

# FOWEY HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS



## LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

**LNTM 2020/09**

### Recreational Boating Guidance

Fowey Harbour Commissioners have now received an update on the Defra 'Using a boat inland and on the coast' [guidance](#) that was previously issued for those in England. This guidance will be withdrawn from 4 July meaning there is now **no specific restrictions** on waterways businesses **from 4 July**. This includes skippered charter and passenger boat operations, as well as those wishing to stay overnight on their boat.

Individual and boating operators are responsible for conducting a risk assessment drawing on the relevant sources of government guidance on COVID-19, available [here](#). The guidance operators and individuals in England should consider is below:

- [Working Safely during coronavirus](#)
- [Staying alert and safe \(social distancing\) after 4 July](#)
- [Meeting People Outside Your House](#)
- [Staying Safe Outside Your Home](#)
- [Safer transport guidance for operators](#)
- [Safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- [Phased return of outdoor sport and recreation](#)

Visitor berthing facilities will be fully open, but care should be taken to ensure that social distancing is maintained when vessels and tenders are berthed. This means that skippers will need to give consideration to distancing before deciding to raft alongside another vessel.

Visitor berths will be allocated on a first come first served basis and advance bookings are not available. Please call Harbour Patrol VHF Ch 12 for berthing advice.

Please note that Fowey Harbour relies quite heavily on other organisations for bathrooms and wash facilities and many of these remain closed.

We have positioned signs on landing pontoons limiting their use to people coming to and from boats. Please do not go onto a pontoon unless the vessel you are intending to board is alongside and you are able to board immediately.

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The layout of our facilities will in some cases necessitate the wearing of face coverings particularly during busy periods. Please have consideration for others, and carry and use face coverings where appropriate.

As customer demand increases the period of operational staff coverage will increase:

- From Saturday 4 July operational staff will be available afloat on Ch 12 daily.
- From Monday 6 July the Harbour Office will be open for essential business only, email and telephone contact are preferred.
- International Arrivals will need to contact us in advance and ensure they meet the Government requirements, information can be found at [www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/at-border-control](http://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control/at-border-control) these requirements may change at short notice.

Please be considerate and allow staff and other river users space to operate. We appreciate your continued support in maintaining safe and efficient port operations whilst being able to enjoy the benefits of getting afloat.

Cancel LNTM 2020/08.

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