

# Marine Station

## DOVER HARBOUR BOARD HERITAGE PROJECT

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Work set to last three to four years has been approved by Dover Harbour Board to protect the massive former Marine Station, now the port's Cruise Terminal Number One. The Marine Station, first used in the First World War for the landing of wounded from Flanders, is a grade two listed building.

Now that the harbour's three lighthouses have been repaired and protected, DHB's £10 million task turns to protecting the former station and the covered walkways on the Admiralty Pier.

A port spokesman said preliminary design stage for the work is underway and it is hoped detailed design will begin in the autumn this year.

"The total removal and replacement of the steel and glass cathedral-style roof will be a major undertaking. The roof has deteriorated along with the roof access walkways and protective barriers. A new permanent roof system will be designed to allow

safe access for future maintenance and will also be sympathetic to the existing modifications and listed building requirements," said the spokesman.

The new roof, formed of laminated glazing, will need to withstand impact damage from wave-hurled shingle from the neighbouring Shakespeare Beach, as well as constant wave spray. On occasions even waves crash down on the roof of the building.

Mike Kraysenbrink, director of port development, said: "Our heritage project will protect these iconic Dover structures for another century. The work will return a grand building back to its former glory."



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