

**WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WEYMOUTH HARBOUR**

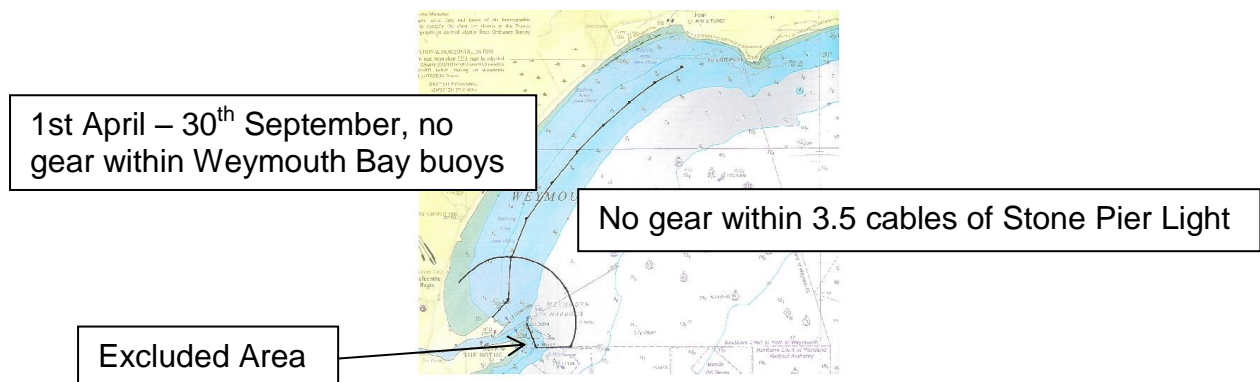
**Notice to Mariners No 13/16**

**WEYMOUTH HARBOUR – FISHING GEAR**

1. Unattended fishing gear can be hazardous to harbour users. It is often hard to see, particularly at night, and can be difficult to manoeuvre clear of when in confined waters. The higher risk at the harbour entrance should not be increased by obstructions in the water. Damage to vessels caused by snagged gear can be costly to repair.

2. Under section 52 of the Harbours, Docks & Piers Clauses Act 1847 and Section 78 of Weymouth Harbour Byelaws the laying of nets, pots, traps or any other commercial or private fishing equipment is not permitted in the following areas:

- Within a radius 3.5 cables to seawards of the Stone Pier Light. For clarity this includes the areas to the north of the Pleasure Pier and south of the Stone Pier. The area SW of the line from Stone Pier Light to C Head Light (Portland Port North Ship Channel) is excluded.
- Within the white Weymouth Bay buoys when they are deployed and in force from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September approx.
- In Weymouth Harbour west of the end of the Stone Pier and up to Westham Bridge.



3. Action will be taken against persons disregarding these orders and wilfully impeding the safe navigation of vessels.

4. NTM 04/98 (Trawling/Laying of Pots/Fish Traps) and NTM 05/98 (Laying of Fishing Nets – Weymouth Harbour) are superseded by this NTM and therefore cancelled.

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.

Keith Howorth  
Harbour Master

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016