custodian role into a proactive catalyst — enabling innovation, accelerating sector growth, and shaping a resilient, future-ready maritime ecosystem. This catalytic role positions us not only as a regulator of waterways, but as a strategic enabler of economic value, innovation, and global competitiveness.

Our Vision and Mission

Vision Statement



A **future-ready** maritime sector positioning Abu Dhabi as a **leading global maritime hub**

Mission Statement



Serve as a sector catalyst for Abu Dhabi's maritime domain to deliver a **safer, inclusive, more sustainable, and globally competitive maritime future**

Strategic Value Pools



Future Technologies and Innovation

Promote technology adoption and innovation in the maritime sector



Sustainability

Promote environmental sustainability and resilience



Education and Skills

Strengthen maritime human capital and future-ready capabilities



Tourism and Leisure

Develop a vibrant maritime tourism and leisure ecosystem backed by community heritage



Mobility

Create and maintain best-in-class maritime mobility and connectivity



Infrastructure

Maintain and build future-proof maritime infrastructure



Professional Services

Enhance Abu Dhabi's role as a regional hub for maritime business services



Regulation

Establish a modern, adaptive, and transparent maritime regulatory environment



Safety and Resilience

Strengthen safety, resilience, and crisis management across the maritime domain



Regional and International Cooperation

Deepen strategic maritime partnerships



Maritime GDP Contribution Monitoring - 2023

The Maritime GDP Contribution Monitoring Initiative was established to provide Abu Dhabi with a reliable, automated, and timely measurement of the maritime sector's contribution to the non-oil GDP.

This strategic study provides a comprehensive, data-driven economic assessment of Abu Dhabi's maritime sector, guiding policy and development through a Maritime Statistics System. It enables informed decision-making and long-term planning to align Abu Dhabi with the world's leading maritime cities.

Future GDP Impact

By institutionalising annual measurement and insights, the initiative will support sustained growth in maritime value creation, guide targeted sector development, and increase the maritime sector's contribution to Abu Dhabi's non-oil GDP in the coming years, reinforcing long-term economic diversification.


Key Result

AED 29.7 billion

contribution to Abu Dhabi's economy in 2023


2.7%
of Total GDP


Direct **2.1%**
of Non-oil GDP


4.6%
of Non-oil GDP



Key Result



Established Abu Dhabi's first fully automated maritime GDP monitoring system



Delivered accurate annual measurement of direct maritime GDP contribution



Covered key maritime clusters including shipping, ports and logistics, maritime technology, finance and law, and domestic and leisure activities



Improved data efficiency and timeliness, enabling annual insights without delays

Outcomes



Enabled evidence-based maritime policy and investment decisions



Improved transparency and consistency in measuring maritime economic performance



Strengthened coordination between government entities and economic planners

Chapter 1:

Evolving as a Maritime Sector Catalyst

Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi



The Maritime Hub, established in 2023, aims to drive growth across the entire maritime ecosystem by fostering collaboration between the public and private

sectors. Through networking events and working groups, it will aid sector stakeholders in addressing challenges, sharing innovative ideas, and promoting sustainability initiatives to reduce the sector's carbon footprint. The Hub is committed to positioning Abu Dhabi as a leading global maritime centre by contributing to the advancement of the maritime business sector and community.

To actively contribute to the greater progress of the maritime community and business sector, and to position Abu Dhabi as a prominent maritime centre in the global arena.

The Maritime Hub service philosophy comprises three pillars:

Connect



- Promoting the maritime sector of Abu Dhabi to the world and vice versa
- Connecting Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi to the local/ regional maritime ecosystem

Create



- Creating a platform to foster talent development in Abu Dhabi's maritime sector
- Supporting and showcasing decarbonisation initiatives and innovation in the maritime sector

Collaboration



- Ensuring successful collaboration between the private and the public sectors for optimum synergy
- Bridging the gap between academic institutions, the maritime sector and government entities



Vision

Support the growth and advancement of the Abu Dhabi maritime sector in line with the emirate's aspiration to become a global maritime leader.



Mission

- To contribute to the progress of the maritime business sector and community
- To establish Abu Dhabi as a prominent global maritime centre



Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi

Making Sector-Wide Impact

Global Visibility and Positioning

- Hosted a Singapore Maritime Delegation in collaboration with Abu Dhabi Maritime Academy in May to exchange industry best practices
- Participated in a four-day Transportation Workshop in Tokyo in September with the Japan Cooperation Center for the Middle East (JCCME), Abu Dhabi Mobility
- Participated in the two-day IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event held in Dubai hosted by the MOEI in September

Knowledge and Thought Leadership

- Delivered five high-impact panel discussions addressing maritime innovation, sustainability, inclusion, clean energy transition, and future leisure marine technologies
- Themes :
 1. Charting the Future: Maritime Innovation and Sustainability
 2. Sharing Best Practices of Singapore
 3. Voices of the Sea: Building an Inclusive Maritime Future
 4. Fuelling the Future without compromise
 5. Tech to Expect from Leisure Marine Startups over the Next 10 years
- Launched the MHAD Quarterly Newsletter to strengthen sector engagement and knowledge dissemination

Maritime Sustainability Research Centre Abu Dhabi (MSRCAD)

- 33 Q1 peer-reviewed journal publications across four core research domains
- 6 provisional patents filed in 2025 spanning AI-enabled materials, sensing, environmental monitoring, and digital maritime systems
- 4 strategic AI-driven research projects launched covering minerals, cybersecurity, processing optimisation, and ocean monitoring
- Multi domain IP portfolio established addressing emissions compliance, coastal monitoring, maritime cybersecurity, and AI enabled systems
- 1 strategic industry MOU executed with Wärtsilä, enabling joint R&D, IP development, and commercialisation pathways



Industry Leadership and Engagement

- 4 flagship events delivered: Knowledge sessions at the Seatrade Maritime Logistics Middle East, the International Day of the Seafarer, Annual Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi Symposium, and the Knowledge Box at ADIBS 2025
- 10+ structured industry engagements enabling sustained knowledge exchange, innovation discussion, and ecosystem alignment
- 3 decarbonisation awareness webinars delivered addressing sector readiness, challenges, and priorities



Chapter 1:

Evolving as a Maritime Sector Catalyst

EFFECTIVE STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT 2025

30
January

Maritime Transport Strategy
1st Workshop

05
February

Maritime Hub Abu Dhabi Industry
Transformation Way Forward
Working Group Meeting

12
February

Enhancing
Water Access
1st Workshop

12
February

Safety of Abu
Dhabi Waterways
1st Workshop

19
February

Abu Dhabi
Mobility
Innovation
Week

27
February

Enhancing Water Access
2nd Workshop

27
February

Safety of Abu Dhabi Waterways
2nd Workshop

19
March

Enhancing Water
Access Strategic
Meeting

Key Numbers



30+

Stakeholder Engagements in 2025



500+

Strategic Stakeholders attended key engagements in 2025



4

New Partnership Signed

21
April

Enhancing Water Access with Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi



08
May

Strategic Engagement Government Collaboration



12
May

Strategic Engagement Government Collaboration



15
May

Strategic Engagement Industry Collaboration



22
May

Strategic Engagement Federal Collaboration



22
May

Enhancing Procedures for Visiting Foreign Yachts 1st Committee Meeting



12
June

UAE Independent Climate Change Accelerators (UICCA) - Strategic Engagement



16
June

Participation in the Department of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT) Maritime Stakeholders Workshop



Chapter 1: Evolving as a Maritime Sector Catalyst

15
July

Participation in Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) Workshop: The Communications Systems and Applications for Trains Operating in The Country



22-24
July

Participated with Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT) in the Liwa Dates Festival



30
July

Strategic Engagement Industry Collaboration



31
July

Maritime Transport Strategy 2nd Workshop

12
August

Strategic Engagement Industry Collaboration



18
September

Enhancing Procedures for Visiting Foreign Yachts 2nd Committee Meeting



23
September

Maritime Accident Investigation 1st Committee Meeting



01
October

Participation in Leisure Marine Association (LMA) Workshop: Future of Yachting 2025



02
October

Enhancing Procedures for Visiting Foreign Yachts
3rd Committee Meeting



14
October

Partnership signing between AD Maritime and Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) at GITEX 2025



17
October

Enhancing Procedures for Visiting Foreign Yachts
4th Committee Meeting



04
November

Maritime Accident Investigation
2nd Committee Meeting



20
November

Abu Dhabi Maritime Awards Ceremony, Strategic Engagement of 40 Entities and 20 Distinguished Guests and Excellencies



20
November

MOU Partnership signing between Abu Dhabi Maritime and Abu Dhabi Waste Management Company PJSC (Tadweer)



20
November

Partnership signing between Department of Municipalities and Transport, Integrated Transport Centre and Abu Dhabi Maritime, and Shory Insurance Brokers L.L.C



20
November

MOU signing between Abu Dhabi Maritime and Capital Events LLC for the Strategic Sponsorship of the Abu Dhabi International Boat Show (2025- 2027)



Publishing Administrative Decision No. (69) of 2025 pertaining the regulatory bylaw for maritime safety in the waterways of the emirate of Abu Dhabi; and Five codes of Practice

Access the
new regulations here:





Safety Code of Practice

Objective

Applications

Examples

Maritime Infrastructure



To ensure orderly and organised waterfront development in the emirate, aligning with international benchmarks

Marine infrastructure implemented through public, commercial, and private development projects, including infrastructure subject to the approval of the department

- Jetties
- Wharves
- Waterways
- Berthing dolphins
- Floating berths and temporary pontoons

Requirements for Safe Maritime Activities and Operations



To outline the department's approval and permit requirements for maritime companies and provide operational guidance for safe and efficient service delivery

Maritime companies operating in the emirate's waters categorised as:
a) general maritime operations
b) time-limited maritime operations

- Maritime leisure activities
- Maritime education and training
- Anchorage operations
- Bunkering operations

Access the Codes of Practice here:



Requirements for Safe Operations of Marine Crafts



To promote safe marine craft operations through standards, guidance, and best practices for owners, masters, and crew

Marine crafts designated for recreational or pleasure, which are less than 24 metres in length, and commercial marine crafts whose total tonnage is less than 500 GT

- Personal watercraft
- Submersible boats
- Cargo/RoRo vessel

Designing and Building Small Marine Crafts



To ensure safe functioning through appropriate compliance and certification

Recreational marine crafts (commercial and private) of less than 24 metres in length, including floating homes and floating restaurants

- Personal watercraft such as (leisure boats, yachts, kayaks, canoes, jet skis, small floating homes, etc.)
- Tourist watercraft, designated for parties, small floating restaurants and watercraft designated for recreational fishing, etc.
- Rowing racing boats and training rowing boats
- Surfboards and kite boards
- Surfboards and stand-up paddleboards (SUP)

Safe Operation of Public Water Transport



To ensure minimum safety standards, promote guidance and best practices and ensure sustainability and environmental protection for PWT operations

All means of PWT of any type and construction within the waters of the emirate. Also, marine crafts of less than 500 GT and with passenger carrying capacity of less than 200 passengers

- Water taxi, water bus, hovercraft, wooden and non-wooden-powered abra
- Ferry boat
- Landing craft
- Hovercraft

WATERWAY PROGRESS



Waterways Maintenance

Abu Dhabi Maritime prioritises maritime safety, surpassing international standards with a 99.8% Aid to Navigation (AtoN) availability rate. By deploying new AtoNs, conducting maintenance services, and responding to emergencies,

the organisation ensures safe vessel navigation and optimises intermodal transport. This commitment to excellence strengthens Abu Dhabi's reputation and fosters trust in waterway safety.

Key Numbers



218 Channels attended



448 Relief/Repair/Removal and Refurbishment Services completed



2,051 Total stations attended



737 Solar light services completed



50 Call-out services addressed

Chapter 3: Keeping Our Waterways Safe

Issuance of NOCs and Permits

Abu Dhabi Maritime is a key player in ensuring public safety and environmental sustainability in Abu Dhabi. By regulating marine projects and activities, the organisation facilitates greater access to maritime public services and leisure activities.

The Abu Dhabi Maritime team works closely with stakeholders to review and approve marine operations

and activities. This collaborative effort has led to a significant increase in the issuance of NOCs and permits. To streamline the process and enhance accessibility, the final issuance of NOCs and permits is now conducted electronically.

Issuance of Marine Notices and Circulars

2025 marked a significant year for Abu Dhabi's waterways, with a strong focus on safety, sustainability, and efficient management. Abu Dhabi Maritime played a pivotal role in this progress by prioritising safety measures and environmental protection.

Through collaborative efforts with partners and stakeholders, the organisation actively monitored

waterway conditions and issued timely notices to ensure compliance with maritime regulations. By increasing the issuance of Local Marine Notices (LMNs), Abu Dhabi Maritime significantly contributed to reducing incidents and violations, ultimately enhancing the safety and sustainability of Abu Dhabi's waterways.





Key Numbers



291

NOCs and Permits processed

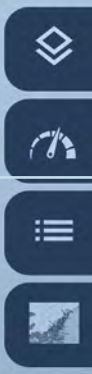


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Local Marine Notices (LMNs) issued

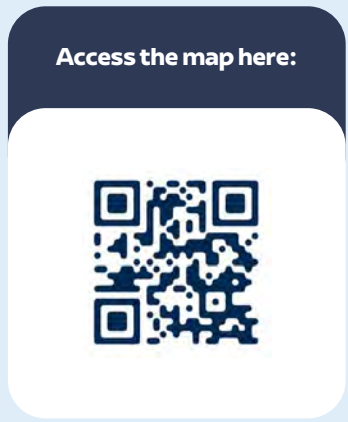
ENHANCED MARITIME SAFETY MAPS








80 m



Abu Dhabi Maritime, in collaboration with the Department of Municipalities and Transport (DMT) and Abu Dhabi Mobility, has updated its safety map for 2025. This comprehensive update includes new designated areas for jet skiing, specific speed limits, additional leisure anchorages, and non-motorised zones for kite surfing across all of Abu Dhabi's waters.

By adhering to international standards and working closely with key stakeholders like EAD, DCT, ADNOC, and NGC, Abu Dhabi Maritime aims to enhance navigational safety and solidify the emirate's position as a leading maritime hub. This proactive initiative demonstrates both a commitment to safety and an aim to accommodate the dynamic nature of maritime activities.



-  Access to wider range of updated base maps to suit your specific needs and preferences
-  Improved visual representations for clearer and more informative map displays
-  Easily filter between layers to focus on relevant information and reduce clutter
-  Navigate safety maps with greater ease and efficiency
-  Incorporate general speed limits rules
-  More stable and reliable application with numerous bugs fixed
-  Reduced information display delays

WRECKS AND DEBRIS REMOVAL

Abu Dhabi Maritime is dedicated to ensuring safe and environmentally friendly waterways. The organisation has implemented a robust system for wreck and debris management, including early warning and reporting mechanisms. By removing 57 wrecks and debris from 52 locations, Abu Dhabi Maritime has significantly improved navigational safety and protected the marine ecosystem. This commitment to maritime safety and environmental preservation benefits both the local community and the wider maritime sector.

Key Numbers

57

wrecks and debris removed
from 52 locations

350
tonnes

of wrecks removed in 2025

Al Nalia Application Enhancement

We're pleased to announce Phase 2 of the Al Nalia app. This update brings a variety of enhanced features designed to meet the needs of seagoers and make navigating Abu Dhabi's waters safer and more convenient.

With Phase 2, Al Nalia has become the essential companion on Abu Dhabi's waterways. Noteworthy additions include:

-  Weather Information
-  Hazard Reporting
-  Maritime Event Management
-  Marine Facilities Details
-  Maritime Notices and Circulars
-  Marine e-Services
-  Marina Berth Booking



Download the app here:

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App Store



Waterways Signage Enhancement

The signage enhancement project is a major step forward in Abu Dhabi Maritime's efforts to make the emirate's waterways safer, more secure, and more environmentally friendly, through the following initiatives:

Key Numbers

62 Shallow-water signboards completed

227 Special marker signage buoys (180 completed)

800 Aids to Navigation (lateral buoys; 666 completed)

2,000 Smart buoys (766 completed)

2 Waterway Monitoring and Control Centres (WMCC) (ongoing)

4 Support vessels (ongoing)

Bathymetric and Hydrographic Surveys and development of Navigation Electronic Charts (ongoing)

Delivering
Integrated Maritime
Infrastructure

that brings communities closer to the sea, enhances waterways and coastal access, improves island connectivity, supports sustainable livability, and creates vibrant waterfront experiences across Abu Dhabi emirate-wide communities.



**16 ongoing
CAPEX**

maritime projects
currently under
execution



**78 planned
projects**

for the period
2026–2030

Infrastructure Capacity Impact



**4,786 total
berths**

comprising:



1,380 dry berths



3,406 wet berths



434 km

of navigational channels enhanced and dredged
to improve maritime safety and accessibility

PORTFOLIO



Delivering Maritime Infrastructure in 2025

1

Design, Construction and Operation of New Ferries

Design, build, and operation of 4 new ferries serving:

- Saadiyat Island – Al Aliah Island
- Dhanna – Dalma Island

Objective: Enhance public connectivity and community access

Ferry Specifications:

Al Aliah Ferries

- Capacity: ~75 passengers, 8 cars, 6 heavy trucks
- Speed: ~12 knots
- Designed for passenger comfort and modern operational standards

Dalma Ferries

- Capacity: ~250 passengers, 25 cars
- Speed: ~35 knots

2

Enhancement of Al Aliah Harbour

Enhancement of marine facilities to meet increasing demand on **Al Aliah Island**

Scope includes:

- Removal and disposal part of the existing pontoons and piles to optimise marina fairway and vessel movement
- Installation of 32 new wet berths with associated restraint systems
- Marina basin dredging and enhancement
- Paved, hardscaped, and landscaped areas
- Minor civil infrastructure and utility works
- Breakwater walkway and landscape development

3

Design and Build of Kite Surfing Facilities

Locations:

- North Yas Slipway
- Al Selmiyyah RV Park
- Mugheirah Beach

Scope of works:

- Beach reclamation and cleaning
- Paving works
- Changing rooms, toilets, and showers
- External utilities
- Informational and awareness signage
- Security booths

OVERVIEW

Chapter 4: Developing World-Class Infrastructure

Al Dhanna Port Development Project

Marine and infrastructure development to:

- Accommodate new ferries
- Enhance marine services
- Develop the Anantara Welcome Centre and associated facilities

Key Infrastructure Works:

- Marina for approximately 14 boats and 99 dry parking spaces
- 205 car parking spaces across the site (including Anantara), with solar panel shades
- Slipway 15 m wide + waiting pontoon (2 boats)
- Accommodation buildings for 43 workers and 8 managers
- Marine office (95 sqm) + male and female welfare and prayer facilities (2x100 sqm)
- LV electrical rooms, communication rooms, water pump rooms

- 10 stores (30 sqm each)
- Ferry terminal building (425 sqm ground floor + 130 sqm WMCC on first floor)
- F&B building (135 sqm ground floor + 100 sqm rooftop terrace + 25 sqm rooftop utilities)
- Anantara Welcome Centre (325 sqm) and car parking (60-car parking)
- Shore protection works; rock revetment
- RV Parking for 10 vehicles
- 2 upgraded ferry ramps
- Road infrastructure, parking, and utilities

“The public marine facility with the **most clean energy power generation in Abu Dhabi.**”

Marawah Island Marine Community Facility

- Upgrade of existing marine infrastructure to enhance:
 - Safety
 - Operability
 - User experience
- Supports maritime community access and tourism to Marawah Island and its archaeological sites

Key Components:

- New pontoons within a deepened marina for vessels up to 15 m
- Basin with a depth of 3.2 m
- 7 m wide slipway
- 50 new wet berths
- 15 m wide Ro-Ro ramp
- Car Parking for 16 cars
- Ancillary facilities including:
 - Soft and hard landscaping
 - Marina and security offices
- Demolition of the old pontoon

PORTFOLIO



6

Maritime Signage Project

- Part of Abu Dhabi's broader waterway enhancement initiative
- Focused on navigational safety and marine community support

Scope Includes:

- 62 hazard and "no-go area" signs
- Channel marking and aids to navigation
- 646 lateral buoys
- 227 special markers
- 735 smart buoys
- 954 sq. km of bathymetric and hydrographic surveys
- Unified Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) call and control centre
- Emergency response support vessels
- 4 patrol and monitoring boats

7

Navigational Channel Enhancement Projects

North Yas Island Channel:

- Maintenance dredging of the existing channel including a limited stretch of capital dredging. In total, the channel to be dredged has an approx. length of 20 km, width of approx. 100 m to a dredge depth of -4 m LAT

North East Dabayaa Channel:

- Maintenance dredging of the existing channel over an approximate length of 9.5 km to provide an approximate dredged channel width of 80 m and to a dredge depth of -4 m LAT

Enhancement of Ghail Al Ghewar Navigation Channel:

- The scope of work will include removal of high spots along an approximate channel length of 830 m to achieve a uniform minimum dredge depth of -2.3 m LAT over an approximate 80 m channel width

Enhancement of North Reem Island Channel:

- The scope of work will include removal of high-spots over an approximate area of 1 km x 1 km to achieve a uniform minimum dredge depth of -4 m LAT. Special consideration shall be required to account for utility corridors crossing the proposed dredge area

Enhancement of Al Sadr Channel:

- The project will consist of the dredging of an existing channel over an approximate length of 24.4 km to provide a channel of approximately 80 m wide and -4 m LAT deep as well as the installation of navigation aids

OVERVIEW



DRIVING CHANGE IN 2025

In 2025, the Licensing & Inspection Division underwent a significant parallel transition, formally operationalising its regulatory mandate under Administrative Decision No. (69) of 2025 (or “Maritime Safety Regulations;” MSR) while strengthening its digital operating environment. The year focused on embedding regulatory authority, standardising inspection and enforcement practices, and enhancing service delivery through improved digital processes, resulting in stronger governance, greater transparency, and more consistent regulatory outcomes across the maritime sector.



TAMM Maritime Services – Phase I Implementation

A major milestone during the year was the successful completion of Phase I of the TAMM Maritime Services Implementation Project. This phase delivered enhanced digital maritime services through Abu Dhabi’s unified government platform, with a primary focus on Water Sports Marine Craft licensing and compliance. The rollout simplified regulatory interactions, reduced manual intervention, and improved customer experience by providing faster and more accessible services.



Digitalised Violation, Fine, and Grievance Management

A critical regulatory gap was closed in 2025 through the full digitalisation of the violation and fine management system. All violations and fines that were previously issued manually are now recorded, issued, and managed digitally, with integrated payment and grievance handling. This strengthened enforcement traceability, improved auditability, and enhanced confidence in regulatory decision-making.



MSR Digital Services – Enhanced Online Permits, NOCs and Licences

Maritime Company Operational Permits, No Objection Certificates (NOCs), and Marine Facility Licensing were further enhanced and officially activated in 2025 under the Maritime Safety Regulations (MSR). The enhanced digital services strengthened end-to-end online application and approval workflows, improved regulatory clarity for operators, and marked the formal go-live of MSR-aligned operational permit services.



Digital Licensing for Jet Ski Dealerships

As part of its digital-first approach, Abu Dhabi Maritime launched a new licensing service enabling authorised jet ski dealerships to directly license brand-new water sports marine craft on behalf of customers. This initiative eliminated the need for physical visits, reduced licensing turnaround times, and improved convenience for both customers and dealers in one of the highest-volume licensing segments.



Inspection and Enforcement Activities

Inspection and enforcement activities covered maritime companies, water sports marine craft, marine facilities and infrastructure, and commercial vessels operating within Abu Dhabi waters. Inspection planning increasingly prioritised risk exposure, compliance history, and operational impact, supported by digitally enabled enforcement workflows.

50+

Patrols conducted across Abu Dhabi waterways





DRIVING REGULATORY AWARENESS AND ALIGNMENT

Strategic and Regulatory Alignment

During the year, the division strengthened regulatory coordination through structured engagements with key stakeholders. Collaboration with SHORY focused on integrating vessel insurance data into licensing workflows. Engagements with TDRA initiated activation of VHF communication systems and their future integration with marine craft licensing.

Coordination with ADNOC addressed jet ski noise-level standards, with testing and trials aligned with MSR and Code of Practice requirements. Engagement with Dubai Maritime Authority supported harmonisation of licensing, inspection practices, risk classification, and digital integration across emirates.

MSR Implementation Awareness, Outreach and Public Engagement

Targeted awareness initiatives were delivered in 2025 to support operators, marinas, and stakeholders in transitioning to post-MSR licensing, inspection, and enforcement requirements, complemented by structured outreach and public engagement activities.

Awareness and Outreach

6,400+

Emails issued

1,000+

Telephone calls

170+

Physical visits

1 marina-focused

Webinar conducted

Public Enquiries

150+

Email enquiries

100+

Telephone enquiries

25+

Office visits

KEY NUMBERS

Maritime Licensing & Permits – Digital Transactions



10,000+

Overall licensing and permit transactions processed digitally since platform inception including **3,000+ transactions in 2025**



6,650+

Water Sports Marine Craft licences issued and renewed since 2021 including **1,948 licences issued and renewed in 2025**



6,500+

Licensing and permit inspections conducted since 2021 including **1,807 inspections in 2025**



2,000+

Marina Berth Leasing Agreements attested electronically since 2022 with **625 attestations completed in 2025**



138+

MSR digital services delivered from July 2025, comprising **75 Operational Permits, 60+ NOCs, and 3 Marine Facility licences issued in 2025**



134+

Marine Craft Exemption letters issued since service launch in 2023, including **64 issued in 2025**

Inspection & Compliance – Activities



10,750 +

Inspections conducted since 2021 including
2,750+ inspections in 2025



2,000 +

Maritime company and OSHAD inspections conducted
since 2021 including **447 inspections in 2025**



1,000 +

Commercial vessel inspections conducted since 2021
with **100 inspections completed in 2025**



875 +

Maritime infrastructure inspections conducted
since 2021 including **165 inspections in 2025**



650 +

Violations and citations issued since 2021 with
235 violations issued in 2025

POSITION FOR 2026

Positioning for the Next Phase

By the end of 2025, the Licensing & Inspection Division had established a coherent, transparent, and digitally enabled regulatory framework. The successful rollout of TAMM maritime services, full digitalisation of enforcement and grievance handling, strengthened inspection practices, and enhanced regulatory coordination positioned the division for the next phase of regulatory maturity.

This foundation enables the full enforcement of the Maritime Safety Regulations (MSR) across approximately 1,600 regulated maritime companies, supported by an expanded compliance inspection programme, a new 365-day patrolling approach across Abu Dhabi waters, and the continued rollout of additional digitised regulatory services. Together, these initiatives will strengthen continuous regulatory presence, proactive compliance monitoring, and data-driven maritime governance.



Chapter 6:

Public Marine Facilities Management

SETTING GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR MARINE FACILITIES

In line with Abu Dhabi's vision to be among the world's leading maritime cities, Abu Dhabi Mobility, in partnership with Abu Dhabi Maritime and Cruise Co., oversees the management and strategic development of Public Marine Facilities across the emirate. Through a network of community harbours, marinas, and slipways, the organisation ensures the efficient delivery of maritime

services that support both recreational and commercial users. Operational and facilities management are delivered through strategic service partners, applying global best practices, digitalisation, sustainable solutions, and innovative operational models to enhance services, strengthen sector capability, and support thriving maritime communities across Abu Dhabi.

PUBLIC MARITIME MARINA & FACILITIES



Our Facility Operations manage **21 facilities** across the emirate, including Al Dhafra and Abu Dhabi's coastline:



1,429
Berths



5
Community Harbours



5
Marinas



14
Slipways



3
Kite Surfing Sites



1
RV Park



4
Boat Workshop



67
Retail Spaces



3
Dry Boat Parking Facilities

Our Services

To ensure comfortable and convenient waterway access for maritime communities, we provide a range of services, including wet and dry berthing, slipways, tractor launching and recovery, boat cover removal, boat washing and engine flushing, and RV parking rental.

Key Statistics

36,704

Slipway launches

11,781

Launching and recovery tractor services

4,323

Boat washing and engine flushing services

Chapter 6:

Public Marine Facilities Management

Elevating Abu Dhabi's Marine Facilities



Public Marine Facilities Digitalisation – Phase 1 (DockIQ System)

Designed and developed an in-house digital platform to manage online service enquiries, bookings, and berth management while digitalising internal operational processes across Public Marine Facilities.



Activation of Ice Machines in Rabdan and Saadiyat Marinas

Installed heavy-duty ice vending machines in Rabdan and Saadiyat Marinas to support the needs of boat owners and fishermen, enhancing convenience and improving service availability at two of the facilities with the highest user demand.



Enhancement and Expansion of North Yas Slipway and Kite Surf Site

Upgraded and enhanced the North Yas facility with modern infrastructure improvements, welfare provisions, and the expansion of the kite surfing area while prioritising safety and accessibility for users.



2 New Service Vessels for Mirfa and Dalma

Acquired two new service vessels to support marina operations in Mirfa and Dalma, strengthening emergency response capability and improving operational support services across the region.



Facilities Safety Enhancement

Redesigned and installed new safety signboards across Public Marine Facilities to enhance safety awareness and compliance with maritime safety standards.



Acquisition of New Kite Surfing Site and RV Park at Al Selmiyah

Acquired and developed a new kite surfing site and RV park at Al Selmiyah to expand recreational offerings and provide additional services to the maritime and tourism communities.



Enhancement and Upgrading of Rabdan South Slipway

Enhancement and upgrading works were carried out at Rabdan South Slipway to improve infrastructure, operational efficiency, and safety for marina users. The upgrades support smoother vessel launching and recovery operations while addressing increasing demand at the facility.



New Additional Car Parking Area in Rabdan Marina

Expanded the car parking area at Rabdan Marina to accommodate increased visitor traffic and improve accessibility at one of the most active marina facilities.



Construction Completion of Marawah Island Marina

Completed and operationalised a modern 50-berth marina at Marawah Island to provide safe and reliable berthing facilities for the local maritime community.



Construction Completion of 40 Additional Berths in Al Aliah Marina

Expanded Al Aliah Marina with 40 additional berths to accommodate larger vessels of up to 15 metres and support growing demand for marina services.

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Explore berths, RV parking, and premium services across our marinas


Book a Berth | Book a Service | Book RV Park

BERTH LEASING
Find and lease available berths for your vessel
[Book Now →](#)

SERVICES
Access a range of premium services for your boat
[Book Now →](#)

RV PARKING REQUEST
Book RV Parking Slots
[Book Now →](#)

EXPLORE OUR MARINAS



Our Facilities

Marinas & Slipways

North Yas Slipway
Abu Dhabi

Rabdan Marina
Abu Dhabi

Al Bateen Slipway
Abu Dhabi

Rabdan Dry Parking
Abu Dhabi

Saadiyat Marina
Abu Dhabi

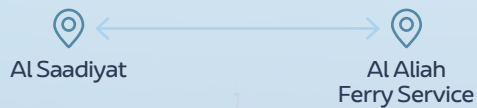
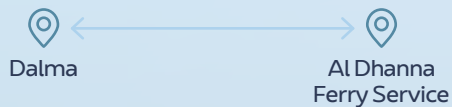
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ENCHAINING PUBLIC WATER TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY

In line with Abu Dhabi Mobility and Abu Dhabi Maritime objectives, the Public Water Transport system reimagines movement across the emirate's waterways, strengthening connectivity, elevating visitor experiences, and supporting tourism growth. Through integrated ferry and water taxi services, Abu Dhabi continues to position itself as a globally connected, sustainable, and world-class maritime destination.

Passengers and Vehicles

(2 ferries per route)



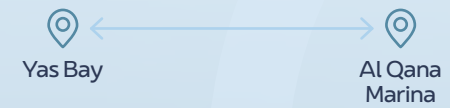
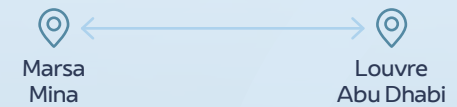
Passengers

Public Water Taxi (2 water taxies per route)



Passengers

Public Water Taxi (1 water taxi per route)






World-class ferries are now operational, elevating Abu Dhabi's maritime mobility



Dalma Ferries

- 2 Ro-Pax ferries deployed Dalma - Al Dhanna.
- The 1st new Ro-Pax high-speed ferry, Ferry Jazirat Dalma, commenced operations on 3 April 2025.
- The 2nd new Ro-Pax high-speed ferry, Ferry Al Dhanna, commenced operations on 15 April 2025.
- These new Ro-Pax high-speed ferries can reach 35 knots.
- Ferry Al Dhafra is used as a stand-by ferry.



Al Aliah Ferries

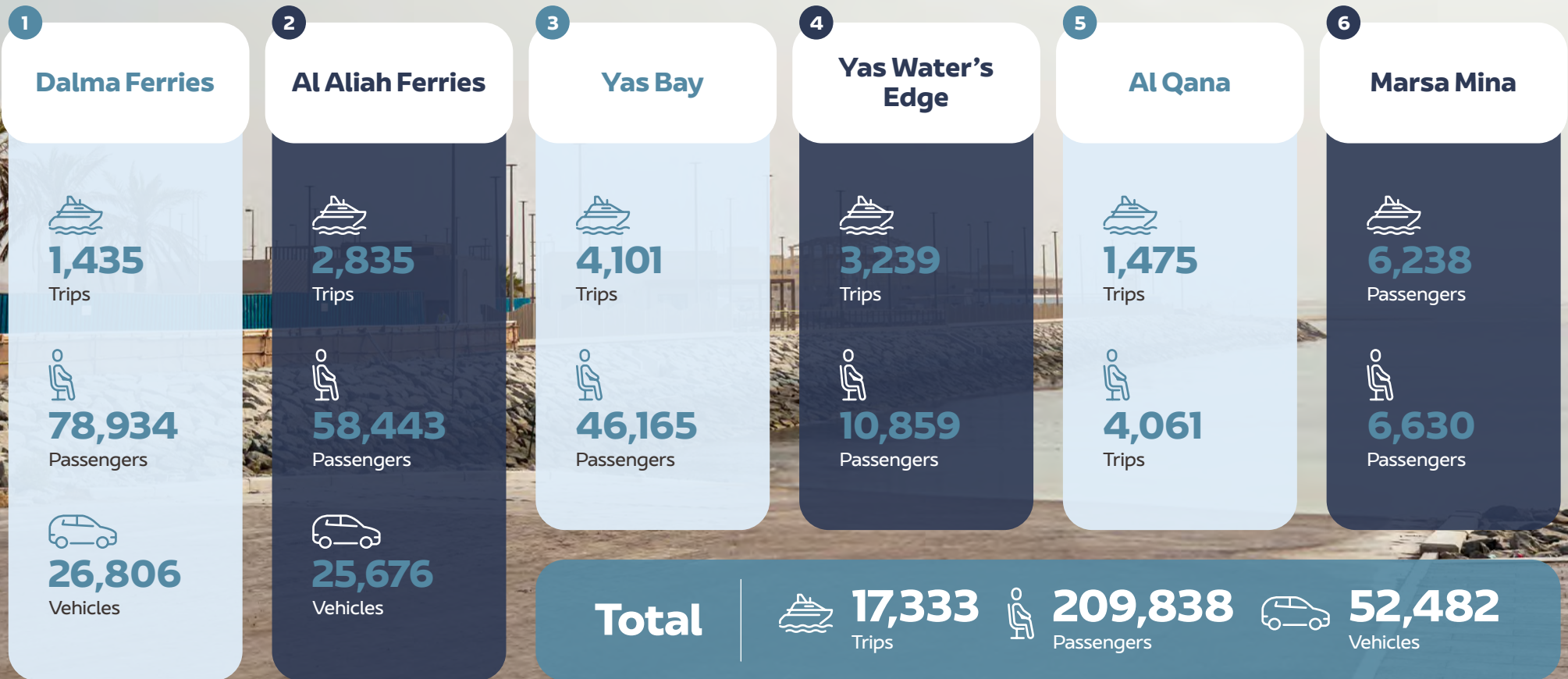
- 2 Ro-Pax ferries deployed in Al Saadiyat - Al Aliah Island, Ferry Al Aliah and Ferry Al Saadiyat.
- The 1st new Ro-Pax double-ended ferry, Ferry Al Saadiyat, started its operation on 15 April 2025.
- The 2nd new Ro-Pax double-ended ferry, Ferry Al Aliah, commenced operations on 10 June 2025.
- These new Ro-Pax double-ended ferries have a speed of 12 knots.



New Ferries

In accordance with Abu Dhabi Government directives to enhance services for the community on Dalma Island & Al Aliah Islands, two new ferries have been deployed to increase operations on the Al Aliah - Al Saadiyat route, and two new ferries have been deployed to improve service capacity on the Dalma - Al Dhanna route.

MOVING ABU DHABI BY WATER



CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENT

Water Taxi AIS Tracking System

Current Status: Trial Phase



- AIS installed on all vessels
- Real-time vessel location & speed monitoring
- System testing in progress

Alert Setup: Implementation Pending



- Geofencing boundaries
- Schedule delay notifications
- Overspeed warnings

Ticketing System Connection: Future Integration



- Passenger arrival time predictions
- Live vessel location updates
- Enhanced customer experience

Jetty Bollard at Saadiyat Ferry Terminal

A jetty bollard has been installed at the Saadiyat Ferry Terminal to ensure safe and secure embarking and disembarking. It also helps to organise the check-in process and allows vehicles to access the ferry one at a time.

Height Restriction Barrier at Saadiyat Ferry Terminal

A height restriction barrier has been installed at the Saadiyat Ferry Terminal to measure vehicle heights and prevent vehicles exceeding 5 metres from boarding. Prior to boarding, all vehicles will undergo a height measurement to ensure compliance with the restriction.

Al Midhyaf Frontliner Service Excellence Award

In November 2025, the water taxi crew and PWT frontline staff were recognised by the Department of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi for meeting top international service standards while reflecting authentic Emirati hospitality.

SAFE MOBILITY FOR COMMUNITIES



HSE Compliance



2,304 hours

Total Trainings/Campaigns
Conducted and Joined



551

Total Drills Conducted



CSR INITIATIVES



Earth Hour



**Provided Ferry For
Abu Dhabi Maritime
Safety Campaign –
Al Dhafra region**



**School Visit –
JD-SBY Island Yameela**



Day of the Seafarer



**Safety in the Heat
Campaign**



**Water Taxi Rides to ADIBS
2025**



**Water Taxi Rides for
Maritime Heritage Festival**



**Water Taxi Tour for the Abu
Dhabi Mobility Women's
Committee**



**The Emirates
Society for Parents
Care & Relief – Al Aliah
Island Festival**

CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

and Excellence at Every Touchpoint

Driven by Abu Dhabi Mobility's vision, we are dedicated to delivering exceptional and memorable customer experiences. With a diverse customer base, we embrace multiple perspectives and continuously review the customer journey, refining every touchpoint to ensure your experience with us is seamless and positive.

To ensure top-level customer experiences, we constantly monitor and review key measures:

- All services linked to satisfaction surveys for real-time feedback.
- Customer Effort Score to measure how easy it is to access services.
- Comprehensive perception surveys to capture customer sentiment.
- Social media listening tools for instant insights into online feedback.
- Robust mystery shopper programme, conducted internally and by third parties, providing a 360° view of service quality.

These initiatives reflect our relentless drive to listen, learn, and improve, ensuring every interaction exceeds expectations.

Driving Customer-Centric Transformation

Excellence is measured by impact. In 2025, we transformed the customer experience by onboarding 12 licensing services to the TAMM platform. This effort reduced touchpoints by 54%, cut required fields from 112 to 35, and halved document requirements—making the customer journey smoother and faster. Our efforts translated into outstanding satisfaction scores: 96% for licensing centres, 97% for public water transportation, and 95% for marine facilities.



Commitment to Hospitality

To further emphasise our focus on tourism and traditional Emirati hospitality, Abu Dhabi Maritime proudly joined DCT's Al Midhyaf initiative, earning recognition for delivering top-level hospitality in public water transportation. This achievement reflects our promise to create authentic experiences that celebrate the UAE's heritage while setting new benchmarks for service excellence.



Our story in 2025 is one of progress, recognition, and relentless pursuit of excellence. Every milestone brings us closer to our vision: to lead the maritime sector with innovation, sustainability, and world-class customer experience.



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Onboarding Licensing Services to TAMM

12 most-used watersports marine craft licensing services integrated

Customer journey review led to major simplifications:

Touchpoints reduced

140 → 67
(↓54%)

Fields to fill

112 → 35

Documents required

20 → 10
(future target: 4)

Customer Satisfaction Survey Results

(through external partners)

Licensing Centre

96%
satisfaction

Public Marine Facilities

95%
satisfaction

Public Water Transportation

97%
satisfaction

Waterways NOC Services and Permits

97%
satisfaction



Customer Engagement

Handled

5,500+

enquiries and feedback

Achieved

100%

complaint recovery

ENGAGING WITH IMPACT

Key Numbers



29
Events Total



90%
Satisfaction
Rate Results



7.5K
Giveaways



7.2K
Number of
Attendees



4
Events Attended
by the GCEO



3
International
Events



7
Webinars &
Online Seminars



5
Sponsorships



4
Exhibitions



3
External Events



2
Group-Level
Events



1
Inauguration



DRIVING VISIBILITY THROUGH STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Newsletters/EDMs Completed



3

Quarterly

21

Weekly

13



Abu Dhabi Maritime-Related Speaking Opportunities Completed

9

Speaking Opportunities by Capt. Saif Al Mheiri



13



Speaking Opportunities Completed

13



Media Stories / Interviews

8



Press Releases

Key Platforms

- Seatrade Logistics Middle East
- IMO World Maritime Day Parallel Event
- International Day of the Seafarer
- Maritime Hub Annual Symposium
- Gulf Superyacht Summit

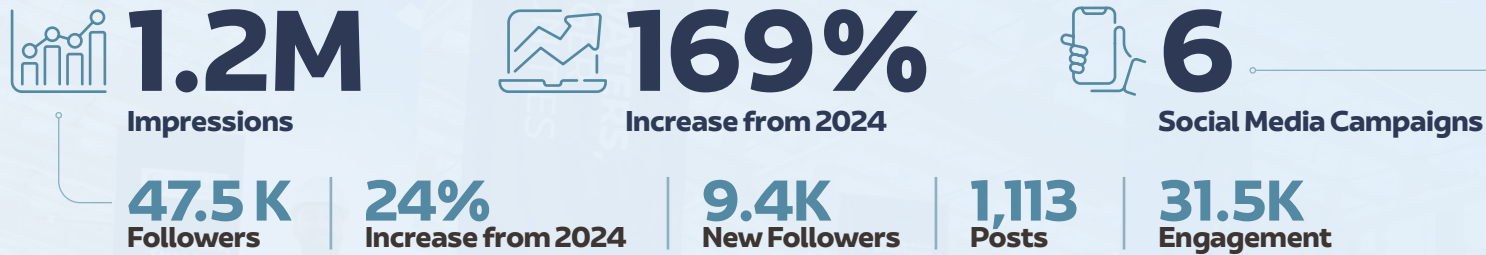
Maritime Voices

- Emirates News (Capt. Saif Al Mheiri)
- Al Ittihad English (Sheikh Ahmed Bin Hamdan Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan)
- Star FM (Dr. Haya Aldaghlas)
- WAM (Capt. Saif Al Mheiri)
- Oloum Aldar (Mohammed Al Derei)
- Yas TV (Waleed Al Marzooqi)

Main Announcements

- The Integrated Transport Centre Enhances the Al Nalia App and Upgrades Interactive Safety Maps
- Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Inaugurates New Ferries Serving Dalma Island in Abu Dhabi
- Department of Municipalities and Transport Issues Regulatory Bylaw for Maritime Safety in the Waterways of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi
- Introducing Specialised Maritime Guidelines and Technical Standards to Better Organise Marine Activities, Improve the Quality of Maritime Infrastructure, and Ensure Safety Across All Operations
- Under the Patronage of Hamdan Bin Zayed 2025 Abu Dhabi Maritime Awards Winners Set New Standards for the Marina Industry

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH



- Maritime Awards
- ADIBS
- Jet Ski Safety Campaign
- Ferry
- Heat Safety Campaigns
- Fahid Island Water Sports Sponsorship

MOMENTS THAT MATTER





2026 Outlook



Advancing Abu Dhabi's Maritime Ambition

As Abu Dhabi Maritime approaches 2026, the sector stands at a pivotal juncture, ready to accelerate its transformation and global influence. Building on a foundation of strategic initiatives, innovation, and unified leadership, the emirate is now poised to set new standards for maritime excellence. The focus is firmly on shaping a future where Abu Dhabi leads not only regionally but also on the world stage, driving sustainable growth, technological advancement, and community prosperity.



Aligning with National and Emirate Vision

The outlook for 2026 is rooted in the UAE Vision 2031 and Abu Dhabi Vision 2030, both of which champion economic diversification, sustainable development, and global competitiveness. The updated Maritime Transport Strategy positions Abu Dhabi not merely as a regulator, but as a catalyst for innovation, sustainability, and inclusive growth. Ten Strategic Value Pools spanning technology, sustainability, education, mobility, and international cooperation provide a comprehensive framework for delivering tangible benefits across economic, social, and environmental spheres.





From Community to Family: A People-Centric Approach

The designation of 2025 as the “Year of the Community” and 2026 as the “Year of the Family” signals a deepened commitment to people-centred development. In 2025, initiatives have focused on expanding public water transport, enhancing community harbours, and fostering maritime leisure and tourism, thereby increasing accessibility and engagement for all residents. As the focus shifts to the family in 2026, new programmes will prioritise family-friendly maritime spaces, intergenerational learning, and community events that celebrate Abu Dhabi’s rich maritime heritage. These efforts will ensure that the sector not only supports economic growth but also enhances the quality of life for families across the emirate.



Responding to Global Maritime Trends

The global maritime sector is undergoing significant transformation, driven by technological innovation, shifting trade corridors, decarbonisation imperatives, and evolving regulatory landscapes. Abu Dhabi is strategically positioned at the crossroads of emerging trade routes, with investments in smart infrastructure, alternative fuels, and digitalisation ensuring resilience and adaptability. The activation of the UAE Maritime Decarbonisation Centre and the Maritime Sustainability Research Centre Abu Dhabi demonstrates a strong commitment to environmental stewardship and innovation, aligning the emirate with international best practice and ESG standards.



City Ranking Assessment 2026: Ambition and Opportunity

Looking ahead to the 2026 city ranking assessment, Abu Dhabi is targeting a place within the world’s top 20 maritime cities. Ambitious goals have been set to increase container throughput, expand green shipping corridors, and attract leading maritime firms and talent. Key enablers include enhanced data transparency, targeted incentive schemes, and the operationalisation of the Maritime Concierge to streamline business set-up and support. The sector’s focus on education and developing Abu Dhabi as a regional centre for maritime learning will ensure a pipeline of skilled Emirati professionals ready to lead the next phase of growth.



A Future-Ready Maritime Hub

In summary, 2026 will mark a defining year in Abu Dhabi Maritime’s evolution from custodian to catalyst. By aligning sector strategy with national vision, embracing community and family values, and responding proactively to global shifts, Abu Dhabi is set to consolidate its status as a future-ready, globally competitive maritime hub, delivering prosperity, sustainability, and an enhanced quality of life for all.



Autonomous Mobility

The maritime mobility will continue to move toward greater integration of autonomous operations, supported by advanced digital infrastructure, evolving regulations, and cross-sector collaboration. Abu Dhabi is positioned to enable this transition, creating an environment that empowers innovation, enhances efficiency and safety, and strengthens the emirate’s role in shaping the future of maritime mobility.

