

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 14 of 2020

COVID-19 Recreational Boating Update

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that further to all previous COVID-19 Local Notice to Mariners, we have now received updated guidance from the UK government. The '[Using a boat inland and on the coast](#)' guidance issued on 11th June by DEFRA (and detailed in Local Notice 12 of 2020) has now been withdrawn.

There are now no government restrictions specific to boating from 4th July, subject to all the relevant government COVID-19 guidance being followed. This includes skippered charter and passenger boat operations, as well as those wishing to stay overnight on their boats.

Mariners should check and fully cooperate with their mooring operator's latest policies. **The Town Quay visitors' pontoon and toilet/shower facilities adjacent to the Harbour Office will remain closed** to recreational users until such time that a further Local Notice to Mariners is issued.



Individuals and commercial operators are responsible for conducting a risk assessment drawing on government guidance on COVID-19 found at www.gov.uk/coronavirus. Commercial operators (particularly those who carry passengers) may be required by their mooring operator to provide a copy of this before resuming operations. The following guidance should be considered in particular:

- [Working Safely during coronavirus](#)
- [Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\) after 4 July](#)
- [Meeting People Outside Your House](#)
- [Staying Safe Outside Your Home](#)
- [Safer transport guidance for operators](#)
- [Safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- [Phased return of outdoor sports and recreation](#)

Thank you to all for your patience during this unprecedented time and please continue to follow government guidance, especially regarding social distancing.

Please continue to make extra effort to ensure that all pre-season checks and ongoing maintenance are completed to avoid putting additional strain on our emergency services.

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.

This notice cancels Local Notice to Mariners 12 of 2020 Latest Government Update on Restrictions During COVID-19 Response (issued 12th June).

Harry Gregory
Harbour Master
4th July 2020