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## Newport Harbour - Senior Harbour Master Report – 1 March to 31 May 2020

<b>Visitor Numbers</b>	March: 16	April: 0	May: 0
<b>Permeant berths</b>	Newport Harbour	Regular users: 9	Live-aboard: 4
<b>Folly Paid</b>	Folly: 108	Pontoon: 68	Swing: 40
<b>Folly to pay or cancel</b>	Folly: 41	Pontoon: 19	Swing: 22 to pay

### Level of Risk

During this quarter the main risk is being able to operate the harbour within the current Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines; this has been balanced with the requirement to keep the harbour staff and users safe.

### Staff

- The harbour maintenance staff were requested not to come into work from the 25.03.2020, due to Coronavirus. The harbour checks, replying to phone messages, email and taking payment have been carried out by SHM. The harbour staff have agreed that they are available for other works the council required.
- The SHM has contacted Folly Ventures to keep them informed of the harbours position and to get feed back regarding their operation

### Works

- On the 18.03.2020, items were retrieved/removed from the harbour, including car tyres, traffic cones and 2 large tree trunks
- On the 11.03.2020 met with BW Moorings to arrange a quote to service the ground chains on the West side swing mooring ground chain and tail chains.
- On the 13.03.2020, the 2 vessels that were being pulled down over the large tides, had their moorings released (due to twisted chains)
- On the 16.03.2020 the mooring chains were renewed West 1-15
- On the 23.03.2020, Newport harbour staff re-decked one of the visitor pontoons at Ryde harbour

### Events

- On the 19.03.2020 the first Coronavirus Statement was issued; the second statement was released on the 25.03.2020
- On the 25.03.2020, the houseboats and other Newport harbour berth holders were contacted, they were informed of the new process to obtain electricity cards when required.
- On the 03.04.2020, the poster encouraging social distancing from the Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum (copy attached) were put up around the harbour and the Folly. On the 08.04.2020 a copy was issued to Odessa yard followed up by a phone call with them.

## **Property**

- A Fire Risk Assessment was undertaken by Firesafe solutions on the harbour office on the 11.03.2020, this was at the instruction of property services.
- On the 01.03.2020, there was graffiti on the green shipping container, could be considered offensive
- Fire alarm going off on the 27 and 29.04.2020, building checked and reset, no further issues.
- SSE came to conduct electricity checks to the following buildings which were organised by property to Harbour store (air raid shelter) on the 11. 05.2020, Black house quay on the 12.05.2020

## **Actions**

- The berth renewal letters were sent out on the 02.03.2020, this included an invite for a Folly and Newport harbour users to representative their berth location on the harbour user group
- On 26.04.2020 the harbour skip was locked, due to fly tipping
- Member of public raised concerns regarding access to the public landing at White gates public landing on 09.03.2020. this was discussed with them by SHM and forwarded to Cowes harbour as it is in their jurisdiction

## **INSPECTION RESULTS**

### **Inspections of Navigation Aids**

Periodic inspections have been carried out of the channel and navigation aids, some of which were conducted from land. All navigation aids are in place, their colour, and characteristics are as required by IALA recommendations. The inspections were undertaken 45 times in the three-month period.

- On the 17.04.2020, Malcom (during this daily walk) informed that the low light by the hotel was not working, repaired on the 18.04.2020 (blown blub).
- On the 29.05.2020 Folly Slipway marker discovered to be fully bent over, has been at an angel for about a week before. The old marker pole removed, and marker buoy installed, and remaining pipe fixing made safe on the 30.05.2020. the marker pole secured to the outside of the MMA fence, will attempt to reinstall when staff are back in.

### **Inspections of the channel**

Periodic visual inspections have been carried out of the channel most have been carried out from the land. The depth within the channel has not been reported below the depths advertised. These inspections were carried out 45 times in the three-month period.

### **Inspections of quays, steps, pontoons, gangway, piles and cleats**

Periodic inspections have been carried out and found to be in position and in good order. The inspections were carried out 45 times in the three-month period.

### **Inspections of lights, electric distribution points and water standpipes**

Periodic inspections have been carried out on the lights, electric point and water standpipes. The inspections were carried out 45 times in the three-month period.

- The visitors Electricity supply on the quay closest to the flyover remains not working, also one of the sockets at the end of the Visitor pontoon is not operational. These will be investigated when the present restrictions are lifted.

### **Inspections of lifebelts, fire extinguishers**

Inspections were carried out, all lifebelts, fire extinguishers and safety ladders were found to be in position and in good order. These inspections were carried out 45 times in the three-month period.

- On the 06.05.2020, a muddy Life ring was discovered on the visitor pontoon, I believed it had been thrown in, it was cleaned checked for damaged and place back in position.

### **Slipways Inspection**

The slipways have been inspected and are in good repair this includes minoring the weed build up.

- The top of the Folly slipway was cleaned on the 12.03.2020,

### **Harbour Launch, vehicle and other tools**

Launch

- The launch was last run on the 24.03.2020, it has not been operated since then.
- It has been pumped out 8 times over the 3 months.

Ford Ranger

- has not been used for harbour works since 24.03.2020 but inspected during the safety checks.

Other Tools

- The Hand Crane has not been used during this time
- The power washer was taken to be repaired on the 13.03.2020 collected 20.04.2020 working fine now (carburetor and fuel tank needed cleaning and fuel filter changed).

## **INCIDENT AND EMERGENCIES**

### **Collisions, Fire or Explosion, Vessels Grounding, Loss of Vessel Stability, Pollution**

- On the 08.04.2020, I was informed the by Folly Ventures that action was required on Tusctala due to her being bow down. She is a 11-metre steel motorboat. This is a vessel that we were not going to renew the berth for the 20-21 season due to being repeatedly requiring to be pumped out by harbour staff. However, the owner reassured that he had fitted pumps and reassured that she would not sink. I emailed and talked to the owner on the 08.04.2020 that he would need to organise her to be pumped out and supplied him with the details of Folly Ventures (after checking this was a service, they could organise.) Sadly, this was not undertaken by the owner. The vessel sank on the 10.04.2020, following this it was undertaken to pump the vessel out and re-float

her. Oil absorbent “pillows” were installed following the small amount seen. The owner has been informed by email of the situation and suggested that he organise for the vessel to be lifted ashore. I have not had a response to date, I will forward the invoice from Folly Venture. The vessel is being monitored. Once the restrictions are lifted the vessel will need to be investigated in getting her removed and her mooring cancelled

#### **Dangerous Occurrences / Near Misses.**

- Reports of on the 04.04.2020, a member of the public fell between a 7-metre vessel. It was reports that he managed to get stuck between the vessel and the pontoon. he was recovered by the police.

#### **Reportable Accidents**

- None recorded

#### **Defects Affecting Marine Safety**

- None recorded

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- There has been an increase of rubbish at the harbour, over the months, this is either left cans and bottles about the harbour site. Numerous bags left by the skip (which was locked on 26.04.2020) as well as bags hidden outside of the harbour building. These have been collected and inspected for contact details by harbour staff and placed in skip.

**Jonathan Brand,  
Senior Harbour Master**

## **Coronavirus Statement**

19 March 2020

### **Newport Harbour**

Due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Newport Harbour has reviewed current guidance and information issued by the UK Government, Department for Transport, as well as Public Health England/NHS, and British Ports Association.

Newport harbour is taking the following steps - until further notice:

- Newport Harbour will remain on a “business as usual” footing as far as possible, whilst implementing UK Government and NHS advice.
- The hospitality suite will be closed
- There will be restricted access to the harbour office.
- All customers are encouraged to use the phone 01983 823885 and leave a message or email [newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk](mailto:newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk) for enquiries
- Newport Harbour are in the process of contacting all current customers providing them with information and guidance, if email address is on file.
- All visitors arriving from outside the UK have been asked by Cowes harbour commission to proceed to Trinity Landing and phone the Harbour Commission or the destination they are bound for in Cowes Harbour or Newport Harbour
- All non-essential face-to-face meetings have been stopped.

Newport Harbour will be monitoring the situation constantly and will review guidance and advice to be issued throughout the coronavirus situation. Thank you for your understanding.

Newport Harbour requests that all customers follow the latest UK Government and NHS advice to avoid social interaction and maintain a 2-metre distance from other persons. If berth holders are in the harbour and observe the harbour staff undertaking their inspection or maintains task, Newport harbour respectfully ask to avoid close contact with our staff.

Visiting yachts and yacht crews are requested to make payments for their visits to our staff whilst maintaining the 2-metre social distancing guidance. Additionally, customers are requested to consider the need for visits to Newport Harbour.

Any updates to this statement will be displayed on [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com)

## Coronavirus Statement

25 March 2020

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Newport harbour is taking the following steps - until further notice:

- Newport Harbour will be closed
- The hospitality suite will be closed
- There will be restricted access to the harbour office, harbour staff will be undertaking safety checks and checking any messages left on a regular basis. If you require electric cards, please contact and leave a phone message, email or drop a note though the door. We would request that ALL berth holders follow the government guidance with regard to social distancing.
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# COVID-19

## Important information

### Please stay at home

The measures put in place by the Government during the coronavirus (COVID-19) lockdown require people to stay at home - except for very limited purposes.

Going out on the water rarely fits into the government's four criteria for being out and about at the current time.

You still have to travel to and from your launch and recovery location and move through marinas and other public areas, which poses a risk to you and others.

At the same time, every vessel that gets into trouble causes unnecessary contact with waterborne emergency rescue agencies and takes them away from the rise in medical issues on essential commercial vessels.

**Our focus is to keep people safe.  
Please follow the advice that has been given.**

Hampshire and the Isle of Wight  
Local Resilience Forum



## Coronavirus Statement

15 May 2020

### Newport Harbour

Following the changes on 10 May 2020 to the guidance for coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Newport Harbour has reviewed the information issued by the UK Government, Department for Transport, as well as Public Health England/NHS, and British Ports Association

Newport Harbour requests that all customers follow the latest Government and NHS guidelines regarding social distancing, handwashing and face coverings.

The following measures will remain in place: -

- Newport Harbour office and hospitality suite will remain closed.
- The harbour staff will continue to undertake safety checks and check any messages left on the office phone on a regular basis. If you require electric cards, please phone and leave a message, email or drop a note through the door.
- Berth holders are encouraged to email [newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk](mailto:newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk) for any enquiries, or phone to leave a message on 01983 823885 or if urgent calling 01983 821000 extension 5978

If berth holders observe the harbour staff undertaking their inspection or maintenance tasks they are requested to maintaining social distancing.

### Vessels berthed at the Folly

Currently Folly Ventures are not operating a water taxi service; however, individual request may be considered, please contact them on 07974 864 627 or [Follymoorings@hotmail.com](mailto:Follymoorings@hotmail.com)

Members of the Medina Mariners will be informed of the current access restrictions to their dinghy park and its use by the association

The Folly Inn pier will remain closed for the present time.

### General information

Newport Harbour would like to echo the advice from the RNLI, that if you are choosing to use your vessel, it is important to ensure that its equipment is properly checked and serviceable before use, reducing the risk of needing external assistance.

The guidelines regarding staying on your boat (if it is not your primary residence) are clear, it is **not** permitted as it counts as visiting second or holiday homes; accordingly visiting yachts and their crews are not encouraged to visit the harbour.

Please continue take action to prevent the potential spread of infection. Recreational boating by its very nature can be an act of social distancing if some basic guidelines are followed: -

- No guests on your boat. Only go boating with those in your immediate household.



- Maintain social distancing from others at car parks and launching sites. Make as many preparations as you can at home so that you can launch as quickly as possible.
- Do not beach your boat right next to someone else.
- Do not raft up, keep your distance on the water.
- Before departing please confirm that any facilities you intend to travel to are open and have agreed to receive you.

It's is a challenging time, and it's not over yet, so please bear with us while we all adjust to 'the new normal'.

Newport Harbour will be monitoring the situation constantly and will review guidance and advice to be issued throughout this situation.

Any updates to this statement will be displayed on [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) and emailed to berth holders that the harbour have on file.

It is also encouraged to look at Cowes Harbour Commission guidelines if you intend to transit their area. ([https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/coronavirus statement](https://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/coronavirus_statement) )

# COVID-19 Important information

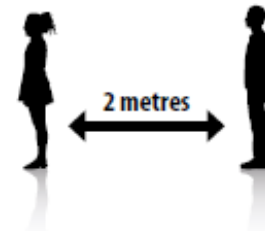
## UPDATE

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If you or anyone in your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus, you must stay and home: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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**For the latest local advice: [www.lwight.com/coronavirus](http://www.lwight.com/coronavirus)**

