

Bridge Hard Scrubbing Piles

General:

Littlehampton Harbour Board operate a 10-pile scrubbing dock located on the eastern side of the channel south of the Red Footbridge. The dock must be booked and paid for in advance through the Harbour Office. The depth gauge on the piles indicates the actual depth of water at the site.

Littlehampton Harbour Board accept no responsibility for securing vessels, this is carried out by the Master/Skipper of the vessel and it is their responsibility to ensure that mooring arrangements are adequate for the task.

When choosing the appropriate tide on which to dock a vessel it is important to ensure that the following predicted tide allows sufficient clearance for the vessel to re-float.

Owners must provide their own fendering, lines and warps of sufficient strength to secure the vessel and a fit for purpose ladder for embark / disembarkation once aground.

When using the scrubbing dock, it is the owner's discretion to wear a lifejacket and it is recommended that Personal Protective Equipment such as, eye protection, gloves, overalls, face mask, protective footwear should be donned.

Facilities:

- 10 Piles, 2 rows of 5, giving 2m spacing and central width of 4.7m
- Waste oil disposal facilities are available at the Harbour Workshop with prior consent
- Recycling facilities are available at the Harbour Workshop with prior consent

Use:

Secure your vessel correctly to the piles by making sure you have adequate fendering and securing lines fore and aft.

Use additional spring lines to make sure the vessel stays in position whilst the tide ebbs and floods.

Trim the vessel towards the piles so that its weight is leaning against the piles.

Monitor the vessel as it settles, adjusting lines as necessary.

Once aground, secure a fit for purpose ladder from your vessel to a level section of ground for embark / disembarkation.

Secure the vessel when unattended.

Advice when renewing your anti fouling.

Use environmentally sensitive cleaning products. Detergents containing phosphates can cause local oxygen depletion and could suffocate aquatic life.

Prevent antifoul scrapings, drips and spills from entering the water or nearby drains by placing a tarpaulin under the hull.

Dust from sanding paint and antifouling coatings is toxic. Use a dustless vacuum sander.

Only scrub off fouling and not residue paint. Be careful not to let old or new paint enter the water. Collect any scrapings in a tarpaulin and dispose ashore.

Take advice from a chandlery on the correct type of antifoul for your location and use, preferably with the lowest levels of biocides and copper suitable for your needs.

Use water-based paints where possible, or low VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds)

Consider using less damaging bottom paints, such as vinyl, silicone or Teflon or ultrasonic technologies.

Dispose of used brushes, rollers and trays and empty antifoul cans ashore.

For more information visit www.thegreenblue.org.uk



Fees (including VAT)

Per low water on the Piles for vessels with current annual harbour dues	£2.50
Per low water on the Piles for vessels with no annual harbour dues	£12.50
Use of Waste Oil facilities	£2.50
Use of Recycling facilities	£2.50



The Littlehampton Harbour Board (LHB) accepts no responsibility for any loss, damage or delay associated with the use of the Scrubbing Piles at Bridge Hard arising from any cause whatsoever unless such loss, damage or delay was caused by, or resulted from, a negligent act or omission of a LHB member of staff for whom they are responsible.

Subject to that exception, all vessels using the scrubbing piles do so at the sole risk of the Owner/Master. Any associated gear and equipment used or left at the scrubbing piles or vessels using the scrubbing piles remains the sole responsibility of the Owner/Master.

The LHB accepts no responsibility for works carried out by the Owner/ Master at Bridge Hard and any such works that are carried out must comply with all relevant ports and environmental legislation as well as any Directions issued by the Harbour Authority.

Owners/Masters are required to ensure that their vessels, personnel and or/property are adequately insured against all risks and that adequate third party liability insurance is in place for any damage caused to other vessels, persons or property whilst on or about the scrubbing piles at Bridge Hard.