

DORSET COUNCIL

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR Notice to Mariners No. 08/20 (T)

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR RETURN TO BOATING UPDATE 4

1. Mariners are advised that, as a consequence of the government guidance for Coronavirus, the following changes to operations will apply in Weymouth Harbour from 13th May, updated on 19th May, 9th June, 12th June **and 26th June (recent updates in bold italics)**. These measures are in place to allow the opening of the Harbour whilst still protecting harbour users and staff. The measures will be reviewed regularly as more guidance is received.

2. The detailed measures from **4th July** are (**1m plus means 2m ideally**):

Marina Pontoon Visits Berth-holders may visit their boats on Marina berths (North Quay, Westwey Road, Weymouth Marina). Visitors must be individuals, **up to 2 household groups inside or outside** or with up to 6 people with different households as long as social distancing by at least **1m plus** and staying outside. **Overnights stays are permitted from 4th July**. Every individual is responsible for social distancing and the other government safety measures at all times – **1m plus** separation, no blocking the pontoon, careful passing, washing hands etc.

Leisure Vessel Movements *All leisure vessel movements are permitted subject to:*

- *Trips as an individual, members of 2 households or with up to 6 people from different households who are social distancing outside (only applicable for larger private boats to achieve 1m plus separation)*
- *Quarantine rules apply to any vessel returning from European countries not covered by International Travel Corridors.*

Commercial Vessels *Commercial Vessels may continue to operate subject to the criteria for social distancing.*

Angling and Dive Charter Boats *Angling and dive charter boats are permitted to operate from 4th July subject to:*

- *The operation of the charter boat is to be fully risk assessed using available guidance.*
- *Coronavirus measures are considered and implemented on each boat.*
- *Each passenger is to have a distinct, individual 1m plus by 1m plus square of clear deck to operate in.*
- *The maximum total number of passengers and crew is dependent on the above allocation of space being applied but not more than 6 including crew if more than 2 households.*
- *Passengers should declare if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with somebody who has.*
- *The weather is suitable such that shelter is not required for the passengers.*
- *The vessel and all equipment are to be sanitised at the end of each trip.*
- *1m plus separation for social distancing is to be maintained at all times including on the quayside, pontoons, pontoon ramps and vessels.*
- *Passengers must load and unload their own equipment independently, maintaining social distancing.*

Passenger Carrying Vessels *Tourist and trip boat operators are permitted to operate from 4th July subject to:*

- *The operation of the vessel is to be fully risk assessed using available guidance.*

- **Coronavirus measures are considered and implemented on each boat.**
- **Each passenger is to have a distinct, individual 1m plus by 1m plus square of clear area to sit in.**
- **The maximum total number of passengers and crew is dependent on the above allocation of space being applied but not more than 6 including crew if more than 2 households.**
- **The weather is suitable such that shelter is not required for the passengers.**
- **The vessel and all equipment are to be sanitised at the end of each trip.**
- **1m plus separation for social distancing is to be maintained at all times including on the quayside, pontoons, pontoon ramps and vessels.**
- **Passengers must embark and disembark independently and without assistance, maintaining social distancing.**

Personal Watercraft The Weymouth Bay safety zones are now in place so PWCs may be operated in Weymouth Bay in accordance with Notices to Mariners 04/16 (PWCs) and 09/13 (Weymouth Bay Water Activities). Permits are to be purchased at the Harbour Office prior to launch.

Slipway The Town Slipway may be used between 0730 and 1800 only **until 3rd July**, subject to prior booking with the Harbour Office. **From 4th July the slipway may be used from 0730 to 2100 with prior booking.** Fees and dues are to be paid at the Harbour Office before the slipway is used.

Visiting Vessels **Visitors will be accepted at the Outer Harbour berths from 4th July subject to the following which aim to allow as many as possible to take advantage of a harbour visit:**

- **Rafting of vessels will not be permitted. Numbers of visitors will therefore be very limited.**
- **Advanced bookings subject to a non-refundable deposit of £20 per night will only be accepted up to 14 days in advance. Weather will not be considered as an exception for returning deposits.**
- **The maximum number of consecutive nights per booking will be 3.**
- **No rally bookings will be accepted.**
- **Booked berths will be held until 1900 on each day before being made available wider if there has been no arrival or firm contact.**
- **If the harbour is full, alternative destinations of Weymouth or Portland Marinas should be considered.**
- **There will be limited opportunities for short stays and will be considered on a case by case basis.**

Weymouth Harbour Office The Weymouth Harbour Office will continue to operate in amended winter hours (0730 – 1745) **until 3rd July. From 4th July the Harbour Office will operate in summer hours (0730 – 2045).** The preferred method of communication is by e-mail or phone.

Weymouth Harbour Office Facilities The berth-holders toilets, showers and laundry at the Harbour Office will be closed between 0930 to 1100 and 1600 to 1700 for cleaning **until 3rd July. From 4th July cleaning will take place 0930 – 1100 and 1900 – 1945.** Use of the facilities is subject to social distancing. **The North Quay Facilities will remain closed.**

Weymouth Town Bridge The Weymouth Harbour Town Bridge will continue to operate in winter hours **until 3rd July; last Town Bridge Lift is 1800** and all Bridge Lifts and transits are by request and subject to a minimum 1 hour's notice. **From 4th July, the Town Bridge will operate in summer hours and procedures with bridge lifts through to 2100, no bookings required.**

Weymouth Town Bridge Waiting Pontoon There is insufficient space on the waiting pontoon to achieve social distancing satisfactorily. Vessels are strongly advised to time their arrival to match the Town Bridge Lift to avoid the use of the Waiting Pontoon.

Weymouth Bay Buoys The Weymouth Bay zone buoys were deployed on 19th May as per Notice to Mariners No. 09/13.

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

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. **Customers should consider wearing their own PPE.**

4. Vessel Safety. Many vessels have not received any attention for a period of time during lockdown. Boat-owners are advised to complete thorough checks before putting to sea.

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

6. **Weymouth NTM 07/20 (T) remains in force until and including Friday 3rd July.**

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

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