

Updated Restrictions on Harbour Use During Easing of COVID-19 Response Restrictions



Littlehampton Harbour has been working with the Government, other harbours regionally and national associations to allow a phased return to the water without increasing risk to public health and placing extra burden on our emergency services including Coastguard Rescue Teams and RNLI.

Some restrictions remain in place.

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| <p>Public Slipway</p> <p>Is not yet re-opened</p> <p>Please do not use the public slipway to launch your vessel or to access the river as a paddler</p> <p>We are keeping this under review and will notify of any changes to Government guidance</p> | <p>Leisure Boating (Including sailing and angling)</p> <p>Is now allowed, but check access arrangements with your mooring provider</p> <p>No more than 2 people (or 1 household) may use a vessel and social distancing rules (2m spacing) continue to apply</p> |
| <p>Visitor Berthing</p> <p>Town Quay remains closed to visiting yachts for overnight stays</p> | <p>Small Commercial Vessels (including fishing boats and charter angling boats)</p> <p>Remain entitled to operate</p> <p>However, social distancing rules continue to apply to any passengers carried (i.e. only one passenger may be taken and 2m spacing must be observed)</p> |

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 08 of 2020

Subject to ongoing clarification which is being sought from the Government, the harbour is **maintaining its statutory open port policy by continuing to facilitate use of the harbour by commercial and now leisure vessels that comply within the COVID-19 restrictions.**

We will continue to provide a conservancy patrol during the COVID-19 crisis, but the Town Quay visitors berths and public slipway will remain closed. This will be kept under review as further guidance is made available.

For leisure vessels already on the water at yacht clubs and marinas, **please check with your mooring provider before leaving home for access restrictions.** If you are planning to take your boat out please make extra effort to ensure that all maintenance and pre-season checks are completed. **Please don't put additional strain on our emergency services by risking a lifeboat call-out.**

Mariners should be aware that the Police have issued fines to individuals not adhering to the law on social distancing or public gatherings.

If vessel owners have particular concerns regarding the safety of their vessel they should contact the Harbour Office and/or their mooring operator to seek advice or support.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B Johnson".

Billy Johnson

Harbour Master, Littlehampton

13th May 2020