

Portmahomack Dredger SS Sandchime

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This dredger used to clean out Portmahomack harbour and was owned by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland.

SS Sandchime dredging in Portmahomack harbour
from Andrew Munro's photos of Portmahomack



Sandchime in Portmahomack Harbour dredging with crane & bucket



It was a great service to all the small harbours around Scotland keeping them clean and so they could keep being used by local fishing fleets etc.

Below is history of this dredger

<http://www.clydesite.co.uk/clydebuilt/viewship.asp?id=9998>

ss SANDCHIME

built by William Simons & Co Renfrew,
Yard No 794
Engines by shipbuilder

Propulsion: triple exp 3cy 243ihp

Launched: Friday, 14/03/1952

Built: 1952

Ship Type: Grab Dredger

Tonnage: 190grt 61nrt 91dwt

Length: 105 feet

Breadth: 24 feet 6

Draught: 8 feet 9

Owner History:

Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (Scotland)

1972 Pounds Marine, Portsmouth

1974 G.H.Smale, Honiton

1978 S.Palk, Penzance

1979 Alan C Riggall, Penzance

Status: Reported as Active - 2006

Remarks:

Completed: June 1952

used for dredging calcified Seaweed in Carrick Roads off Falmouth

reported laid up since 7/2001.

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