

DORSET COUNCIL

BRIDPORT & LYME REGIS HARBOURS Notice to Mariners No. 02/20 (T)

BRIDPORT & LYME REGIS HARBOURS RETURN TO BOATING

1. Mariners are advised that, as a consequence of the government guidance for Coronavirus, the following changes to operations will apply in Bridport & Lyme Regis Harbours from 13th May. These measures are in place to allow the opening to the Harbour whilst still protecting harbour users and staff. The measures will be reviewed regularly as more guidance is received.

2. The detailed measures are:

Leisure Vessel Movements Leisure vessel movements are only permitted for:

- Day trips with members of the same household
- No overnight trips away

Commercial Vessels Commercial Vessels may continue to operate subject to the criteria for essential work.

Passenger Carrying Vessels Passenger carrying vessels, including charter boats, are considered to be part of the leisure and hospitality section to be considered later in the governments roadmap to recovery.

Private leisure mooring holders Private leisure mooring holders who are currently in the water can now use the Harbour. Those who require boat lifts can book these commencing Tuesday 19th May. Mooring holders who require the use of the slipway should do this by booking via the Harbour office from 19th May. All by appointment only.

Slipway The slipway will open for mooring holders on 19th May (by booking via the Harbour office) but will remain closed to the general public until Saturday 23rd May. Vessels should book the use of the Slipway via the Harbour Office.

There will be no pontoons installed until further notice. All launched vessels will need to be removed from the Harbour on the same day no overnight moorings will be available.

Visiting Vessels No visitor requests will be accepted at this stage as most of these are considered to be 'overnight aways' which are not approved in the government guidance. Social distancing can also not be achieved for visiting craft.

The Harbour Office The Harbour office will remain closed and request to see staff by email or phone should be made. Social distancing should be managed at all times.

Harbour Office Facilities Will remain closed.

Contractors If a contractor is required to visit a boat, please request approval from the Harbour Office by e-mail in advance.

3. Covid-19. Please help us to maintain a safe Covid-19 free environment by applying the government guidance and consider your own, my staff and other harbour users' safety.

4. This Notice to Mariners will be reviewed regularly as and when the circumstances change.

NB. 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.

James Radcliffe
Harbour Master

Date: 13th May 2020