



## CONSERVANCY POLICY

Littlehampton Harbour Board (LHB) recognises its duty to conserve the harbour so that it is fit for use as a port, and its Common Law duty of care to see that the harbour is in a fit condition for a vessel to use it. Accordingly, LHB will:

1. Provide users with adequate information about conditions in the harbour.
2. Survey and dredge its approaches and navigable channels as regularly as necessary, and keep proper hydrographic records
3. Undertake maintenance dredging on the berths it manages
4. Carry out its duty and powers as a Local Lighthouse Authority to place navigation marks or lights where they will be of best use, and regulate third-party operators of aids to navigation.
5. Apply specific powers to licence and regulate marine works
6. Apply specific powers in relation to wrecks should a wreck become, or is likely to become, an obstruction or danger to navigation.

The Officer responsible for delivering the Conservancy Duty is the Harbour Master.

### Hydrography

LHB complies with the latest versions of the Hydrographic Office Code of Practice on the Provision of Hydrographic Information and the Harbour Master's Guide to Hydrographic and Maritime Information Exchange.

The Board will maintain appropriate surveying equipment or contracted services to deliver the following bathymetric surveying commitment:

- **“The Bar”** (immediately to seaward of the entrance beacons along the leading line for 200 yards) – single beam survey every 6 months with validation multibeam survey as part of Main Port Survey below.

- **“The Entrance”** (from the entrance beacons to the tip of the East Pier) – single beam survey every 12 months with validation multibeam survey as part of Main Port Survey below.
- **“Main Port”** (from tip of East Pier to the A259 road bridge) – every 4 years or by opportunity (during downtime of visiting survey vessel).
- **“Up-River”** (from A259 road bridge to Arundel) – every 4 years or by opportunity.

The Hydrographic Office receives all hydrographic information and Local Notices to Mariners produced by the Harbour. Admiralty Charts of Littlehampton Harbour are kept up to date, BA 1991 and BA 1652.

### **Consents for Marine Works or Dredging**

Marine Licences for works or dredging, if required, will be obtained from the Marine Management Organisation. The authority has not yet undertaken maintenance dredging that required a Marine Licence from the Marine Management Organisation. Dredge licenses obtained by others (e.g. mooring operators) are referenced in the Harbour’s Dredge Baseline Document.

The Board undertakes maintenance dredging for navigation on the Shoal Bank obstruction at the harbour entrance as required and also undertakes maintenance dredging using its Statutory Harbour Authority exemption from licensing on its own berths.

Consent for maintenance dredging and other marine works must have the LHB’s consent which can be applied for via the Local Consents Application Form.

### **Mooring Areas**

As above, LHB has powers to grant or reasonably withhold consent for marine works within the river (e.g. installation of moorings, dredging etc) after considering the effects on harbour safety of proposed changes in use or harbour works. Installation of moorings within the harbour remains subject to formal [LHB consent for marine works and other third party licenses/permissions](#).

Enclosed at annex are the areas where the LHB is minded to accept proposals for new moorings as they fall outside the fairway as required by large commercial vessels under pilotage. These are reviewed annually.

### **Buoyage and Navigation Aids**

The harbour has a comprehensive, well maintained and modern system of aids to navigation based on risk assessment and installed in consultation with the General Lighthouse Authority, Trinity House.

LHB inspects navigation marks under its jurisdiction in accordance with availability criteria laid down by the General Lighthouse Authority and effects maintenance and repairs as necessary. The alteration of existing marks and establishment of new marks is kept under review by LHB.

As Local Lighthouse Authority LHB communicates its requirements and the requirements of Trinity House to other bodies with responsibilities for maintenance of navigation marks in the harbour.

Aids to navigation under its jurisdiction are variously maintained by Littlehampton Harbour Board, West Sussex County Council, Littlehampton Yacht Club, Arun Yacht Club and Southern Water.

### **Anchorage**

The LHB has authority under the 1847 Act and 2015 HRO to regulate anchoring, should that be necessary. With the exception of the areas either side of the harbour entrance and north of the A259 road bridge, anchoring is not permitted within the harbour. The anchorage for large vessels awaiting high water and/or a pilot is marked on chart BA1652.

### **Prevailing Conditions**

LHB will consider the effect of weather on harbour safety and promulgate warnings as required. Live and forecast weather data for is available online via the website along with links to a number of remote local monitoring stations for prevailing wind and wave conditions locally and to forecasts. A printed weather forecast is displayed at the Harbour Office in-season along with tidal curves. Tide times are provided throughout the year. The Arun District Council Foreshore Office by the coastguard tower also displays weather forecasts and tidal predictions.

Further information is available on request from the Harbour Office and information is readily available on the website.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. O. Callaghan".

Mr Richard O'Callaghan (Chair)  
Littlehampton Harbour Board

Signed 21 February 2022

**Littlehampton Marina and Horse Head:**



**Workshop, Arun View PH, River Road, Britannia Quay and Mariner's Quay  
Timber Docks/Osbornes/Boatyard and Ballast Wharf:**



**Fisherman's Quay, Dukes Wharf, Norfolk Wharf/Town Quay, Pier Road**

**Ballast Wharf, South Yacht Berth, Arun Yacht Club, Littlehampton Yacht Club (part)**



**Littlehampton Yacht Club and Pier Road**

