

Safe Use of Tenders in Chichester Harbour

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Chichester Harbour Conservancy recognises that persons using tenders are responsible for their own safety but are concerned that some may be taking unnecessary risks.

Tenders can be fatal. There have been deaths in Solent Harbours and many lucky escapes.

Ensure you can be seen at night – carry a torch or a white lantern.

Never get in a tender without a lifejacket.

Don't drink and drive – excessive alcohol and tenders do not mix.

Enjoy yourself! You're in one of the best boating harbours in the world.

Remember it is critical not to overload your tender. Make sure you balance the weight.

Sea, weather and tide conditions must be suitable for your trip. If you are unsure, don't risk it.

GUIDE FOR THE USE OF DINGHY CHAINS

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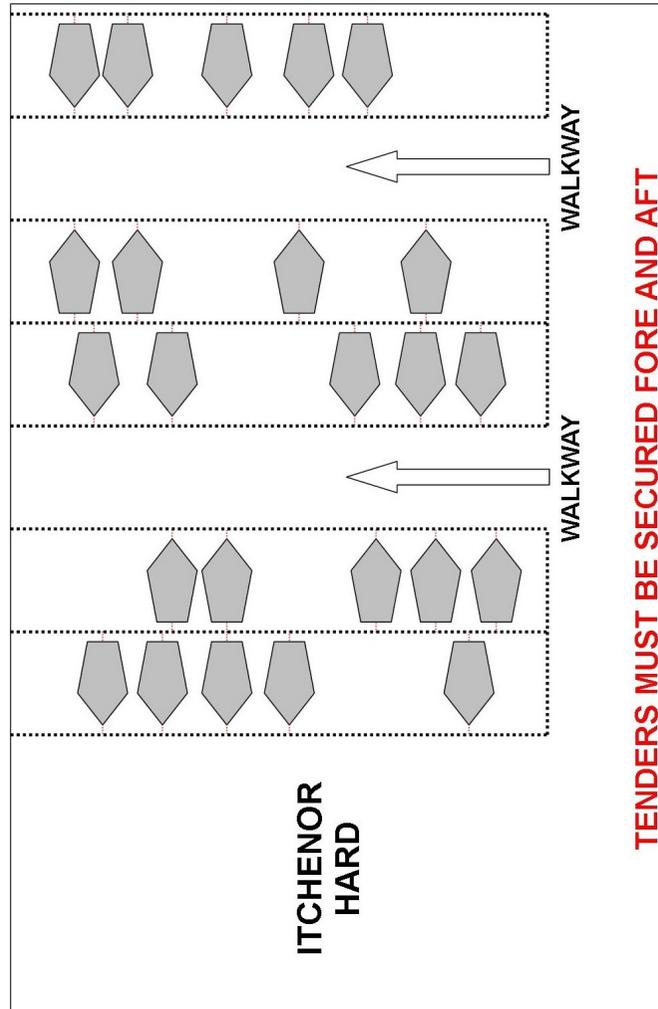


Dinghy Chains Conditions of Use

1. All vessels using the chains must display current harbour dues and chain plaques.
2. The chains are used at the owners risk. The Conservancy will not accept liability for any loss or damage to vessels howsoever caused.
3. Tenders must be kept in a usable and seaworthy condition
4. The use of the chains is restricted to open boats (no cabins) less than five metres in length.
5. All tenders must be moored fore and aft between the chains.
6. No parking is allowed on the hard.
7. Outboard engines must not be left on the moored tenders.

Please note: Tenders that are causing an obstruction and are not moored in accordance with these conditions may be moved.

It is recommended that inflatable tenders are not kept on the chains.



Tips for Fore and Aft Mooring

1. Tenders must be secured fore and aft to keep them secure within the chains.
2. To make mooring quicker and easier, try making up some custom lines with spring shackles that can be quickly attached.
3. Make sure that lines are long enough so that they don't break or hold the tender down at high water.
4. Make sure that the lines are in good condition and will not snap if the weather is bad.
5. Bail out any rain water regularly. The extra weight of water inside can easily lead to lines breaking and the tender drifting away.