

# The Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners

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## HARBOUR GUIDANCE

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The Government has instructed that we must not leave or be outside of our homes except for specific purposes. These purposes include exercise outdoors or visits to an outdoor public place.

The Government has confirmed that ***boating is allowed as exercise [in England]***. This covers all sailing boats/yachts as long as they abide by the gathering limits, social distance rules and stay local rules.

### Visitors

The Harbour is not accepting visitor traffic to the port during the current lockdown with the exception of commercial operators, vessels that require fuel, vessels in transit and vessels seeking a safe haven. Only vessels that meet this criterion will be permitted to dock at the Harbour.

### Berth Holders

**No overnight stays are allowed on boats except for residential berth holders (where the boat is their Primary Residence)**

Chandleries can operate to supply the marine trade and provide a delivery service to customers.

In the interest of safety, vessel owners will be able to access the Harbours facilities for safeguarding checks to their vessels from time to time in the interest of preventing fire, sinking and/or pollution to the environment.

The Harbours toilets and showers facilities will remain open for Harbour users with COVID-19 cleaning protocols in place.

The Harbour taxi will be operational on a limited service 7 days a week. The bridge will be opened on request. Fuel will be available on request.

Please check our website or call the Harbour office for the latest operational/opening times which are subject to change.

The Harbour does not encourage berth holders to use their vessels for recreational activities.

Anyone considering recreational activity on their boats must consider carefully the risks before going afloat. The water remains a challenging environment for recreational activity.

Those taking to the water should be experienced and take all reasonable precautions to ensure their safety, including using the appropriate safety equipment.

Those taking to the water should be mindful that should they require assistance they will be putting our berthing team and/or the emergency responders at a potential risk of infection.

Those choosing to access Harbour property must comply with all social distancing guidelines.

Hands, face and space!

Harbour users should review the Government's full guidance to ensure they are compliant with the latest legislation before undertaking any activity. Please visit the [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) website for the latest information.

The Harbour will keep stakeholders informed as and when it receives government agency updates.

The Harbour endeavours to ensure that any information provided to stakeholders is accurate and up to date however, this cannot be guaranteed owing to the continually evolving situation.

Further guidance can be found by following these links:

RYA <https://www.rya.org.uk>

Sport England <https://www.sportengland.org>

Best wishes – stay safe

Tim



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