

## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 17 of 2020

### **Boating in each COVID-19 Tier**

Like all businesses, Littlehampton Harbour Board is committed to protecting its staff and all harbour users during the COVID-19 pandemic. After the second national lockdown ends on the morning of Wednesday 2nd December 2020, England moves to a three-tier system.

We wish to provide harbour users with an update on our current understanding of the implications for owners of moored vessels, commercial users, and visitors to the harbour in each of the three tiers that Littlehampton may move between.



#### **In all Tiers and until further notice:**

- The **rule of six** applies everywhere ashore and afloat. ([www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for more info)
- The **Harbour Office and Littlehampton Harbour Board's Visitor Moorings remain closed**. You can still contact us via [harbour@littlehampton.org.uk](mailto:harbour@littlehampton.org.uk), 01903 721 215 or VHF 71.
- The **Public Slipway remains open**. Anyone using it should be prepared to demonstrate compliance with the national restrictions. Please check operator policies before travelling to private slipways elsewhere in the harbour.
- **Commercial boat movements may continue**, subject to operators working in compliance with Government 'COVID-Secure' guidance.
- Going out on the water for **leisure purposes** may fit within the Government's criteria for travel or exercise, however, attending public areas, slipways, marinas where other people are likely to be still poses a risk of spreading the virus. Furthermore, every vessel that gets into trouble causes unnecessary contact with waterborne emergency rescue agencies which puts more people at risk and increases the strain on our emergency services. I would urge you to bear this in mind before getting out on the water.

#### **If Littlehampton moves to Tier 3, the following will ALSO apply:**

- **Overnight stays away from a person's primary place of residence would not be permitted** (including on moored vessels) except in the limited circumstances published by Government.
- **Some mooring operators may need to close**. However, with the approval of their mooring operator, mooring license holders should **periodically undertake checks of their vessels**, lines and fendering arrangements to a degree reasonably necessary to safeguard their vessel. Such checks should be kept to a reasonable minimum and comply with Government guidance on COVID-19, including social distancing, at all times.

This notice cancels *LNtM 16 of 2020 – COVID-19 Boating Update (Issued 4<sup>th</sup> Nov)*. Thank you for your ongoing support. Best wishes and please stay safe.

Harry Gregory  
Harbour Master  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020