



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

GUIDANCE FOR VISITORS TO YARMOUTH HARBOUR

12 APRIL 2021

THIS GUIDANCE IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL HARBOUR RULES, LICENCING AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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.

A limited number of finger berths will be available to book online. The remainder of 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. Ideally and where practical, social distancing can be improved by rafting vessels together bow to stern, starboard side to starboard side or port side to port side. This will alternate cockpit arrangements. This arrangement is recommended, but only **IF** the skipper of the vessel assesses the situation and is confident that the conditions are suitable to perform the manoeuvre.

If you or your crew are not comfortable with a rafted berth and there are no finger berths available, you have the option to pick up a suitable, vacant swing mooring in the outer Harbour, north of the breakwater. Please ask our berthing team for guidance and refer to our published guidance ‘How to enter Yarmouth Harbour’ by following the link below.

<https://www.yarmouth-harbour.co.uk/harbour-entry-fullscreen.php>.

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Skippers and crew 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 the Harbours strong recommendation that face coverings are worn when boarding a rafted vessel.

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 arrangement.

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 due to Covid-19 restrictions therefore, you may experience delays. We ask all customers to be patient.

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

It is recommended that visitors use the wash facilities onboard their own boats wherever possible. On the 12 April 2021, our visitor washroom/shower facilities at the Harbour office will be open with an enhanced cleaning regime however, it is impossible for our cleaners to be available to clean after every customer.

If you choose to use the toilets and washroom facilities, please ensure that you leave the area that you occupied clean and tidy for the next person to use.

Please report any issues to a member of staff and they will address the issue as soon as they can.

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Access to these facilities is via a short communal area and we ask that customers avoid passing in this area. Social distancing rules should be adhered to.

It is mandatory to wear a face covering in Harbour buildings with exception of the toilet and shower cubicles or if you are medically exempt. It is recommended that face coverings are worn on the pontoons and quaysides.

Sanitising stations are 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.

Fuel

The fuel berth will be open 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week through the summer months. You are required to wear a face covering whilst bunkering fuel.

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 and stay 2 metres apart from people. You are required to wear your **own** face covering in close quarters with others, inside or in enclosed spaces or where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Please ensure that you have your own supply of hand sanitiser or adequate cleansing products. The Harbour will maintain hand sanitising stations in the Harbour reception and at the entry gates to the pontoons.

It is your responsibility as the skipper of the vessel to ensure you and your crew remain safe whilst enjoying your time on the water.

Protect yourselves and each other.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Harbour soon.



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We recommend you wear a face mask when boarding rafted vessels and transiting pontoons. Face masks are compulsory in all Harbour buildings.



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