

DORSET COUNCIL

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR Notice to Mariners No. 10/20 (T)

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR CONTINUED SAFE BOATING

1. Mariners are advised that, as a consequence of the government guidance for Coronavirus, the following changes to operations will continue to apply in Weymouth Harbour. These measures are in place to allow the operation of the Harbour whilst still protecting harbour users and staff. The measures will be reviewed regularly as further guidance is received.
2. The detailed measures are ('1m plus' means 2m ideally but with mitigation):

There are no specific restrictions on harbour business subject to all the relevant Covid 19 guidance being followed found at the following link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>, and the following guidance:

Marina Pontoon Visits and Leisure Vessel Movements Berth-holders may continue to visit and use their boats on Marina berths (North Quay, Westwey Road, Weymouth Marina). Quarantine rules may apply to any vessel returning from European countries not covered by International Travel Corridors.

Non-passenger Commercial Vessels Commercial Vessels may continue to operate subject to the criteria for social distancing.

Angling Charter Boats, Dive Charter Boats and Passenger Carrying Vessels Such vessels are permitted to operate subject to:

- The operation of the charter boat is to be fully risk assessed using available guidance found at the following link <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>.
- Passengers should declare if they have Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with somebody who has.
- 1m plus separation with mitigation 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.
- Passengers must embark and disembark independently and without assistance, maintaining social distancing.

Personal Watercraft 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 from 0730 to 2100 with prior booking at the Harbour Office. 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 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 are advised and are subject to a non-refundable deposit of £20 per night. Bookings will only be accepted up to 14 days in advance. Weather will not be considered as an exception for returning deposits. Bookings should be made by phone.
- 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 on the day.

Weymouth Harbour Office The Harbour Office will operate in summer hours (0730 – 2045). The preferred method of communication is by e-mail or phone rather than in person.

Weymouth Harbour Office Facilities The berth-holders toilets, showers and laundry at the Harbour Office will be closed between 0930 to 1100 and 1900 to 1945 for deep cleaning. Use of the facilities is subject to social distancing. The North Quay Facilities are open to North Quay and Westwey Road berth-holders using key fobs.

Weymouth Town Bridge 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 so no rafting is permitted. 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 are deployed 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. This Notice to Mariners will be reviewed regularly as and when the circumstances change.

6. Weymouth NTM 09/20 (T) is 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: 14 August 2020