



Welcome back

We know that the chilly, wet weather won't keep our customers away for too long so after a well earned break, we're back in full swing at the harbour as we start to prepare for the season ahead!

RENEWALS 2018/19: are you staying put?

Our Moorings Officers have put together these **key dates regarding renewals** of permanent berths which should come in handy if you are planning to stay with us beyond March:

- **29 January** - during this week expect to receive an email from our Moorings Officers containing important information regarding the renewal process
- **8/9 February** - you will receive notification for your renewal to be completed online which will be sent via email
- **16 February** - a reminder email will be sent by our Moorings Officers requesting completion of your renewal if you have not yet done so
- **26 February** - DEADLINE for renewals to be completed online
- **1 April** - invoices for annual berths will be generated and sent during the first week in April



Sign up for E-billing and WIN!

As promised, here is your opportunity to WIN a scrumptious hamper created by Weymouth's very own Delicious! It's so easy, all you have to do is sign up to our E-billing service which means that all future sundry invoices, reminders and credit notes will be sent to you by email rather than post. We are huge fans of E-billing here at the harbour as it is easier, greener and will reduce our costs, giving us more time & funds to spend on doing a great job!

There's more; if you don't fancy what's pictured, Carl at Delicious has told us that he can tailor the hamper to suit our winner's taste - an offer you cannot refuse, surely!? To be entered into our delicious prize draw you must have signed up to the E-billing service by **Friday 9 February 2018**. So...on your marks, get set...and follow the link to [sign up](#)! For customers needing assistance signing up, please give the office a call on 01305 838422 and we'll be happy to help.



Combating Ghost Fishing Gear in Dorset

Litter Free Coast & Sea and the Dorset and East Devon Fisheries Local Action Group held an initial meeting at the end of November with fishermen, rope makers, harbour

masters, researchers and divers from Dorset and beyond. This initial workshop helped to build a picture of ghost fishing gear in the Dorset area; what types of items are being found, if there is a difference of what is found throughout the year, and what new alternatives are currently being used. From this, alternative solutions are being sought that can easily be rolled out whilst still functioning to a high level.

The project is still in its early stages but it is hoped that wide collaboration will pool a vast range of expertise and knowledge from the area. Anyone who wishes to get involved or may have a solution, please get in touch at

litterfreecoastsea@dorsetcc.gov.uk



Know your COLREGS

Do you know and understand the Highway code of the Sea? A handy [article](#) from the RYA gives good advice on how to learn the rules and importantly, how to remember them! Whilst they advise knowledge of all the COLREGS is essential, the article suggests that Part B (Steering and Sailing) is probably the most relevant to small pleasure craft.



Fees & Charges 18/19

As mentioned in last month's issue, the Scale of Charges for 2018/19 was recently approved by the Board and is now available to the public. Although any changes will not come into effect until 1 April 2018, you may like to get an idea of what is to come and how it might impact on you - a detailed list of these [fees and charges](#) can be found on our website.



We're so sorry!

Some of you may be aware that there was an error concerning the council's January Direct Debit payments which led to some of our customers being charged at the end of December. For this, we send our apologies to those effected and thank you for your understanding.

