

# Clean Up Iceland

2025 Information for members



# Background

Clean Up Iceland is a project aiming to combine the increased interests from expedition cruise vessels to visit Iceland with beach cleanups. In short, passengers on expedition cruise vessels are invited to engage in beach cleanups while visiting Iceland. The project is in collaboration with local interested groups, including the Blue Army, the North Atlantic Agency, Gara, Terra, Cruise Iceland and local stakeholders, and the expedition cruise industry represented by AECO.



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# Clean Up Locations



**It is not allowed to land passengers ashore in Iceland without appropriate permission.** Cleanup specific information for each cleanup location can be found in the following section, including landowner contact information for obtaining permission.



Contact		Email and / or phone
Community contact		
Operational contact	Sigurður M. Þorvaldsson	<a href="mailto:siggimarri@strandabyggd.is">siggimarri@strandabyggd.is</a> +354-8218080

Location Name	Steingrímsfjörður
Coordinates anchor	N 65°38.7951 V21° 22,6813
Coordinates beach	N 65°38,0079 V21° 25,0159
Instructions for landing	Bevare of rock but otherwise easy landing
Max no of pax ?	No max
Hazards	
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	Not sure the locals, but but me and my wife are planning to come and maybe come onboard if it is possible taking photos so we can see the locals for the future. (End here) and if the ship can not come into the harbor then you will set anchor here: N 65°41,8105 V 21°39,9711
Location Name	Bitrufjörður
Coordinates anchor	N 65°29,2920 V21°18,6438
Coordinates beach	N 65°28,7904 V21°18,3692
Instructions for landing	Easy landing
Max no of pax ?	No max
Hazards	
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	Best to start here and I think I will meet you here.



## 2 Skagafjörður

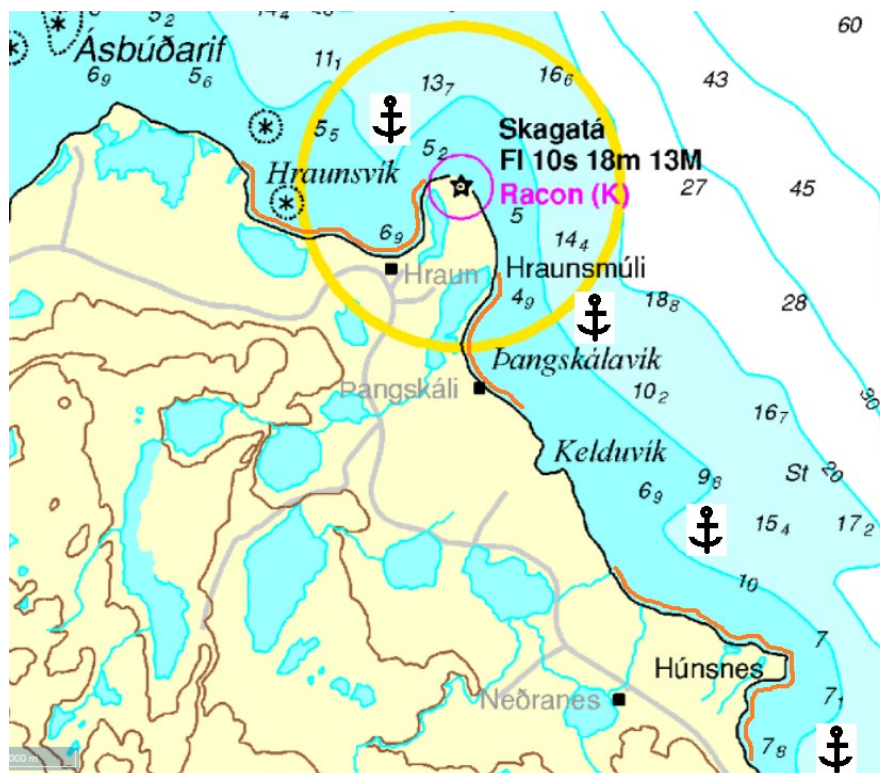


In area 2-Skagafjörður, please give **at least one week's notice if you intend to use the pier in Hofsós** and note that port tariffs are charged according to the port price list.





Contact	Email and / or phone
Community contact	
Operational contact	Dagur Þ. Baldvinsson, Port Master <a href="mailto:hafnir@skagafjordur.is">hafnir@skagafjordur.is</a> +354 8933478



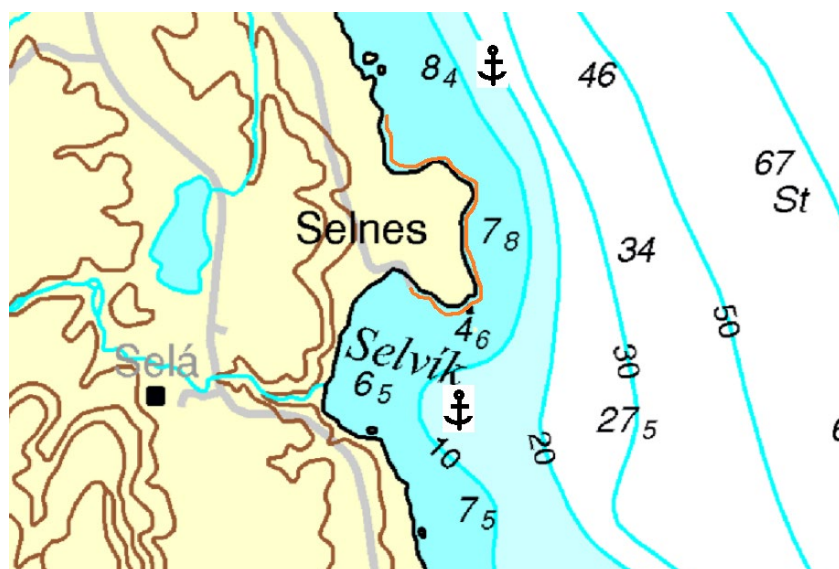
Location	Hraun
Instructions for landing	Murky water with submerged rocks. Important to sail slowly and with caution while learning the area.

Location	Pangskáli
Instructions for landing	Murky water with submerged rocks. Important to sail slowly and with caution while learning the area.



**Location****Neðra-ness (Húnsnes)****Instructions for landing**

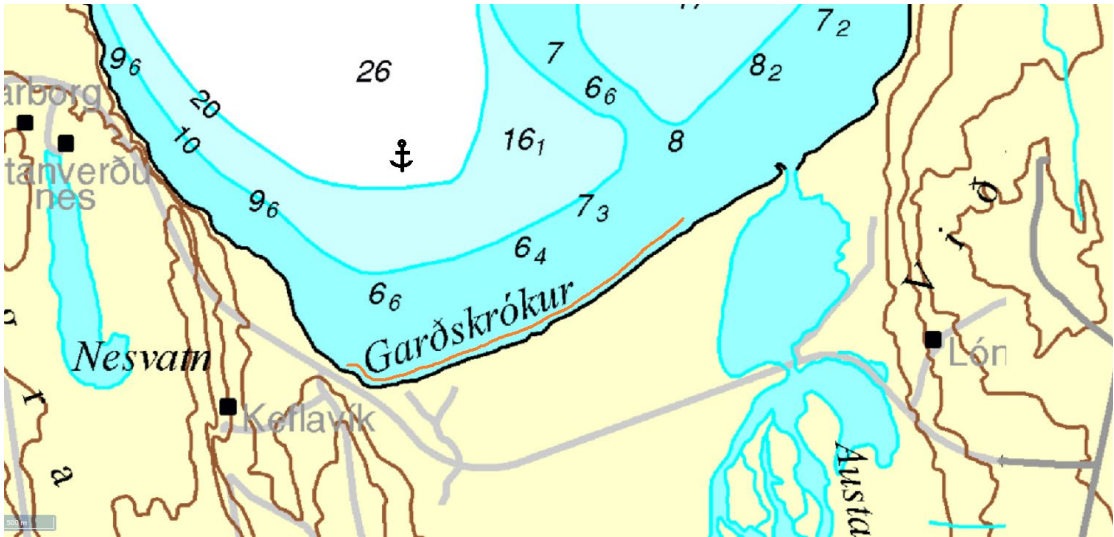
Landowner does not want passengers to pick driftwood and small pieces of wood, but plastic and other waste is ok.

**Location****Selnes****Instructions for landing**

In a northern wind it is possible to land zodiacs in Selvík, on the south side of the cape and walk north to Fúlavík, where most of the waste is.



Location	Sævarlandsvík
Hazards	Landowners do not want any people to disrupt the mouth of the river as it might disturb salmon and trout fishing



Location	Garðssandur
Instructions for landing	Very shallow, the Zodiacs might need to be carried to and from the beach.



# No go area

The landowner at the farm Bær has asked us not to go there.



Location	Neðra-ness (Húnsnes)
Instructions for landing	Landowner does not want passengers to pick driftwood and small pieces of wood, but plastic and other waste is ok.



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## 3 Siglufjörður



Community contact	Aníta Elefsen, Director of the Herring Museum
Operational contact	Pórir Hákonarson, Municipality contact person
Email and / or phone	<a href="mailto:thorir.hakonarson@fjallabyggd.is">thorir.hakonarson@fjallabyggd.is</a> <a href="mailto:anita@sild.is">anita@sild.is</a>

Location Name	Héðinsfjörður east
Coordinates anchor	66°09'20. N 18°45'30W
Coordinates beach	66°07'50N og 18°46'17W.
Instructions for landing	Zodiacs needed for beach landing – no piers or structures ashore
Max no of pax ?	70
Hazards	As there are no piers, neither for the vessel itself nor the zodiacs, landing can be hazardous for guests. Disembark the zodiacs with caution, and good boots. Landing is at a sand beach, which is easy for walking.
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	With notice yes – as locals would have to walk to the beach from Héðinsfjörður road

Location Name	Héðinsfjörður að vestan
Coordinates anchor	66°09'20. N 18°45'30W
Coordinates beach	66°07'51N og 18°45
Instructions for landing	Zodiacs needed for beach landing – no piers or structures ashore
Max no of pax ?	70
Hazards	As there are no piers, neither for the vessel itself nor the zodiacs, landing can be hazardous for guests. Disembark the zodiacs with caution, and good boots. Landing is at a sand beach, which is easy for walking.
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	With notice yes – as locals would have to walk to the beach from Héðinsfjörður road

Location Name	Evanger verksmiðjan
Coordinates anchor	66°09'20. N 18°45'30W
Coordinates beach	<i>ca. 66°08'38N. Og 18°53'28W</i>
Instructions for landing	Zodiacs needed for beach landing – no piers or structures ashore
Max no of pax ?	40
Hazards	Landing for zodiacs is at a beach right underneath the old factory ruins. Guests need to climb a little to get from the shore and towards the ruins. Quite rocky and possibly slippery close to the water. Walk with caution.
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	With notice yes – as locals would have to walk to the location



## 4 Eyjafjörður





	Contact	Email and / or phone
Community contact	Jóhanna Tryggvadóttir	<a href="mailto:jt@port.is">jt@port.is</a>
Operational contact	Pilot on duty	<a href="mailto:pilot@port.is">pilot@port.is</a> +354 4604200

Location Name	Hjalteyri
Coordinates anchor	N 65°50,88' V18°11,52'
Coordinates beach	65°50'59 018°11'42
Instructions for landing	Contact pilot on duty via VHF 12 or telephone
Max no of pax ?	No limit
Hazards	None
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	No

Location Name	Akureyri
Coordinates anchor	Alongside
Coordinates beach	65°40'25N 018°04'90W
Instructions for landing	Contact pilot on duty via VHF 12 or telephone
Max no of pax ?	No limit
Hazards	None
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	No

## 5 Húsavík

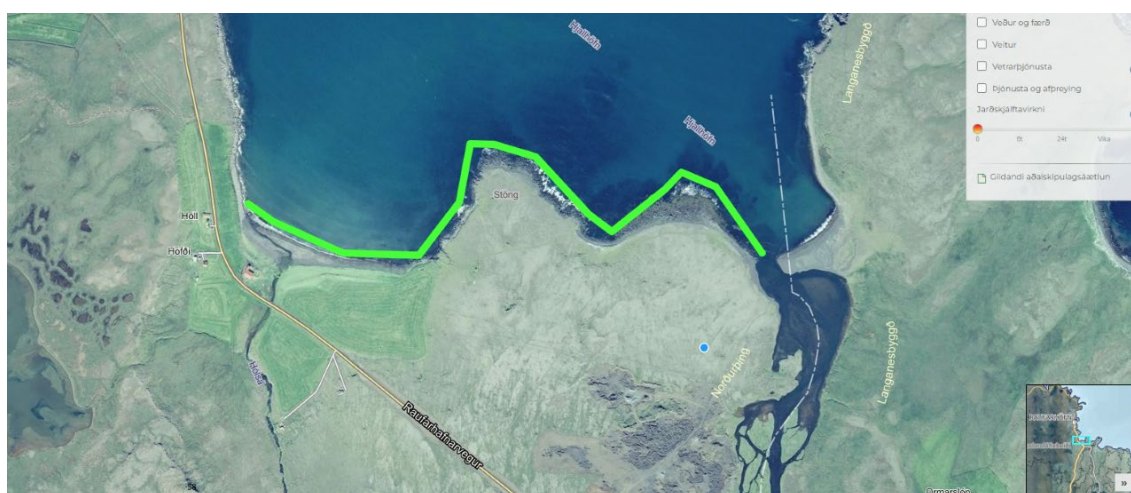


Contact Ocean Missions ([oceanmissions@gmail.com](mailto:oceanmissions@gmail.com)) to collaborate on a cleanup activity at one of their cleanup locations:

- 66°11'39.5N 17°08'29.8W
- 65°59'00.3N 17°31'00.6W
- 66°01'13.0N 17°22'47.7W
- 65°59'23.3N 17°26'16.7W

AECO members are also welcome to visit Ocean Mission's exhibition room with microplastic samplings from Skjálfandi Bay. Contact Ocean Missions ([oceanmissions@gmail.com](mailto:oceanmissions@gmail.com)) for more information.

## 6 Höfði



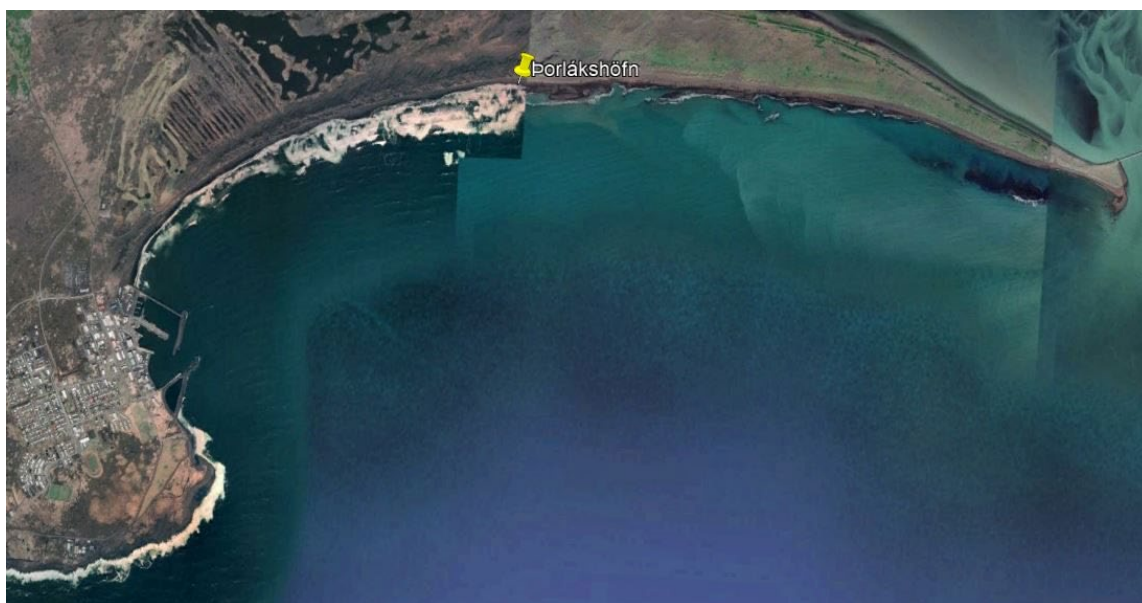
Contact	Email and / or phone
Contact	Nanna Höskuldsdóttir, landowner
	<a href="mailto:nanna@heimskautslamb.is">nanna@heimskautslamb.is</a> 8688647

Location Name	Höfði
Coordinates anchor	66.418716, -15.929456
Coordinates beach	From 66.417561, -15.935590 to 66.416001, -15.904555
Instructions for landing	This coastline contains plastic waste, but the sandy beach is best for landing. It is possible to divide the area into sections or just clean part of it. Best landing is in the sandy beach across from the sheep farm.
Max no of pax ?	No max.
Hazards	Slippery rocks.
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	It depends on the time. It will not be possible in May. It is difficult to plan in advance due to other projects but we will aim to have at least one of the landowners present.

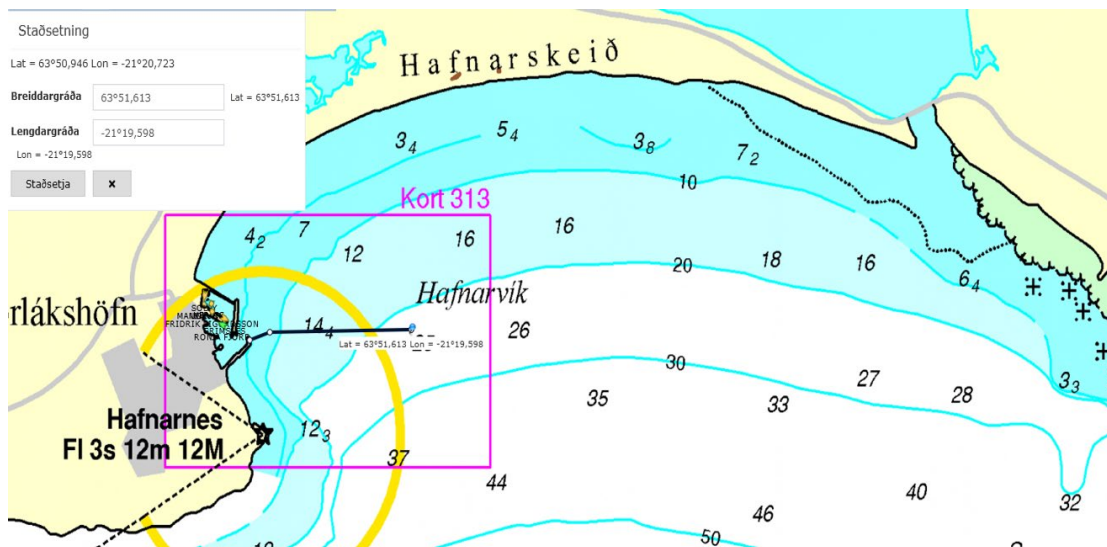




## 7 Þorlákshöfn



Contact		Email and / or phone
Operational contact	Benjamin Ómar Þorvaldsson / Harbour Master	<a href="mailto:Benjamin@olfus.is">Benjamin@olfus.is</a> +354 8610270



Location Name	Þorlákshöfn
Coordinates anchor	63°51,613/021°19,598
Coordinates beach	63,8666 / 021,3751 approx middle of beach
Instructions for landing	See attached IRIS cable and new breakwater
Max no of pax ?	No max
Hazards	No hazards
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	N/A

## 8 Reykjanes



	Contact	Email and / or phone
Community contact	Þuríður Halldóra Aradóttir	<a href="mailto:thura@visitreykjanes.is">thura@visitreykjanes.is</a>
Operational contact	Halldór K Hermannsson	<a href="mailto:Halldor.K.Hermannsson@Reykjanesbaer.is">Halldor.K.Hermannsson@Reykjanesbaer.is</a> +354 420 3224

Location Name	Sandhöfn
Coordinates anchor	63°53,9N - 22°43,8W
Coordinates beach	63°53,636N - 22°43,193W
Instructions for landing	No specific instructions
Max no of pax ?	50-100
Hazards	Open sea
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	N/A

Location Name	Sandvík
Coordinates anchor	63°51,5N - 22°43,2W
Coordinates beach	63°51,580N - 22°41,953W
Instructions for landing	No specific instructions
Max no of pax ?	50-100
Hazards	Open sea
Potential for locals to join Cleanup?	N/A