



The Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners  
Information for Local Mariners

GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS TO YARMOUTH HARBOUR

02 DECEMBER 2020

**THIS GUIDANCE IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL CURRENT UK GOVT COVID GUIDELINES, HARBOUR RULES, LICENCING AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

**Notice is hereby given** that under the current **COVID-19** (Coronavirus) restrictions, Yarmouth Harbour will be providing facilities and services to visitors to the Harbour as described below.

Yarmouth Harbour continues to maintain our “**Open Port policy**” and our normal berthing master patrols will provide guidance, assistance and policing of our General Directions where required.

**Overnight and short stay visits**

Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners are now in a position to accept overnight and short stay visits into the Harbour.

Our visitor berths will be allocated on arrival. We have a variety of walk ashore and non-walk ashore berths available. Please call our berthing team on VHF 68 on approach for guidance to your berth.

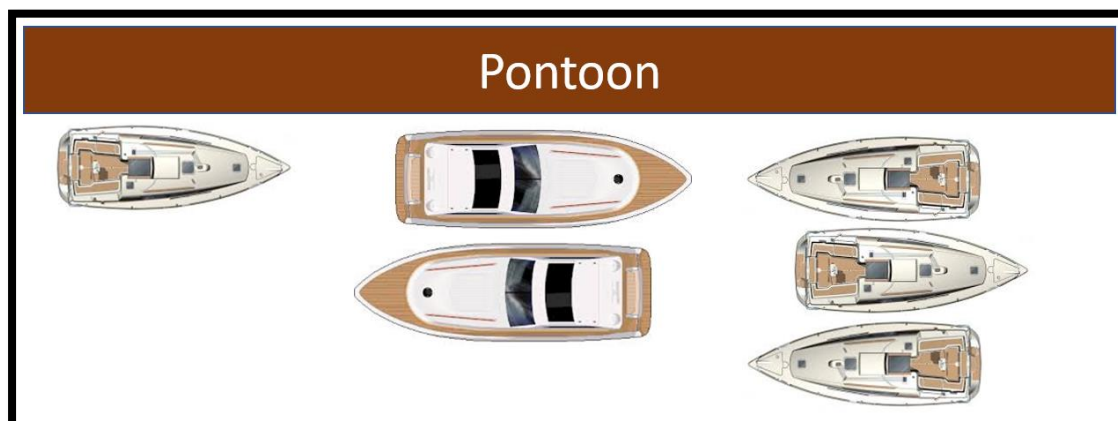
**Rafting of vessels**

Due to the layout of some of our pontoon facilities it may be necessary for a berthing master to direct vessels to raft together. Social distancing will be achieved by rafting vessels together bow to stern, starboard side to starboard side or port side to port side which will alternate cockpit arrangements. See Fig 1.

Skippers are required to supply and use hand sanitiser before touching any surface of a rafted vessel during docking, embarkation and disembarkation and if necessary clean surfaces immediately after this process.

It is recommended that the beam of the boat is the point of embarkation and disembarkation to/from the pontoon and access over the rafted vessel is taken via the bow as is the standard etiquette. As always please discuss these arrangements with the skipper of the vessel/s that you and your crew are boarding beforehand to establish a mutually acceptable agreement.

Fig 1



**Regattas & Rallies**

Large gatherings of vessels including rallies, regattas and racing will only be permitted if the event organiser can demonstrate to the Harbour Master that all relevant guidance relating to Covid-19 can be adhered to.

### The water taxi service

The taxi service will remain operational providing the following guidelines are adhered to:

- Customers **MUST** wear their own face coverings onboard our vessels. Our team have been instructed to deny carriage for those that do not comply. No exceptions will be made
- The number of passengers for any one journey will be at the driver's discretion depending on the ability to follow Covid-19 guidance. The taxi has a maximum limit of 12 passengers per journey.
- The taxi will be available 7 days a week. Please check our website for current operating times.
- We are operating with a limited team therefore, there may be delays.

### Tenders

Should you wish to use your own tender it is recommended that visitors use tenders suitable both for tidal waters on the outer moorings north of the breakwater and in non-tidal waters within the inner Harbour.

The Harbour has a limited number of tenders available for customers to use. These tenders are suitable for the inner Harbour only. Please ask a member of the team for guidance.

### Shower and toilet facilities

See website for opening times.

It is recommended that visitors use the wash facilities onboard their own boats wherever possible. However, from 0800 on 02 December, our visitor washroom/shower facilities at the Harbour office will be open with an enhanced cleaning regime. Access to these facilities is via a short communal area and we ask that customers avoid passing in this area by waiting outside if someone is leaving and if necessary, wear a face covering.

Sanitising stations will be positioned outside the entrance to the washrooms. Customers are asked to use the sanitisers to cleanse hands before entering and after exiting the washrooms.

If it is not possible to social distance whilst in the washrooms please wait at the seating area in reception for people to vacate the facility.

Please comply with all current Covid-19 related guidance when using these facilities and be mindful of others by acting responsibly.

### Safety

Please be mindful that our staff are working through these challenging times for your benefit. Please support them by following all Covid-19 Government and Harbour guidance, be socially responsible whilst on Harbour property and in the town, adhere to the signage in and around the Harbour, stay 2 metres apart from people where possible and wear your **own** face covering in close quarters, enclosed spaces or where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Ensure that you have your own supply of hand sanitiser or adequate cleansing products.

The Harbour will maintain sanitising stations in the Harbour reception and at the entry gates to the pontoons.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Harbour soon.



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