WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR

Notice to Mariners No 8/98

PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION ACT 1971 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given to remind owners and operators of all vessels and those persons in charge of waterfrontage installations, that it is an offence under the above Act to discharge oil, or a mixture containing oil, into the waters of the Harbour or any sea area.

PENALTY ON SUMMARY CONVICTION IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF £50,000.

Owners and persons in charge of vessels must follow the procedures and requirements laid down in the IMO manual on oil pollution and should ensure that they are being fully complied with.

The discharge of clean bilge and ballast water, as specified in the regulations may only be carried out with the prior permission of the Harbour Master. Reception facilities are available in the port for disposal of oily wastes and arrangements should be made through the ship's Agent or Harbour Master.

All outfalls and discharges into the harbour waters must be frequently monitored.

REPORTING OF SPILLAGES

Any discharge of oil or oily mixture into the harbour waters must be reported immediately to the Harbour Master.

Failure to report a discharge is an offence under the above Act.

PENALTY ON SUMMARY CONVICTION IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF £200.

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.

Captain D T Stabler MNI Harbour Master