

# Chichester Harbour

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# Meet the Harbour Team

Our team is supported by a team of seasonal staff during the main months of the season.



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Officer (Seasonal)



**Anna Perkins**  
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Officer



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Moorings  
Officer



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Technician



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**Ludo Munn**  
Harbour Technician/  
Patrol Officer



# Welcome

## Wishing you a warm welcome to Chichester Harbour in 2023

Whether you are a visiting vessel, or have a permanent berth here, Chichester Harbour provides a vast array of opportunities for making the most of your time on the water. Although the Harbour is predominantly sheltered and protected from all but the worst weather, there are still hazards to be aware of and, with 25% of the wider Solent leisure boating market here, at times you will be sharing the waterways with plenty of other users.

Our aim is to help ensure your time here is enjoyable, interesting and above all safe. This guide helps explain some of the key information you need to know about Chichester Harbour.





# Useful tips for vessel maintenance



During the season, our Patrol team are always out and about on the water, ready and waiting to give guidance, information and help mariners in distress. While the incidents we attend vary widely, a large proportion inevitably involves towing vessels to a point of safety.

During 2022, our team conducted 47 towages and over 80% of these were down to mechanical failure. Keeping on top of some vital yet basic maintenance will not only have your vessel ready to go but will most likely go a long way to getting you home safely, without our help!



## Safety first

Life saving apparatus should be the first thing on the check list. Are the life jackets in good condition? Look online for places to get them serviced. Are the flares in date and dry? Most Chandlers will take old flares for no charge if you are buying new ones. If you have a DanBuoy or life rings, are they in good condition and are easy to access? If you have a PLB (Personal Locator Beacon), it should have instructions on how to test the unit. Give it a go, and make sure it is registered.

Safety apparatus often goes unnoticed, until it is needed, often in a big hurry. Keeping an eye on these items could really make a difference...when you really need it!

## Get the rubber gloves on



Give your vessel a good clean, inside, and out. Cleaning a vessel will help to protect it when it's not being used and make it less trouble to get ready when you do want to set off. There are many eco-friendly products available, and cleaning the salt and dirt from windows, sprayhoods, canvas, ropes, lifejackets, and other safety devices, will prolong their life. You may spot things that you did not know need repairing. Make sure you allow everything to dry properly before storing.

## You've got it covered

Recent years have shown that high winds can strike at any time and they will take advantage of any loose material. Ensure that sail bags are well secured, do the zips up tight, and replace any old and loose elastic ties. It is best to drop and store foresails. If you can't, make sure that they are securely furled, and all lines are secured tightly to prevent flogging.

Bimini covers are especially vulnerable, take them off and store them, or drop and tie them down if you can't. Bimini covers and loose sails all cause extra drag in high winds. If on a swinging mooring, this can cause a vessel to sit very differently to its neighbours and increase the chances of collision. In severe cases, the extra load can cause moorings to fail or drag.

## It's what's inside that counts



All vessels suffer a bit with damp, especially if they are not used for long periods. There are always fine and sunny days, even during the winter, where you can give things a good airing. Seat covers and cushions are often easy to take ashore and store, and it also makes it easier to clean away any damp and mould. Bits and pieces can be stored in snap-lock containers, which will give them extra protection. Electronics and salt water don't make good bedfellows. GPS Systems, VHF radios, torches and so on will all benefit from the warm and dry if you're not going to be using them for a few weeks.

## Be 'Gas Safe'

Many of us take steps in our homes to stay safe from carbon monoxide by installing CO alarms and having an annual boiler service. The same should apply when out on the water. The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has investigated six incidents in the past 12 years following the needless loss of 10 lives due to carbon monoxide poisoning. All of these happened on board recreational motor cruisers or small fishing vessels. MAIB Chief Inspector Captain Andrew Moll OBE has this critical advice for boat users:

*"Engines and equipment used on board, such as cookers, grills and cabin heaters, can give off carbon monoxide if not properly maintained. Regular servicing should be undertaken by someone competent to carry out the task, for example a marine engineer or a qualified heating installer. All installations and modifications to equipment should be fit for purpose and carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.*

*With winter upon us and fuel prices still high, boat users may be tempted to keep doors and windows closed to stay warm and reduce drafts. However, carbon monoxide can build up when engines idle in enclosed areas, such as against quay walls, next to other boats or inside locks. Adequate ventilation is an important way of protecting against the potential accumulation of poisonous fumes in cabins.*

*Carbon monoxide alarms are readily available, inexpensive and easy to install. This potentially lifesaving equipment will alert the boat user to the presence of this odourless, colourless poisonous gas so that action can be taken.*

*At this time of year, as weather begins to get cooler, there is a temptation for those on the water to keep doors, hatches and windows closed to reduce drafts, use cookers and grills more to prepare hot food, and turn on cabin heaters. Understanding the potential risks of carbon monoxide and taking these three important steps – servicing equipment, fitting a CO alarm and ventilating the cabin – will help protect against this odourless, colourless poisonous gas."*



## Brave the weather

It is all too easy to keep postponing a visit to a moored vessel during the winter. Even on sunny days, the prospect of getting wrapped up against the cold is not always enticing.

However, getting down to visit a moored vessel regularly over the winter period is by far the best thing to do. Opening the hatches on a dry sunny day, running the engine for a while and enjoying a cup of tea in the sun surrounded by a quiet harbour is all part of the wider enjoyment of boating. At Itchenor, the ferry runs every weekend from 10am to 4pm (accept between Christmas and New Year) which means you won't even need to pump up the tender!



## Mechanically minded

If sails are not your chosen form of primary propulsion, then there are several easy things you can do to keep things in top condition:



**Check the propellor.** Look for dents or bends, these can cause excessive vibration which can lead to further complications. Get a professional opinion if you are uncertain, it may need repairing or replacing.

**Check the fuel system.** Have look for worn or corroded pipes and clamps on fuel lines. If you see any sign of leakage, have a mechanic check and repair things before using them again.

**Flush the cooling system.** Use fresh water to flush the engine, most modern outboard engines have a place you can attach a hose pipe. Run the engine at idle to clear out salt and sand.

**If you know how, change the oil.** Leaving old oil in an engine over the winter can damage the engine and clog things up. Run the engine for a few minutes before changing the oil and filter. Make sure you don't spill any! Always use a container with sufficient space to take the waste oil and dispose of the old oil and any soiled rags responsibly. Most local recycling centres can accept old oil. Check beforehand however for their rules, and potential charges.

## Check for bilge rats

Most vessels take on a bit of water. Whether from salt spray or rain, something always finds its way to the bilge.

Keeping the bilge clean and dry will not only keep away unsightly smells but makes it very easy to identify if you do develop a leak.

Check the bilge pump (and float switch if fitted). If it is an automatic pump, makes sure it has a reliable power source.

If you do develop a leak, or if rain is getting in, batteries can run down fast. Fitting a small solar panel can really help to keep a battery topped up and give you further peace of mind.

## The bitter end

Don't forget to check the anchor; they will last a long time if looked after well.



Check for corrosion and rust and check the chain and/or rope for corrosion and fraying. Not only is the anchor a must-have for a lunch stop, but it's also a vital piece of safety equipment - it should be easy and quick to deploy in an emergency. Check the 'bitter end' too; the anchor should always be secured to the vessel at the end of the rope or chain. It'll be red faces all round if you have to admit you threw the anchor overboard!

## Recreational Disturbance – Enjoying Paddlesport

Kayaks, paddleboards, and canoes can be a low impact, healthy and fun way of exploring the Harbour. However, when these craft get too close to birdlife and seals, they can cause disturbance, which can have negative impacts on their survival. Paddlers often spend a lot of time very close to the shoreline, meaning they often unwittingly disturb birds or seals.

To conserve the wildlife of Chichester Harbour while enjoying it at the same time, please follow the advice below:

- Keep looking ahead and watch out for flocks of birds and hauled-out seals
- Keep a minimum distance of 50m between yourself and the sensitive areas highlighted on the map (unless there is a safety issue which would take priority)
- Do not land/go ashore at Stakes Islands, Pilsay Island, Ella Nore spit and Gutner point – these are important bird roosting and breeding sites
- If possible, keep 50m from seals on the mud and from flocks of birds throughout the Harbour; if birds take flight or seals move off the mud in reaction to your presence, you are too close - move away from the area immediately
- Avoid dragging boards or kayaks over mud or shallow water as this can damage habitats
- Obey Harbour Byelaws
- Obey any marker buoys indicating sensitive areas



## UK/EU Entry & Exit Formalities

Following the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union, owners of recreational pleasure craft (non-commercial) who sail their craft to and from the United Kingdom (including the Channel Islands) must notify the UK border authorities upon their first arrival into a UK port.

Before leaving the UK (which includes going to the Channel Islands), you must advise the Border Force of your intentions by posting form C1331 (the address it must be posted to can be found on the form).

## 'Q' Flag

Both non-UK flagged vessels and UK flagged vessels returning from a trip outside of UK territorial waters (12 miles from shore, where another country or territorial waters have been visited) must now fly the 'Q' flag where it can be readily seen as soon as UK waters are entered. The flag must not be taken down until you have finished reporting to the customs authorities. Failure to comply will make you liable to a penalty.





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## Arriving in the UK

When arriving direct from outside the UK you must phone the National Yachtline on 0300 123 2012. You will need to inform the Yachtline if any of the following apply:

- UK VAT has not been paid on the vessel
- You have on board goods which are to be treated as surplus stores as per Notice 69A
- You have any prohibited or restricted goods
- There is any notifiable illness on board
- There are any people on board who need immigration clearance
- Any repairs or modifications, other than running repairs, have been carried out since the vessel last left the UK
- You have any goods for personal use on which you need to declare and pay UK tax or duty and cannot do so via the online service

More information is available on the gov.uk website, by searching for Notice 8: sailing your pleasure craft to and from the UK.

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HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING UNUSUAL  
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Even the smallest thing can be significant

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National Crime Agency

**Border Force**

**ASSOCIATION OF  
CHIEF POLICE OFFICERS**

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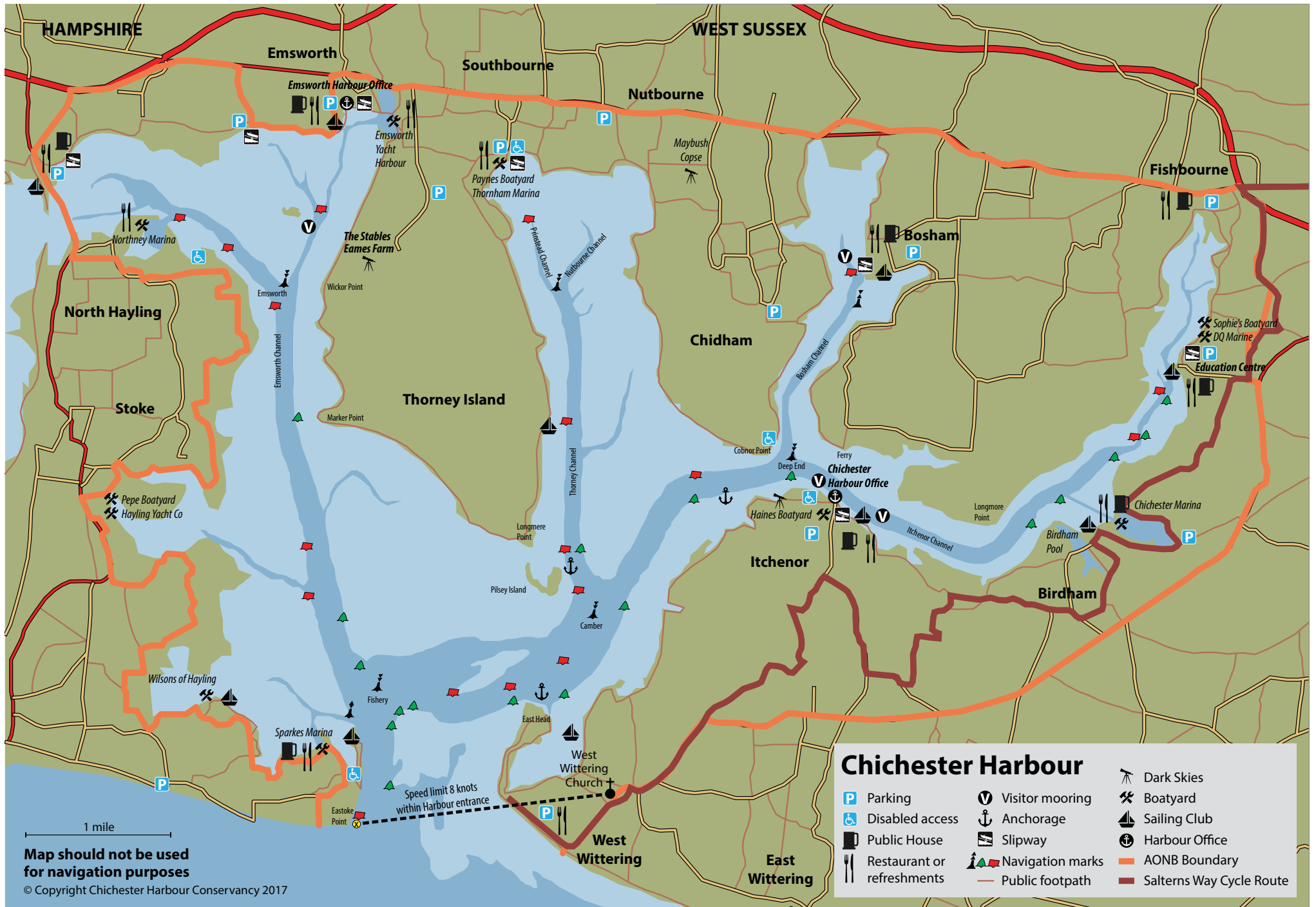
# TIDE TIMES 2023/24

ENGLAND – CHICHESTER HARBOUR (ENTRANCE)

Lat 50°47'n Long 0°56'w time zone UT(GMT) - Times and heights of high and low waters year 2023/24

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Welcome to the Chichester Harbour Directory. Within the next few pages you will find all the information you need to enjoy your time on and around Chichester Harbour. Please also check [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk) for up-to-date information or call the Harbour Office on 01243 512301.

# Directory

## Navigation guidance and facilities afloat

Chichester Harbour, with 11 square miles of water, 17 miles of well marked and lit channels and with easy access to the Solent, is an ideal water recreation centre. The Harbour is home to nearly 9,000 vessels over 3 metres in length, 3,200 moorings, 2,000 berths in six marinas and 15 sailing clubs.

### Anchorage

1) West of the Fairway buoy on the south of the channel; 2) east of Pilsey Island (Note: this is a restricted area – no picnicking above the MHW line); 3) south of a line between East Head Spit buoy and the Snowhill buoy – the two unlighted starboard floating withies, to the south of these, mark the Chart Datum contour, (swimming can be dangerous because of the strong tide). Do not anchor in the main channel. When at anchor, vessels must display a black ball during the day and an anchor light at night. See Local Notices to Mariners No 2 of 2023.

### Car Park - Itchenor

Car and trailer parking is available in Itchenor in the pay and display car park. Charges are applicable 24hrs and tickets can be purchased for between 1hr and up to 7 days. For a full scale of charges, see [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk). Tickets can be bought from the car park machine, via the MiPermit app or from the Harbour Office. Season tickets are also available.

### Caution

Reduce speed and give a wide berth to vessels flying International 'OOQ' (red/yellow over yellow) – compass adjusting; 'A' (blue and white) – diving operations; 'RY' (yellow cross on red over red and yellow diagonal stripes) – harbour maintenance; a black ball, diamond, ball, hoisted vertically – a vessel restricted in her ability to manoeuvre.

### Coastguard

National Maritime Operations Centre (NMOC), Fareham co-ordinates all civil marine search and rescue operations within the area from BURY HEAD – BEACHY HEAD (Belle Tout). It monitors VHF Channel 16 and 67 and the 999 emergency telephone service.

Tel: 023 9255 2100 Fax: 023 9255 1763

**In an emergency call 999**

Telex: 869194. VHF Radio: Channel 16 but be ready to shift to Channel 67 when asked. Open 24 hours a day.

Only if you are in grave and imminent danger should you use the MAYDAY call. Should you have a very urgent message concerning the safety of a vessel or person then use the urgency signal PAN PAN.

### Ferry – Emsworth

The ferry is available to take passengers to and from their moored vessels. It runs Friday to Sunday plus bank holidays from Easter to the end of September, weather permitting. Running times are two hours either side of HW from 0830 until 1700. Call 'Emsworth Mobile' on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 07864 915247.

### Ferry – Itchenor

The ferry runs from Itchenor jetty to Smugglers Lane, Bosham, or to and from moorings from Deep End to Birdham, weather permitting. May to Sept, daily 0900-1800. Apr and Oct, weekends only 0900-1800. Nov to Mar, weekends only 1000-1600 except Christmas and New Year. Call 'Itchenor Ferry' on VHF Channel 08 or telephone 07970 378350.

### Fuel

Both diesel and petrol are available at Chichester Marina and Sparkes Marina. Diesel is also available at Northney Marina and Emsworth Yacht Harbour.

### Harbour Dues

All vessels using Chichester Harbour are required to pay harbour dues and display the plaque. Annual dues are valid from 1 April and expire on 31 March. Annual rates reduce by 50% for vessels first entering the Harbour after 30 September. Visiting vessels must pay by the day, weekend or week at any time of the year. If you have paid annual harbour dues in the previous year you will receive a reminder, including details of how to pay online. If you are new to the Harbour, download an application form at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk) or call 01243 512301.

Overall length in metres		Annual Charge (inc VAT £)	7 Day Charge (inc VAT £)	2 Day Charge (inc VAT £)	Daily Charge (inc VAT £)
From	Not Exceeding				
Up to 3m*		17.70	8.00	7.00	6.00
3.01m	4m	27.02	8.00	7.00	6.00
4.01m	5m	37.60	8.00	7.00	6.00
5.01m	6m	49.70	9.00	8.00	7.00
6.01m	7m	63.32	12.00	8.00	7.00
7.01m	8m	78.48	16.00	8.00	7.00
8.01m	9m	95.16	19.00	9.00	7.00
9.01m	10m	113.36	22.00	9.00	7.00
10.01m	11m	133.10	25.00	11.00	9.00
11.01m	12m	154.37	30.00	11.00	9.00
12.01m	13m	177.16	34.00	13.00	10.00
13.01m	14m	201.47	38.00	13.00	10.00
14.01m	15m	227.32	43.00	17.00	11.00
15.01m	16m	254.69	49.00	17.00	11.00
16.01m	17m	283.58	54.00	20.00	13.00
17.01m	18m	301.03	57.00	20.00	13.00
18.01m	19m	318.48	61.00	20.00	13.00
19.01m	20m	335.92	64.00	20.00	13.00
Over 20m		353.36	67.00	20.00	13.00

In addition you can purchase dues from the Harbour Offices at Itchenor or Emsworth and also from the Harbour Patrol. Visitor's dues can be purchased from the Harbour Offices, Harbour Patrol and most sailing clubs and marinas.

\*Tenders up to 3 metres used to access a registered parent vessel in the Harbour - annual harbour dues rate £8.85. Tenders up to 4 metres - annual harbour dues rate £13.51 (limited to one tender per parent vessel).

Please affix the harbour dues plaque to the port hand aft quarter of your vessel. The plaque must be clearly visible even if your vessel is covered and plaques from previous years should be removed. If you are not displaying a plaque you could be liable for a fine of three times the cost of the dues plus a £50 administration fee.

### Harbour Entrance

The statutory boundary of Chichester Harbour is an imaginary line drawn from Eaststoke Point to the spire of West Wittering church.

### Harbour Office – Emsworth

This office is open between Easter and 31 October but not manned continuously.

Tel. **07864 915247** or contact the Harbour Office at Itchenor.

### Harbour Office – Itchenor

Open weekdays 0900–1700 and Saturdays 0900–1300 (April to Oct). Tel: **01243 512301**. VHF Channel 16 – International calling and safety channel. VHF Channel 14 – calling and working frequency for Port Operation Channel. A Port Operation and Information Service and VHF (FM) radio telephone watch is maintained by the Harbour Office during office hours and by the Conservancy vessels when manned. Call Sign Chichester Harbour Radio.

### Harbour Patrol

Call Chichester Harbour Patrol on VHF Channel 14 (156.70MHz). Conservancy vessels are fitted with multi-channel watch radios, therefore a long call is required on Channel 14 in case the

receiving station is locked onto Channel 16. Call Sign Chichester Harbour Patrol.

### Launching Sites

Public launching sites are at Bosham, Dell Quay, Itchenor, Prinsted and Emsworth. Site information including applicable fees and tidal restrictions can be found at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk).

### Navigation

Chichester Bar is an area of shoaling half a mile south of the Harbour entrance and extending seaward for a further half a mile. The Bar is periodically dredged to achieve a depth of 1.5m below Chart Datum, after severe gales depths can change and it is then prudent to assume a least depth of 0.7m below Chart Datum.

With a falling tide and strong winds from a southerly sector a dangerous sea may be encountered. In these conditions it is advisable to exercise caution and cross the Bar between three hours before and one hour after HW; this is particularly important during spring tides.

Mariners approaching from the west are advised to shape a course for West Pole Beacon. On rounding the Beacon pass between Eastoke buoy and West Winner, keeping the Bar Beacon close to port. The dredged channel across the Bar is just under one cable wide with the western edge marked by the transit between West Pole Beacon and the Bar Beacon. When approaching from the east, mariners are advised not to cross the five metre contour until the West Pole Beacon bears 310°T.

### Public Jetties

Emsworth Jetty is available for 3½ hours each side of high water, neap tides (assuming one metre draught). Fresh water is available. Waiting is restricted to 2 hours maximum during quiet periods and 20 minutes at peak times.

Itchenor Jetty is available at all states of the tide with a depth of approximately two metres at mean low water springs. Fresh water is available along with a free pump-out station. Waiting is limited to 20 minutes to reduce congestion and maintain access for the emergency services.

Please note that water from the jetties is not to be used for washing vessels. Please provide your own hose. An overstay penalty of £35.25 +VAT per hour, or part thereof, is payable by vessels exceeding the jetty waiting limits.

### Maintenance Piles

Piles are available at Itchenor and Emsworth. To book call 01243 512301. £22 per low tide.

### Showers

At the Harbour Office, Itchenor. Shower tokens are £2 each and are available from the Harbour Office or Patrol staff.

### Tides

The tide times are on pages 11–13. Please note you must add one hour in the shaded areas for British Summer Time. These times are for the Harbour entrance and will be different by up to 30 minutes at other points in the Harbour.

Sailors should be aware of the strong tides in the Harbour entrance. The flood tide may run at 2.8 knots and the ebb tide at a rate of 6.4 knots at springs, which can be dangerous for the inexperienced.

### Visitors' Moorings

There are six visitors' moorings off Itchenor jetty which are capable of taking up to six vessels each, depending on size, and there are visitors' pontoon moorings above Itchenor Sailing Club on the western end of the Conservancy pontoon moorings. Visitors should restrict themselves to the first three lengths of pontoon only, as the remaining pontoon is allocated for permanent berths. Two lengths of visitors' pontoon are available at Emsworth situated between three piles. Vessels on visitors' moorings must be manned overnight except on the pontoons.

Visitor's moorings can be rented for a maximum of a two week visit only. Any period thereafter will be charged at twice the weekly rate. Any vessel returning to a visitor berth within 7 days, with a cumulative stay greater than two weeks, will be liable for the twice weekly rate. Any stay in excess of two weeks is at the absolute discretion of the Harbour Master.



Vessel length up to	Overnight
9m	£12.00
9.01m to 11m	£14.00
11.01m to 14.0m	£17.00
14.01m to 18m	£20.00

Visitors can also be accommodated at: Sparkes Marina, Northney Marina, Chichester Marina, Emsworth Yacht Harbour, Hayling Yacht Company and at Bosham Quay.

## Weather

For the MetOffice forecast for 48 hours and the 12 hour shipping forecast see [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk).

Forty-eight hour inshore waters forecast Selsey Bill to Lyme Regis is displayed at the Harbour Offices at Itchenor and Emsworth. HM Coastguard 'Maritime Safety Information Broadcast' announced on VHF Channel 16, directing users to nominated working channel depending on your location. Commencing 0130 and every three hours thereafter. Broadcasts at 0730 and 1930 are full broadcasts, including, gale, shipping and inshore forecasts along with navigational warnings and range firing information.

All broadcasts are in local time. Broadcasts may be delayed at times of busy Search & Rescue incident working.

Shipping Forecast, BBC Radio 4

92-95 FM – 0048, 0520 daily or 1515m/198khz

LW – 0048, 0520, 1201 & 1754 daily

Weather stations on West Pole and Camber Beacons provide real time wind speed, direction, water depth, wave height and periodicity, barometric pressure, air and sea temperatures. These are displayed on a screen outside the Harbour Office at Itchenor or visit [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk), [www.chimet.co.uk](http://www.chimet.co.uk) or [www.cambermet.co.uk](http://www.cambermet.co.uk).

## Website

For up to date information, local notices to mariners and to apply for harbour dues please see [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk). Sign up for the Conservancy eNewsletter to receive regular updates and a weekly navigation bulletin during the sailing season.

navigating the harbour shall navigate the vessel with care and caution and in such manner as shall not cause annoyance to the occupants of any other vessel or cause damage or danger to any other vessel or to any mooring or other property'.

Vessels navigating within mooring areas shall take particular care to comply with Byelaw No.4 by:

- reducing their speed so as not to cause undue wash;
- not overtaking in mooring area fairways, if such overtaking action shall place two vessels abreast of any vessel or vessels navigating the fairway in the opposite direction;
- furling spinnakers in plenty of time in adverse weather conditions, before reaching the moorings - this is particularly applicable to large vessels, which should be under power at busy periods;
- using the main channels and not navigating between the lines of moorings, whenever possible.

## 2. International Regulations for Preventing Collisions

These regulations are incorporated into Byelaw No.10, and apply to the Harbour and to vessels navigating therein. Because of the considerable traffic in the Harbour, mariners are to pay particular attention to:

- keeping to the starboard side of the channel
- reducing speed and if necessary altering course in plenty of time if the giving way vessel;
- if under power and sail displaying a black cone point down.

## 3. Reporting Concerns Relating to Safety

- Harbour users are requested to report immediately to the Harbour Master any reasonable concern they have regarding safety in Chichester Harbour. Harbour users are also requested to report incidents and damage which may affect safety in the Harbour.

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999 Or call SOLENT COASTGUARD on VHF Channel 16 or 67.

- To report incidents or damage call "Chichester Harbour Radio" on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 01243 512301.

You may also submit a written report, or complete an Incident Report on line at: [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk).

- Incidents and damage that should be reported include:
  - damage to and collisions between vessels;
  - damage to navigation marks, harbour structures or facilities;
  - malfunctioning navigation marks;
  - dangerous near-miss situations between vessels;
  - vessels proceeding at an excessive speed or creating excessive wash, and;
  - any other dangerous occurrence.

- Chichester Harbour Conservancy complies with the Port Marine Safety Code and has appointed a Designated Person to monitor compliance with the Code and report to the Conservancy. Any reasonable concerns regarding safety in the harbour may (in addition to being reported to the Harbour Master) be brought to the attention of the Designated Person by writing to:-

Monty Smedley  
Designated Person (PMSC) Chichester  
ABPmer  
Quayside Suite, Edina Chambers  
Town Quay  
SOUTHAMPTON  
SO14 2AQ  
DP.Chichester@abpmer.co.uk  
023 8071 1892 or 023 8071 1889

## 4. Management of Recreational Events

- Organisers of events that may impact normal harbour activities and all events that involve racing (except those covered by f.) must contact the Conservancy at an early opportunity prior to any event taking place. For most types of events a formal risk assessment will be required. The content of

## Local Notices to Mariners No.2 of 2023

### General instruction and advice

This Local Notice to Mariners is to be read in conjunction with the Byelaws for Chichester Harbour which may be obtained from the Harbour Office or online at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk).

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is responsible for managing the risks associated with marine operations to ensure they remain as low as reasonably practicable, but has no wish to over-regulate the use of the Harbour. Going afloat can never be free of risk and everybody who uses the Harbour, especially those in control of vessels, has an important role to play to ensure the Harbour remains safe.

There may be times when it is not safe to participate in a particular activity. Before taking to the water those in charge of vessels, adults

responsible for children and those organising events and races need to carefully consider the prevailing weather, tidal and traffic conditions.

Harbour users are advised of the following measures to facilitate the safe use of the Harbour:

### 1. Chichester Harbour – Speed of Vessels and Care

Attention is drawn to the speed limit of 8 knots which is in force for the whole of Chichester Harbour. Attention is also drawn to Chichester Harbour Byelaw No.4 'The Master of a vessel

this assessment will need to be proportional to the event/activity.

- b. The risk assessment and the safety management of a particular event will be the responsibility of the event organiser.
- c. The event risk assessment should identify all risks concerned with the safe and efficient use of the harbour by all harbour users. Details of how the risk is to be controlled will be part of the assessment.
- d. The formal risk assessment should be submitted not less than 4 weeks prior to the planned event to enable the Conservancy to comment and consult on the assessment. It is recommended that large events are consulted on in the autumn preceding the event to avoid clashes with other events.
- e. The Conservancy will need to be satisfied that the risks to harbour safety have been effectively mitigated, before consenting to an event.
- f. Racing events coordinated through Chichester Harbour Federation and run in accordance with their Code of Conduct for Racing will not be required to submit risk assessments to the Conservancy for routine events.
- g. This notice is to be read in conjunction with document entitled – A Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations (Section 8 Management of Navigation – Event Planning) DfT (last update 4 April 2018). Your attention is also drawn to the advice given in the preparation of risk assessments issued by the Royal Yachting Association ([www.rya.org.uk](http://www.rya.org.uk)).

## 5. VHF Radio Communications

- a. All vessels whilst underway within Chichester Harbour are advised to monitor Chichester Harbour Radio on VHF Channel 14. VHF transmissions on this channel should be kept short and relevant.
- b. All vessels of 18m or more in length overall, and vessels not under command, restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, or towing a vessel or structure, over 12m in length, or the total length of the tow exceeds 20m are to give notice of their movements by reporting to 'Chichester

Harbour Radio' on VHF Channel 14, giving the vessel's name, length, position and intentions.

## 6. Towing

- a. All vessels towing a vessel or structure, over 12m in length, or the total length of the tow exceeds 20m are to give notice of their movements.
- b. If these tows are unusual objects or non-routine towage events the movements should be approved in advance by the Harbour Master.

## 7. Safe Use of Tenders

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

- a. The tender is of suitable size and stability for the intended purpose.
- b. All persons in tenders wear lifejackets.
- c. Tenders are not overloaded.
- d. Weather, sea and tidal conditions are properly assessed.
- e. Tenders carry a torch at night.
- f. Tenders carry a means of summoning assistance.
- g. Tenders are not used by persons under the influence of drink or drugs.

## 8. Swimming

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is concerned that some swimmers expose themselves to unnecessary risk. Much of the Harbour is unsuitable for swimming and the parents of young swimmers, and swimmers themselves, are reminded of the following basic precautions:-

- a. Never dive or jump into water of an unknown depth.
- b. Never dive or jump from any structure.
- c. Never swim near moving boats, boats running their engines or boats which may depart their moorings.
- d. Never swim in the fairway or navigable channels.

- e. Never swim in strong currents and/or tides; these are particularly strong near the harbour entrance.
- f. Never swim after consuming alcohol or after a meal.
- g. Beware of the cold; hypothermia can kill.
- h. It is not advisable to swim alone.
- i. Always tell someone on the shore where you are swimming and when you expect to return to the shore.

## 9. Diving

- a. All diving for favour or reward (i.e. "at work") is subject to the Diving at Work Regulations 1997 (DWR 97) and the associated Approved Codes of Practice (ACOP). Diving at work may only be carried out by a diving contractor who has notified the Health and Safety Executive in compliance with the provisions in DWR 97 and dives may only be carried out in accordance with the legal requirements. Additionally, Chichester Harbour Conservancy requires that divers at work apply for prior consent from the Harbour Authority before undertaking a dive.
- b. Chichester Harbour Conservancy strongly recommends that all diving (whether the diver is at work or not) should meet all of the above requirements.
- c. Sport or recreational diving which does not meet the above requirements is not recommended because of strong tidal flows, the number of underwater obstructions and moorings, and the numerous vessel movements in the Harbour.

## 10. Kite Surfing - Chichester Harbour

It has been assessed that kite surfing is incompatible with the safety and enjoyment of the other 9,000 vessels which regularly use Chichester Harbour. Kite surfers are advised that they may be directed, under Sections 4 and 89 of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act 1971 and Section 52 of the Harbours Docks and Piers Clauses Act, to stop kite surfing within the limits of Chichester Harbour, by Officers of Chichester Harbour Conservancy.

## 11. Foiling Craft

The impact of the growing popularity of foiling craft is being monitored and those in charge of these craft are requested to maintain sufficient sea room and avoid getting into close quarters situations by avoiding busy channels, anchorages and mooring areas.

## 12. Use of Hovercraft

The Chichester Harbour Conservancy Act 1971 prescribes that the open port duty detailed in section 33 of the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847 does not apply to hovercraft in Chichester Harbour. Hovercraft are not permitted to be used in Chichester Harbour without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

## 13. Use of Kill Cords in Powered Craft

Following a fatal accident the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) issued a safety bulletin highlighting that kill cords are a safety feature to stop an engine when the driver moves away from the controls. They emphasise that it is essential that operators of vessels fitted with kill cords:

- a. Test them regularly to ensure that the engine stops when the kill cord mechanism is operated.
- b. Make sure that the cord is in good condition.
- c. Always attach the cord securely to the driver, ideally before the engine is started, but certainly before the boat is put in gear.
- d. Stop the engine before transferring the kill cord to another driver.

The full MAIB Safety Bulletin is available from [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

## 14. Lifejackets

Remember to take your lifejacket afloat and wear it. Use your lifejacket crotch strap, remember to check and service your lifejacket regularly. Lifejackets are useless unless worn.

## 15. Consumption of Alcohol

Don't drink whilst in charge of a vessel. Alcohol is involved in about a third of all recreational boating fatalities.

## 16. Prohibited Anchoring

Anchoring is prohibited in or near mooring areas or in the vicinity of navigation and racing marks. Vessels are not to anchor in the centre of channels and are to exhibit a black ball or white light. Vessels are not to be left unmanned at anchor for periods of more than four hours (Byelaw No.12).

## 17. Improper Use of Distress Signals

In the interests of safety the attention of all yachtsmen and other harbour users is drawn to Chichester Harbour Conservancy Byelaw No.23. Persons wishing to organise firework displays etc. within the Harbour are advised to seek permission from the Harbour Master.

## 18. Vessel Landed Waste Reception and Pollution

- a. It is an offence for any vessel, including recreational vessels, regardless of size, to discharge any refuse overboard within specified distances from land, and in the case of plastics and other persistent rubbish, in any sea area surrounding the UK (International Convention for Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78).
- b. Mariners are advised that reception facilities for vessel landed waste are located at, or close to, all mooring areas and marinas within Chichester Harbour.  
Chichester Harbour Conservancy administers a Port Waste Management Plan on behalf of all waste facility providers in the harbour and this document can be viewed at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk). This document details the location and types of waste collection facilities including recycling, and vessel pump-out facilities.

Any enquiries relating to waste facilities should be directed to the local mooring provider or to the Harbour Office. It is a serious offence to discharge waste at sea or into harbour waters.

- c. All harbour users are requested to report all sightings of oil pollution immediately to Chichester Harbour Radio on VHF Channel 14 or by telephone on 01243 512301. At times when the Harbour Master's Office is unmanned, reports should be made to Solent Coastguard on VHF Channel 16 or 67, or by telephone on 02392 552100.

## 19. Workboat Registration

The operators of workboats based in Chichester Harbour, whether working exclusively in Chichester Harbour, or licensed by the MCA or other body to operate outside the Harbour, are requested to register their vessels with the Harbour Master.

## 20. Chichester Bar

Chichester Bar is periodically dredged to achieve a depth of 1.5m below Chart Datum. Following severe gales depths may vary and it is then prudent to assume a least depth of 0.7m below Chart Datum. Details of the latest bathymetric survey are available from the Harbour Office or promulgated in LNTM's at [www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk).

With a falling tide and strong winds from a southerly sector a dangerous sea may be encountered. In these conditions it is advisable to exercise caution and cross the bar between three hours before and one hour after HW springs.

Richard Craven  
Director & Harbour Master  
03 January 2023

## Harbour villages

**Chichester Harbour spreads across two counties; West Sussex and Hampshire. Around its shoreline there are some villages accessible by boat.**

### West Wittering

Anchor at East Head, the village is about a mile's walk.

### Itchenor

Launching at all states of the tide. A number of visitors' moorings are available for overnight stays. Fees apply.

### Birdham

Use Birdham Pool Marina or Chichester Marina.

### Dell Quay

Launching is possible about 2½ hours each side of high tide.

### Bosham

Contact the Bosham Quaymaster for launching from the Quay which is accessible at any state of the tide or visitors' moorings - 01243 573336. Fees apply. Public launching from the end of Bosham Lane.

### Pristed

From the hard, launching is possible about 1½ hours either side of high tide.

### Thorney Island

Contact Thorney Island Sailing Club for access. For Pilesey Island, yachtsmen can land but please avoid the restricted area to prevent disturbing wildlife.

### Emsworth

Launching is possible from the hard 3 hours either side of high tide and visitors' moorings are available. Visit the small Harbour Office at the end of South Street to pay your harbour dues and find a mooring.

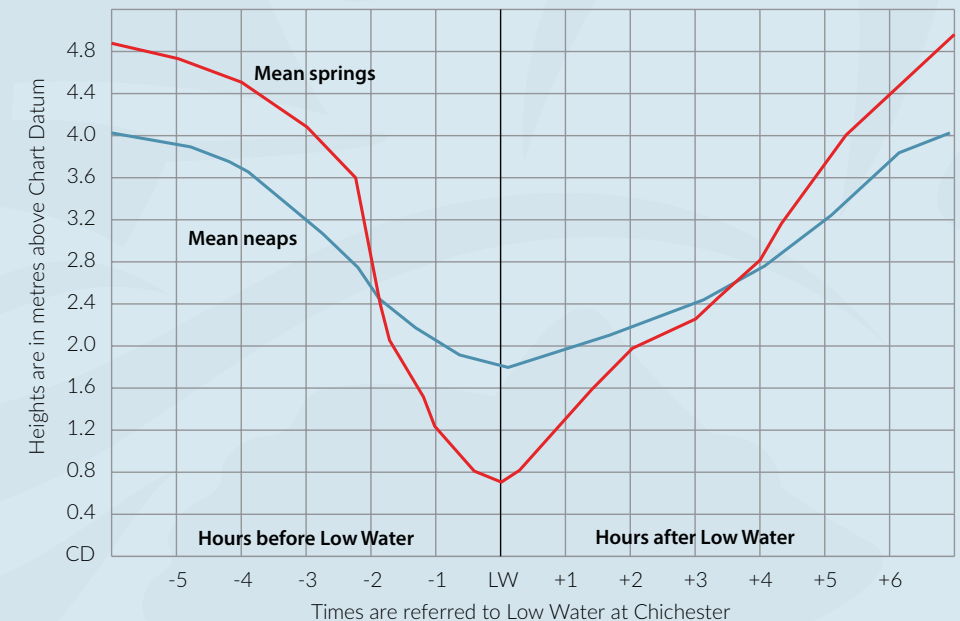
### Langstone

Launching is possible about 2½ hours each side of high tide.

### Northney

Use Northney Marina at the entrance to the village.

## Rise and fall of the tide at Chichester Harbour entrance





## Fishing and Angling Clubs

### Apuldram Fishing & Boat Club

01243 784540

www.afbc.club

### Barn Sea Anglers

01243 670983

www.barnseaanglers.blogspot.com

### Angling Trust

www.anglingtrust.net

### Emsworth Sports & Social Club

01243 376037

www.emsworthssclub.co.uk

### Hayling Island Angling Club

023 9311 1747

www.haylingislandanglingclub.co.uk

### Bosham Fisherman's Club

07703 533094

linsell.philip@gmail.com

## Fisheries Regulations for Bass within Chichester Harbour

### Definition of Chichester Harbour

#### Bass nursery area

All tidal waters enclosed by a line drawn 192° true from Eastoke Point to Chichester Bar Beacon then 078° true to Cakeham Tower.

#### Minimum size

Undersize Bass Order – the prescribed minimum size for bass is 42cm in length.

#### Recreational anglers

A number of regulations are in place that affect recreational angling in Chichester Harbour and are subject to change\*.

### Commercial fishing

Commercial fishermen are subject to specific regulations\*.

\*Please check [www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk) and [www.southern-ifca.gov.uk](http://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk) for the regulations currently in force. We will circulate updates where possible but it is your responsibility to ensure that you are adhering to the correct regulations when fishing.



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### Harbour Patrol

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[info@conservancy.co.uk](mailto:info@conservancy.co.uk)

**VHF Channel 14** (156.70 mhz)

Callsign **Chichester Harbour Radio**

### Harbour Office, Emsworth

Mobile 07864 915247

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## Sailing Clubs

Bosham Sailing Club	01243 572341	www.boshamsailingclub.com
Chichester Cruiser Racing Club	07546 843150	www.ccrcc.co.uk
Chichester Yacht Club	01243 512918	www.cyc.co.uk
Chichester Marina Berth Holders Association		www.cmbha.co.uk
Dell Quay Sailing Club	01243 785080	www.dellquaysc.co.uk
Emsworth Cruising Association		www.emsworthcruisingassociation.co.uk
Emsworth Sailing Club	01243 372850	www.emsworthsc.org.uk
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Itchenor Sailing Club	01243 512400	www.itchenorsc.co.uk
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Northney Marina Berth Holders Association	02392 466321	
Thorney Island Sailing Club	01243 371731	www.tisc.org.uk
West Wittering Sailing Club	07774 462093	www.wwsc.co.uk

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Bosham Quaymaster	01243 573336
Bosham Yacht Company	01243 513345
Chichester Marina	01243 512731
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Dolphin Quay Boatyard	01243 513872
Emsworth Yacht Harbour	01243 377727
Haines Boatyard	01243 512228
Hayling Yacht Company	02392 463592
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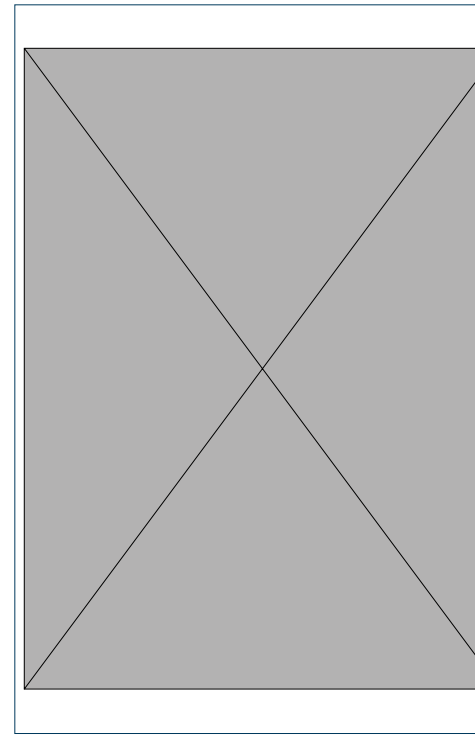
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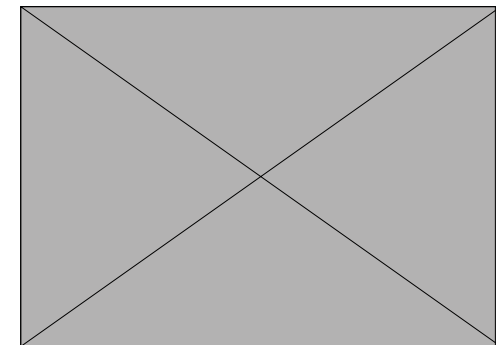
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# The Solent Seals Code of Conduct

## Solent Seal Population

Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Langstone Harbour Board and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust have been monitoring seal populations in the Solent for a number of years.

The first official sighting of a Harbour Seal (*Phoca vitulina*) in the Solent was in 1994. Since then a small population has slowly established, with around 43-50 Harbour Seals and several Grey Seals in 2015. This is the only known resident population of Harbour Seals in

## Behaviour

Seals often rest out of the water, typically on mud and sand flats at low tide, a behaviour known as 'hauling-out'. This is a very important time for the animals as it allows them to recover from foraging activities and conserve energy. The amount of time seals spend on land increases during the moulting and pupping seasons. As seals are not very mobile on land, they are vulnerable and easily disturbed when hauled-out. When disturbed, they will often enter the water and move away. Moving towards a vessel is a sign of stress rather than curiosity.

the eastern English Channel.

The Solent Seal Tagging project in 2009 showed that these Harbour Seals stay primarily within in the eastern Solent - from Southampton Water to Selsey Bill, including regular trips to the Isle of Wight.

Minimising disturbance to haul-out and breeding areas in Chichester Harbour is crucial for the conservation of seals in the Solent.

Distress can adversely affect their health by causing them to use energy unnecessarily, abandon a haul-out site, or cause the death of a pup if it is separated from its mother.

Seals are fascinating and elusive marine animals, and seeing them hauled-out is a highlight for many people.

We politely request that all vessels abide by the code overleaf when visiting the seals, so that they can continue to be observed without experiencing disturbance.



## Code of Conduct

- Keep your distance from seals hauled out from the water (no closer than 100m or 300 ft) and use binoculars for a better view.
- Limit observation to a maximum of ten minutes.
- Limit vessel numbers to two at a time.
- Keep quiet! Do not rev engines or shout.
- If you are approached by a seal, maintain course with slow speed or remain stationary. Do not approach the seal.



- If seals show any signs of avoidance or disturbed behaviour (frequent direction changing away from the boat, moving into the water from haul-outs or diving) then move away immediately, but at slow speed.
- If you see a seal in the water, slow down (less than 5 knots or no-wake speed).
- Make steady movements parallel to the animal to minimise risk of disturbance.



- Always allow seals an escape route. Avoid boxing animals in or blocking narrow channels.
- Never drive or walk through a group, or come between a mother and her pup. If you see a nursing pup, leave the vicinity immediately and slowly.
- Never land or go ashore at haul-out sites. Seals can be dangerous when they perceive a threat.
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy will be monitoring boat activity at seal haul-out sites.
- If you see an injured marine mammal call the British Divers Marine Life Rescue on 01825 765546 or 07787 433412.
- Send marine wildlife sightings to [www.hiwwt.org.uk/marine-sightings](http://www.hiwwt.org.uk/marine-sightings).



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