

DORSET COUNCIL

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR Notice to Mariners No. 04/20 (T)

WEYMOUTH HARBOUR RETURN TO BOATING

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. These measures are in place to allow the opening to the Harbour whilst still protecting harbour users and staff. The measures will be reviewed regularly as more guidance is received.

2. The detailed measures are:

Marina Pontoon Visits Berth-holders may visit their boats on Marina berths (North Quay, Westwey Road, Weymouth Marina). Visitors must be from the same household. No overnight stays are permitted on Weymouth Harbour berths. Every individual is responsible for social distancing and the other government safety measures at all times – 2m separation, no blocking the pontoon, careful passing, washing hands etc.

Leisure Vessel Movements Leisure vessel movements are permitted for:

- Day trips with members of the same household
- No overnight trips away
- One way passages between Portland and Weymouth for lift-outs, maintenance and change of berthing locations.

Commercial Vessels Commercial Vessels may continue to operate subject to the criteria for essential work.

Passenger Carrying Vessels Passenger carrying vessels, including charter boats, are considered to be part of the leisure and hospitality section to be considered later in the Government's roadmap to recovery.

Personal Watercraft Due to the absence of Weymouth Bay safety zones and other safety considerations PWCs are not to be operated in Weymouth Bay until further notice.

Slipway The Town Slipway will be closed to PWCs until further notice as covered above. Other users should book the use of the Slipway via the Harbour Office.

Visiting Vessels No visitor requests for Outer Harbour berths will be accepted at this stage as most of these are considered to be 'overnight aways' which are not approved in the government guidance. Social distancing can also not be achieved for visiting craft when rafting. Short stays should be requested in advance.

Weymouth Harbour Office The Weymouth Harbour Office will continue to operate in winter hours (0730 – 1700). 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. Use of the facilities are subject to social distancing.

Weymouth Town Bridge The Weymouth Harbour Town Bridge will continue to operate in winter hours. There will be no 2000 Town Bridge Lift until further notice and all Bridge Lifts are subject to a minimum 1 hour's notice.

Weymouth Bay Buoys The Weymouth Bay zone buoys have not been deployed as per Notice to Mariners No. 09/13 on 1st April 2020 but will be soon. Particular care is to be taken by vessels using Weymouth Bay especially in the inner zones where open water swimmers are still operating.

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.
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 02/20 (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: 13th May 2020