

Golant BOATWATCH.

Report to the Parish Council, May 2026.

There has been no reported marine crime in Golant in the last year.

Our membership remains strong, with around 90 paid memberships, representing over 120 people, and excellent participation at all our events.

Key activities that in the last year have been:

1. CCTV

The CCTV Coverage has again been able to answer questions raised about potential incidents, showing that no crime was involved. Two additional cameras are being provided, in collaboration with Quay Users, in areas currently well covered.

2. 2026 Boatwatch Calendar

Many parishioners purchased a copy of our splendid Boatwatch Calendar. This was produced partly to share celebrate the quality of our local photographers, and partly to aid the RNLI. Money raised from sales of the calendar raised allowed us to present them with a cheque for £500.

3. Boatwatch Events

We continue our programme of Spring and Autumn meetings, with two river patrol flotillas during the year.

In 2025 we held two flotillas, in June and August. The weather was not outstanding, but stalwart members turned out in force to fly the flag for Boatwatch and celebrate the joys of the Fowey River.

Our AGM last year included a presentation from the RNLI on water safety, where we presented them with the donation from the Calendar sales.

We had another successful Spring Get-together barbecue for members in May 2026, including a lifejacket clinic that highlighted issues with many of the lifejackets brought for inspection.

4. Facebook communication

The Boatwatch Facebook site continues to attract views from significant numbers of people, with between 500 and 1000 views being the norm for our posts, and over 70,000 total views in 2026 so far.

Over the winter several vessels were identified by members as damaged or sinking. Information on these was posted on Facebook resulting in the owners being able to respond. Some owners responded, but some vessels look to be joining the list of those moored but abandoned.

5. Derelict Vessels

Boatwatch has been in communication with FHC over derelict vessels in the river. An outcome of this is that several smaller vessels have been removed from the frapes, allowing a number of people who have been on the waiting list for some time to be allocated a frape mooring.