

Chichester Harbour

Information for
Mariners 2024

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CHICHESTER
HARBOUR
CONSERVANCY

Remember to pay your harbour dues

All vessels have a statutory obligation to pay harbour dues in Chichester Harbour.

This includes sailing boats and motor vessels, tenders, paddleboards, jetskis, canoes, kayaks, SUPs, windsurfers and wing foils.

Harbour dues options

Visitors can pay for casual harbour dues for a day, 2 days or a 7 day period here ▶



Annual harbour dues

Valid from 01 April to 31 March of the following year. Set up and pay here ▶



What do your harbour dues pay for?

Harbour dues fund the costs of running the harbour and maintaining safety for all users. Maintaining navigation marks and jetties, depth surveys, water quality monitoring and harbour safety patrols are all funded by your harbour dues payments.



More information about harbour dues and charges can be found at www.conservancy.co.uk/on-the-water



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A member of the patrol team will be available at Itchenor on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season

Harbour Patrol

Tel. 01243 512301
info@conservancy.co.uk

VHF Channel 14 (156.70 mhz)

Call sign **Chichester Harbour Radio**

Harbour Office, Emsworth

Mobile 07864 915247



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Thank you to our contributing photographers including Paul Adams and John Arnott.



Meet the Harbour Team

Our team is supported by a number of seasonal staff during the peak season.



Adrian Karn
Deputy Harbour Master



Jo Cox
Harbour Master



Finn
Harbour Dog



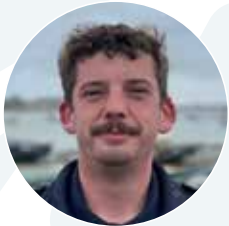
Ludo Munn
Lead Patrol
Officer



Anna Perkins
Moorings Officer



Jeff Riley
Moorings Officer



Sam Perrin
Lead Harbour
Technician



Brendon McCallum
Harbour Technician
Emsworth



Sean Lord
Harbour Technician



Welcome

Wishing you a warm welcome to Chichester Harbour in 2024

Whether a regular harbour user, or discovering the harbour for the first time, we look forward to seeing you out on the water in 2024.

The harbour is a unique environment with its waters and shoreline combining to form one of the UK's National Landscapes. It is the responsibility of everyone using the harbour to help protect and preserve this special place.

The harbour is a busy place and we rely on all harbour users being alert and considerate to others. Whilst the harbour is predominantly sheltered and protected from all but the worst weather, there are still hazards to be aware of. This guide provides a range of useful information and resources for users of all types of craft. There is also a wealth of further information and useful links available on the Chichester Harbour Conservancy website.

Jo Cox, Harbour Master

Stay safe in Chichester Harbour


Prepare for a great day out on the water...

Plan Ahead

- Before you go, check the weather forecast and get regular updates whilst you are out.
- Check the tidal times and ensure that they fit with what you are planning to do.
- Consider using the free RYA SafeTrx App.
- Take your mobile phone or VHF radio to keep in touch.
- Weather can change so take spare warm clothing and waterproofs with you.

Safety Onboard

- Check everyone on board has a correctly fitting life jacket and wears it.
- Always wear your kill cord.
- Know where your safety equipment is on board and how to use it.


Water skiing, wake boarding, kite surfing e-foiling and hovercrafts are not permitted within the harbour.

Follow the Rules

- Watch your speed - stay within the harbour speed limit of 8 knots.
- Watch your wash - reduce your speed to prevent disturbance to wildlife and erosion of the shore line from wash.
- Slow down when passing other craft, through moorings and anchorages.
- Keep to the starboard side in the marked channels.



Be Wildlife Aware

- Avoid anchoring in seagrass or other sensitive areas, use visitor moorings or safe anchoring locations.
- Take your litter home.
- Use shoreside toilets and showers where possible and use your holding tank.
- Keep your distance when viewing wildlife.



HOW GREEN IS YOUR YACHT?

GALLEY

Use eco-friendly cleaning products that do not contain pollutants such as microbeads, phosphate, chlorine or bleach. Check the ingredients label on products.

ENGINE

Ensure oil and fuel do not enter the water - check for oil before pumping your bilge and install an oil filter or put a bilge sock in to absorb spills.

AT THE HELM

Find out if the area you are sailing through is protected. Navigate with care when you see wildlife.

- Keep a slow steady course: 5 knots or no-wake speed.
- Ensure noise is minimal
- Keep a distance of 100m or more

ANCHORING

Some of our most precious wildlife lives in or on the seabed. Check to see if the area is protected by law before you drop the hook!

HULL

Take care when applying and removing anti foul. Put a tarpaulin under your boat to capture and prevent paint drips, spills and scrapings entering the environment. Dispose of all paint debris and equipment in hazardous waste bins at a marina or local recycling centre.

DECK

Ensure all items are secure on deck so nothing falls or blows overboard. Throw nothing overboard, even an orange peel can take 2 years to break down in salt water.

HEADS

Use shore based facilities and don't empty the heads in low tidal flushing areas. Keep raw sewage out of the water you sail in!

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HOW GREEN IS YOUR MOTORBOAT?

HELMING

Good use of the throttle, boat handling skills and keeping distance can reduce wash which can erode banks and disturbance to resting, feeding and breeding wildlife.

GALLEY

Reduce waste on board by using reusable containers, recycle waste and avoid single use plastics.

HEADS

Give consideration to other water users and the environment before using the sea toilet. Use onshore facilities, install a holding tank and avoid discharging into estuaries and enclosed waters.

ANTI-FOULING

Most antifouls contain toxins and some contain micro-plastics. Simply place a tarpaulin under your boat to capture paint spills and scrapings, dispose of in hazardous waste bins.

CLEANING

Use eco-friendly alternatives to wash your deck, dishes and yourself, avoid using products that contain bleach, chlorine and microbeads that can enter the water.

REFUELLING

Use a Fuel Collar to absorb any fuel that may blow back up the fuel line. Have a spill kit handy to clean up any accidental spills.

ANCHOR

Find out if you are in an area with protected seabed habitats, be careful where you anchor and use the right anchor and length of chain to avoid unnecessary dragging and abrasion

ENGINE

It is illegal to let oil enter the water - maintain your engine to prevent unwanted leaks, install a filter into the bilge line or use a bilge sock to absorb oil before pumping out.

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Be part of the
Protect, Collect & Dispose
Antifouling Initiative



Environmental Best Practice

Protect the environment

- Choose the right paint & work in a well-ventilated area
- Protect the ground and surrounding area
- Minimise paint dust by wet sanding

Collect paint debris

- Place tarpaulins under the vessel
- Use an industrial vacuum-cleaner linked to the paint scraper
- Capture old paint with 'paste-and-peel' techniques

Dispose of waste

- Clean up and dispose of all hazardous waste correctly

**Don't forget
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**



For more
information,
please visit:

www.thegreenblue.org.uk

www.tyha.co.uk

www.safeantifouling.com

Please address any comments or
questions to
info@bcf.co.uk



**HELPING YOU TO MAKE
SUSTAINABLE BOATING SIMPLE!**

From The Green Blue, the environmental awareness programme from the Royal Yachting Association.



Check the engine for leaks to prevent an oily bilge. Use a bilge sock or inline bilge filter to absorb any pollutants before bilge water is discharged.



Use shore based toilets when berthed. Install a holding tank and use pump out facilities to empty sewage. Avoid discharging the heads in or close to bathing waters or enclosed areas such as harbours, marinas where there is low flushing.



Anchor with care. Use existing mooring buoys if available, if not deploy and lift your anchor correctly to avoid drag and scouring.



Regularly use your boat to limit fouling, lift out, clean and antifoul regularly to prevent the spread of invasive plants and animals. Use a washdown system to ensure fouling does not re-enter the water or collect and put it in a bin.



Navigate slowly, quietly and keep your distance around wildlife to minimise the risk of disturbance that can disrupt feeding, breeding and resting patterns.



Make The Green Blue Boating Pledge to
Respect, Protect and Enjoy our waters.

thegreenblue.org.uk/boating-pledge/



Fishing in Chichester Harbour



Sussex and Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCA) work in partnership with Chichester Harbour Conservancy ensuring compliance with local and national fisheries legislation.

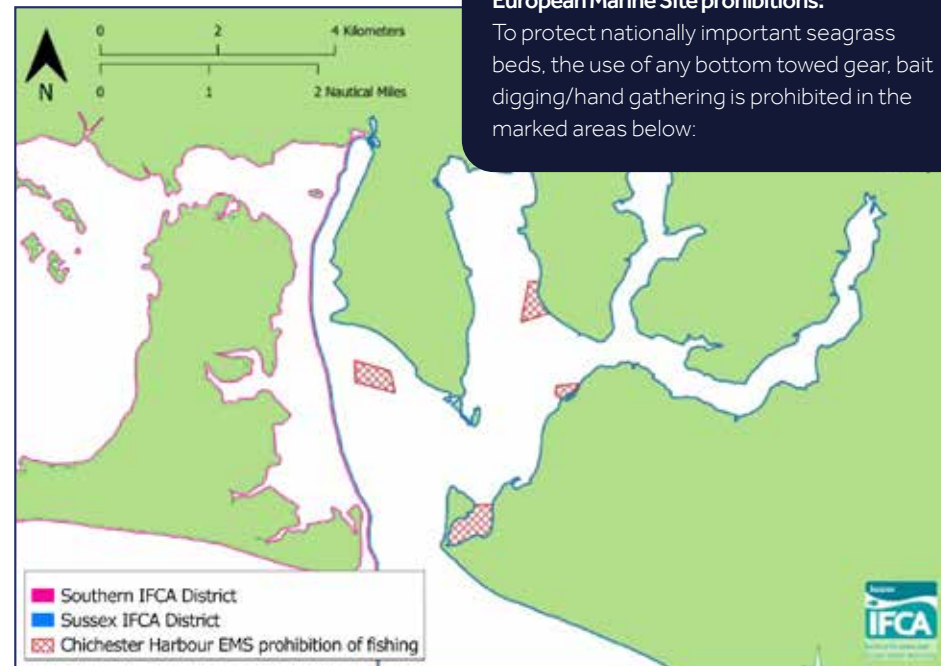
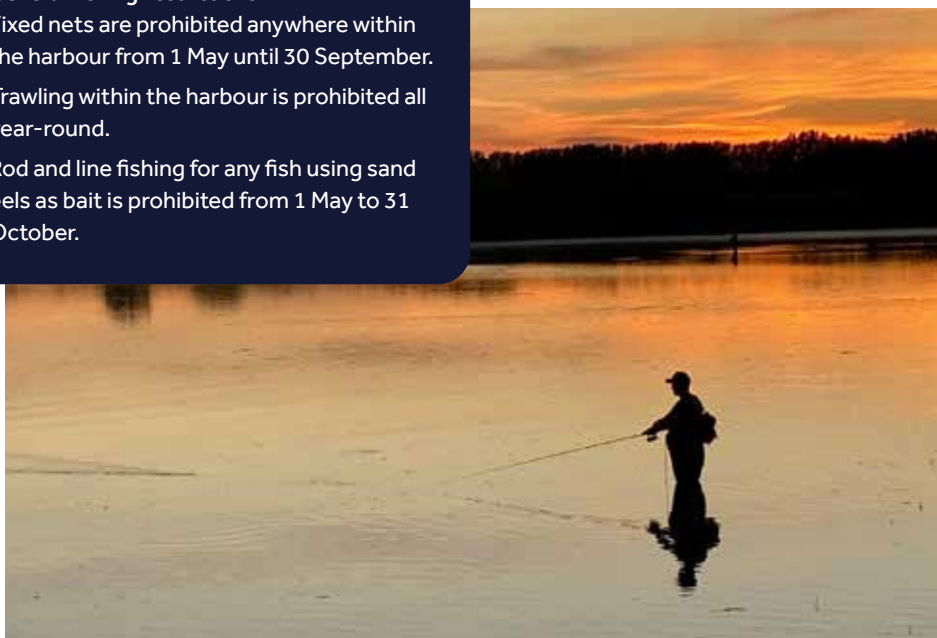
Chichester Harbour is a Sea Bass nursery – the sheltered waters provide an important habitat for young Bass to grow.

General Fishing Restrictions:

Fixed nets are prohibited anywhere within the harbour from 1 May until 30 September.

Trawling within the harbour is prohibited all year-round.

Rod and line fishing for any fish using sand eels as bait is prohibited from 1 May to 31 October.



European Marine Site prohibitions:

To protect nationally important seagrass beds, the use of any bottom towed gear, bait digging/hand gathering is prohibited in the marked areas below:

Bass Fishing Restrictions:

- It is prohibited to use a drift net to target Bass. Any Bass caught via this method must be returned to the water immediately.
- The National Minimum Conservation Reference Size for Bass is 42cm. Any Bass smaller than this must be returned to the water unharmed.
- Catching Bass from the shore is permitted at a rate of 2 per person per day.
- The table details the restrictions in place year-round when targeting Bass within Chichester Harbour.

For further Information, visit www.sussex-ifca.gov.uk or www.southern-ifca.gov.uk

To report a suspected offence please contact admin@sussex-ifca.gov.uk or call **01273 454407**.

Bass Fishing Rules:

January - 2 Bass per person per day
February - Catch and release only
March - Catch and release only
April - 2 Bass per person per day
May - Prohibited from any vessel*
June - Prohibited from any vessel*
July - Prohibited from any vessel*
August - Prohibited from any vessel*
September - Prohibited from any vessel*
October - Prohibited from any vessel*
November - 2 Bass per person per day
December - 2 Bass per person per day

* Includes charter vessels.



Tell Border Force and HMRC if you are sailing to or from the UK in a pleasure craft.

If you are leaving or entering the UK on a pleasure boat of any kind, you are required to submit a pleasure craft report in advance. Border Force have digitalised the pleasure craft reporting process, making it quicker and easier to report your journey in advance of travel to and from the UK.

You should submit your report in advance, within 24 hours and up to 2 hours before departure to or from the UK. Manage your submissions online at www.spcr.homeoffice.gov.uk

'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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**SEEN SOMETHING
SUSPICIOUS?**



REPORT IT. LET'S SORT IT.

To report anonymously, call the Coastal Crime Line powered by Crimestoppers on 0800 011 3304. In an emergency, always call 999.



TIDE TIMES 2024

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 2024

For British Summer Time add one hour in the shaded area.

MARCH				APRIL				MAY				JUNE			
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0232	4.4	16 0325	4.5	1 0314	4.0	16 0442	3.8	1 0415	3.9	16 0509	3.7	1 0613	4.1	16 0000	2.0
0749	1.2	0841	1.2	0838	1.5	1029	1.9	1111	1.8	1111	1.8	1157	1.4	0622	3.7
F 1444	4.3	SA 1554	4.3	M 1600	3.9	TU 1729	3.7	W 1704	4.0	TH 1757	3.8	SA 1856	4.4	SU 1216	1.9
2004	1.3	2107	1.5	2105	1.8	2325	2.1	Ⓒ 2242	1.8	2351	2.0	SU 1905	4.0		
2 0304	4.2	17 0416	4.1	2 0424	3.8	17 0549	3.5	2 0527	3.9	17 0617	3.6	2 0034	1.4	17 0101	1.9
0822	1.4	0936	1.6	0945	1.8	1201	1.9	1120	1.6	1215	1.8	0722	4.2	0737	3.8
SA 1524	4.0	SU 1652	3.9	TU 1717	3.7	W 1848	3.6	TH 1815	4.0	F 1909	3.8	SU 1258	1.3	M 1310	1.8
2040	1.6	2225	1.9	Ⓒ 2249	2.0							2002	4.5	2011	4.1
3 0348	4.0	18 0516	3.8	3 0546	3.7	18 0039	2.1	3 0004	1.7	18 0053	1.9	3 0133	1.3	18 0155	1.8
0904	1.7	1124	1.9	1150	1.8	0721	3.5	0640	3.9	0739	3.7	M 0830	4.3	0840	3.9
SU 1622	3.8	M 1801	3.7	W 1840	3.8	TH 1305	1.8	F 1231	1.4	SA 1313	1.7	M 1356	1.2	TU 1358	1.8
Ⓒ 2129	1.9			2046	3.8	2046	3.8	1930	4.2	2020	4.0	2100	4.6	2102	4.2
4 0454	3.8	19 0010	2.1	4 0037	1.9	19 0137	1.9	4 0108	1.5	19 0148	1.7	4 0228	1.1	19 0235	1.6
1010	1.9	0628	3.6	0709	3.8	0910	3.7	0756	4.1	0845	3.9	0927	4.5	0929	4.1
M 1740	3.6	TU 1251	1.9	TH 1308	1.6	F 1357	1.6	SA 1331	1.2	SU 1404	1.6	TU 1449	1.1	W 1438	1.7
2258	2.1	1940	3.6	2005	4.0	2138	4.1	2038	4.5	2110	4.2	2149	4.7	2144	4.3
5 0616	3.7	20 0124	2.1	5 0143	1.6	20 0225	1.6	5 0204	1.2	20 0235	1.5	5 0317	1.0	20 0308	1.5
1215	2.0	0834	3.6	0826	4.1	0950	4.0	5 0859	4.4	20 0930	4.1	5 1017	4.6	20 1011	4.2
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8 0258	1.3	23 0337	1.3	8 0404	0.5	23 0420	1.0	8 0422	0.6	23 0416	1.2	8 0001	4.6	23 0506	1.1
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1858	0.4	1837	0.9	1917	1.2	1917	1.3	2016	1.7	2003	1.4	2152	1.9	Ⓒ 2159	1.4
14 0157	5.1	29 0132	4.6	14 0257	4.4	29 0216	4.3	14 0321	4.1	29 0305	4.2	14 0430	3.9	29 0446	4.3
0718	4.9	0650	0.9	0809	1.2	0738	1.1	0842	1.5	0832	1.2	1020	1.7	1027	1.2
TH 1415	0.6	F 1348	4.5	SU 1532	4.3	M 1457	4.2	TU 1604	4.1	W 1553	4.3	F 1709	4.0	SA 1724	4.4
1940	0.7	1904	1.0	2033	1.6	2002	1.5	2116	1.9	2108	1.5	Ⓒ 2257	2.0	2302	1.4
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F 1502	4.6	SA 1420	4.3	M 1627	4.0	TU 1557	4.1	W 1657	3.9	TH 1651	4.3	SA 1802	4.0	SU 1822	4.4
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31 0231	4.3	0753	1.2	31 0509	4.1	1053	1.4	F 1751	4.3	2332	1.5				
SU 1500	4.1	2013	1.5												

TIDE TIMES 2024

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 2024

JULY				AUGUST				SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER			
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m
1 0005	1.5	16 0627	3.7	1 0204	1.6	16 0126	1.8	1 0319	1.3	16 0248	1.0	1 0328	1.1	16 0307	0.7
0649	4.1	1200	2.0	0907	4.0	0907	3.9	1056	4.4	0949	4.6	1101	4.6	1006	5.0
M 1232	1.4	TU 1905	3.9	TH 1428	1.7	F 1350	1.9	SU 1537	1.4	M 1512	1.0	TU 1548	1.2	W 1531	0.7
1926	4.3			2121	4.1	2043	4.1	2300	4.3	2157	4.7	TU 2302	4.5	W 2219	5.0
2 0110	1.4	17 0048	1.9	2 0257	1.4	17 0222	1.5	2 0357	1.1	17 0333	0.7	2 0406	0.9	17 0351	0.5
0802	4.2	0748	3.8	1012	4.2	0925	4.1	1129	4.6	1102	4.9	1123	4.7	1047	5.2
TU 1336	1.5	W 1303	2.0	F 1517	1.5	SA 1444	1.6	M 1615	1.2	TU 1556	0.7	W 1625	1.0	TH 1614	0.5
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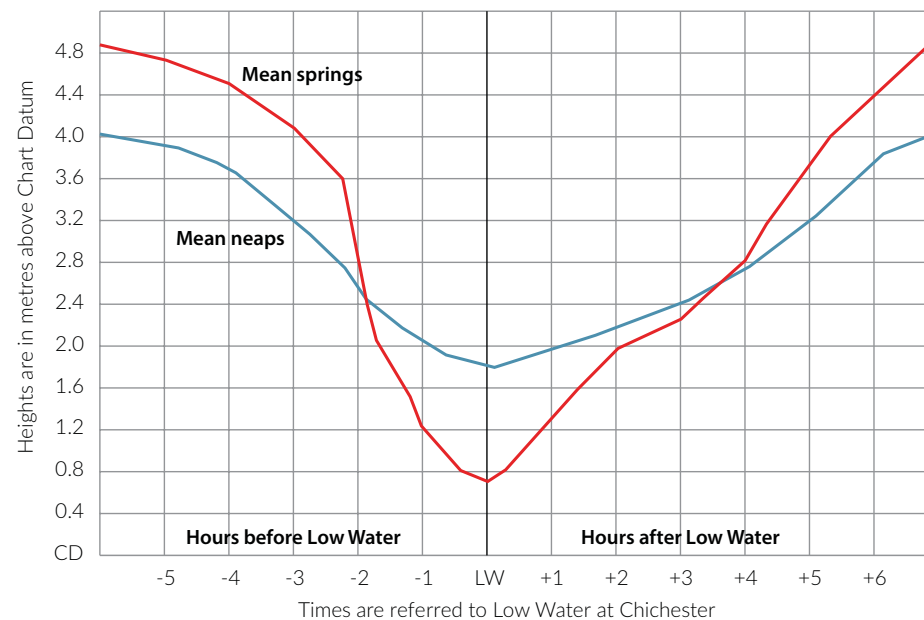
TIDE TIMES 2024/25

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Lat 50°47'n Long 0°56'w time zone UT (GMT) - Times and heights of high and low waters year 2024/25

NOVEMBER			DECEMBER			JANUARY			FEBRUARY										
Time	m		Time	m		Time	m		Time	m									
1 0413	1.1		16 0412	0.8		1 0006	4.5		16 0101	4.7		1 0112	4.9		16 0139	4.8			
1114	4.7		1116	5.1		0515	1.4		0603	1.2		0632	0.8		0656	1.0			
F 1632	1.1	SA 1636	0.7		W 1210	4.6		TH 1256	4.6		SA 1318	4.9		SU 1346	4.6				
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Rise and fall of the tide at Chichester Harbour Entrance



Reserve a mooring in this unique coastal destination

All moorings are maintained by our team to the highest standard. Contact the Moorings Officer at moorings@conservancy.co.uk or call 01243 512301

Conservancy moorings

- Regular water taxi - Tender storage
- Toilets and showers (Itchenor)
- Maintenance piles - Fresh water - Pump out
- Locations at Itchenor, Dell Quay, Nutbourne and Emsworth
- Our friendly team on hand to assist you

Bosham Manor moorings

- Peaceful location with stunning views
- Quick access to the sailing area
- Ferry Access from Bosham or Itchenor
- Beautiful historic Quay with full services
- Quaymaster customer support



Harbour Guide

Welcome to our guide to Chichester Harbour where you can find all the information you need to enjoy your time in and around the harbour. Always check www.conservancy.co.uk for the latest updates or call the Harbour Office on **01243 512301**.

Harbour Amenities and Navigation Guidance

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 over **9,000 vessels**, **3,200 moorings**, **2,000 berths** in **six marinas** and **16 sailing clubs**. Around the shoreline there are **10 villages** accessible by boat.

Villages accessible by boat – harbour amenities

Birdham

Launching site at Chichester Marina.

Fuel - both diesel and petrol available at Chichester Marina.

Bosham

Public launching site with public parking, quay and visitor moorings.

Dell Quay

Public launching site.

Short-stay jetty and quayside berthing. Contact the Itchenor Harbour Office to book.

Emsworth

Emsworth Harbour Office is open between Easter and 31 October but not staffed continuously.

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

There is a public launching site available at Emsworth.

The Emsworth ferry service 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**.

Emsworth Jetty is accessible 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. Access to the jetty is via a coded gate. Gate code is available by calling the Harbour Office.

Visitors' Pontoon is available in the Emsworth channel. Please note this is not a walk ashore facility. Maximum of 14 days rental. For full terms and conditions and charges visit www.conservancy.co.uk/on-the-water

Fuel is available at Emsworth Yacht Harbour.

Boat trips on the Solar Heritage depart from Emsworth Jetty during peak summer months. Sailing trips on the Oyster Boat Terror depart from Emsworth Yacht Harbour.

Itchenor

Public launching site at Itchenor and launching is available in all states of tide.

Itchenor Harbour Office is open weekdays 0900-1700 and a member of the patrol team will be available on the hard at Itchenor to assist customers on Saturdays 0900-1300 (April to October).

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 Chichester Harbour Conservancy vessels when afloat. **Call Sign Chichester Harbour Radio**.

Car and trailer parking is available in Itchenor at the pay and display car park. Charges are applicable 24hrs and tickets can be purchased for between 1hr and up to 7 days. Season tickets are also available. For a full scale of charges, see www.conservancy.co.uk.

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 and at peak times a drop off and go system will operate to reduce congestion. Please note that water from the jetties is not to be used for washing vessels. Please provide your own hose.

Showers and toilets are available at the Itchenor Harbour Office. Shower tokens are available from the Harbour Office or Patrol staff.

Visitor moorings – There are six visitors' moorings off Itchenor jetty which are capable of taking up to six vessels each, depending on size. Visitors pontoon moorings are above Itchenor Sailing Club on the western end of the Chichester Harbour Conservancy pontoon moorings. Visitors should restrict themselves to the first three lengths of pontoon only, as the remaining pontoon is allocated for permanent berths.

Maintenance Piles can be booked. **Call 01243 512301**.

The Itchenor 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**.

Hayling Island

Petrol and diesel are available at Sparkes Marina. Diesel is also available at Northney Marina.

Langstone

Public launching site possible about 2 ½ hrs either side of high tide.

Prinsted

Public launching site from the hard possible about 1 ½ hrs either side of high tide.

Thorney Island

Contact Thorney Island Sailing Club for access. For Pilsey Island please avoid the restricted area to prevent disturbing wildlife. Anchoring is available east of Pilsey Island (note: this is a restricted area).

West Wittering

Anchor at East Head, access to popular beach.

Navigation and Safety

Anchorage

1) West of the Fairway Buoy on the south of the channel.

2) East of Pilsey Island (note: this is a restricted area.

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.

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 minimum 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.

Caution – Reduce speed and give a wide berth to vessels flying International 'OQ' (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.

Harbour Patrol

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

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

Coastguard

Solent Coastguard 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.

Tides

The tide times are on pages 14, 15 and 16. 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.

Weather

For the MetOffice forecast for 48 hours and the 12 hour shipping forecast see www.metoffice.gov.uk 48 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.

www.conservancy.co.uk

www.chimet.co.uk

www.cambermet.co.uk

www.sotonmet.co.uk

Sign up for our weekly Information for Mariner's email bulletin for news on weather, tides and racing each week (March to October) at www.conservancy.co.uk.

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. Visiting vessels must pay by the day, 2 days or week. Visitors to the harbour can purchase dues by scanning the QR code shown on signs at launch sites, sailing clubs and marinas around the harbour. Harbour dues can also be paid at Itchenor or Emsworth Harbour Offices and via Harbour Patrol.

Paddlecraft up to 4 metres – annual harbour dues rate £19.00

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.

Visitors paying by QR code will not be issued with a physical plaque but will receive electronic proof of payment.

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*		19.00	15.00	7.50	6.50
3.01m	4m	29.00	15.00	7.50	6.50
4.01m	5m	40.15	15.00	7.50	6.50
5.01m	6m	53.10	18.00	8.50	7.50
6.01m	7m	67.65	18.00	8.50	7.50
7.01m	8m	83.85	18.00	8.50	7.50
8.01m	9m	101.65	22.00	9.50	7.50
9.01m	10m	121.15	22.00	9.50	7.50
10.01m	11m	142.15	30.00	11.50	9.50
11.01m	12m	164.90	30.00	11.50	9.50
12.01m	13m	189.25	38.00	14.00	10.50
13.01m	14m	215.20	38.00	14.00	10.50
14.01m	15m	242.80	49.00	18.00	11.50
15.01m	16m	272.00	49.00	18.00	11.50
16.01m	17m	302.90	57.00	21.50	14.00
17.01m	18m	321.50	57.00	21.50	14.00
18.01m	19m	340.15	64.00	21.50	14.00
19.01m	20m	358.80	64.00	21.50	14.00
Over 20m		377.40	68.00	21.50	14.00

*Tenders up to 3 metres used to access a registered parent vessel in the Harbour – annual harbour dues rate £9.45.
Tenders up to 4 metres – annual harbour dues rate £14.45 (limited to one tender per parent vessel).

Local Notice to Mariners no.02 of 2024

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.

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.

For the latest information regarding harbour operations please visit our website.

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 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,
- vessels of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

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 online at: www.conservancy.co.uk.

- c. Incidents and damage that should be reported include:
 - i. damage to and collisions between vessels;
 - ii. damage to navigation marks, Harbour structures or facilities;
 - iii. malfunctioning navigation marks;
 - iv. dangerous near-miss situations between vessels;
 - v. vessels proceeding at an excessive speed or creating excessive wash, and;
 - vi. any other dangerous occurrence.
- d. 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

- a. Organisers of events that may impact normal harbour activities and all events that involve racing (except those covered by f) must contact Chichester Harbour 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 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 Chichester Harbour 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. Chichester Harbour 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 Race Code of Conduct will not be required to submit risk assessments to Chichester 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)

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

The harbour is not a designated bathing water area. Water is sampled on a regular basis and swimmers are encouraged to check the results (available on the Chichester Harbour Conservancy website) prior to 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.

For further guidance see:

www.nationalwatersafety.org.uk

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

Wind propelled foiling craft are permitted to use the harbour. 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.

Electric Hydrofoil Boards are not permitted to be used in Chichester Harbour without the written permission of the Harbour Master

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:

www.maib.gov.uk/publications/safety_bulletins/safety_bulletin_2013/safety_bulletin_1_2013.cfm

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).

Vessels should avoid anchoring in areas of seagrass due to prevent damage to this sensitive habitat.

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 consult 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. 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 within 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.

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.

Capt. Jo Cox
Harbour Master
02 January 2024

Glossary of boat terms

Abeam: Alongside or at right angles to the centreline of a boat.

Aft: Toward the stern of the boat, or closer to the stern than another item being referenced.

Bilge: The lowest section of a boat where water typically collects.

Bimini: A folding canvas top used to shield occupants from rain and sun.

Bow Line: Berthing line secured to the bow of a boat that limits its movement.

Bow/Pulpit: Front of boat.

Bulkhead: Typically a transverse structural component in a boat supporting a deck.

Cleat: A metal or plastic fitting used to securely attach a line.

Coaming: Raised edges or sides, designed to help keep waves and water from entering a certain area of a boat.

Fender: An inflatable cushion used to protect a boat from contact against pilings, docks, piers, bulkheads, or other boats.

Foredeck: The forward-most deck on a boat.

Forward: Toward the bow of the boat, or closer to the bow than another item being referenced.

Heads: The bathroom on a boat.

Jib: Generally the smaller of two or more sails on a sailboat, flown forward of the mast.

Keel: The lowest portion of a boat's hull as it sits in the water.

Knots: Term used to describe the speed at which a vessel is traveling in nautical miles per hour. One nautical mile is equal to 1.15 statute miles.

Mainsail: Generally the largest sail on a sailboat.

Midships: The central portion of the boat.

Port: The left side of a boat when facing forward.

Spring Line: Line used to prevent a boat from moving forward and aft when berthed.

Starboard: The right side of a boat when facing forward.

Stern Line: Dock line secured to the stern of a boat that limits its movement.

Stern/Pushpit: Rear of boat.

Topsides: The portion of a boat's hull that is above the waterline.

Transom: The aft-most section of a boat that connects the port and starboard sections of the hull.

Wash/Wake: The wash or wake is the series of waves that trail behind a boat as it moves through the water.

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Callsign **Chichester Harbour Radio**

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Chichester Cruiser Racing Club	07546 843150	www.cccr.co.uk
Chichester Yacht Club	01243 512918	www.cyc.co.uk
Christian Youth Enterprises	01243 573375	admin@cye.org.uk
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Emsworth Yacht Harbour	01243 377727
Haines Boatyard	01243 512228
Hayling Yacht Company	02392 463592
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Wildlife Aware Watersports

Chichester Harbour is one of the most important sites for wildlife in the UK. We are internationally important as a home for over-wintering birds, as well as breeding seabirds. A population of seals use the harbour at low tides to rest on the mudflats. As harbour users, sharing space with such special wildlife is a privilege. Follow these tips to avoid disturbing birds and seals:

Keep your distance – avoid getting within 100m of hauled-out seals and flocks of feeding or roosting birds.

Shhhhhh – keep quiet around wildlife – avoid revving engines or shouting.

Always allow seals an escape route – avoid boxing them in or blocking narrow channels.

If you see a seal in the water slow down (no-wake) and keep a steady course – no sudden movements and don't steer towards it.

Protect Sensitive Spaces:

- Islands, spits, mud and saltmarsh are vital habitats for our wildlife – human presence will prevent birds using them. Avoid landing and keep your distance.
- Never land at a seal haul-out site.
- Avoid landing at Stakes Island, Pilsy Island, Ella Nore Spit and Gutner Point – these are highly sensitive roosting and breeding sites.
- Stick to the main channels – small creeks are perfect hiding spots for wildlife sensitive to disturbance.

Use recognised launch/recovery sites and avoid dragging vessels across the mud and foreshore – this can damage habitats such as saltmarsh and seagrass beds.

How do you know if you are disturbing a seal?

- If it's looking directly at you, the seal's fight or flight response has been activated – remain quiet and move away.
- If it is moving from its resting position it's stress levels have increased and it is already wasting precious energy – move away slowly and quietly.
- If it is making for the water it is fleeing in panic – move away immediately.

View the Map:

Visit the Bird Aware Solent interactive Watersports with Wildlife map.

As well as pinpointing the wildlife sensitive areas, it suggests wildlife-friendly launch sites.



Why do seals need space?

Two species of seals visit Chichester Harbour to rest on the mud flats at low tide – Harbour Seals and Grey Seals. Known as 'hauling-out', this time resting is vital for them to digest their food, socialise and feed their pups. They're large mammals and not very mobile on land; disturbing them from their haul-out wastes their energy supplies, adversely affects their health and can even result in the death of a pup if it is separated from its mother.



Why do birds need space?

The wading birds and wildfowl that spend their winters in Chichester Harbour have flown 1000s of miles to be here and feed on the mudflats and saltmarshes. Over the winter months, every bit of energy counts; when they are disturbed and take flight they waste precious energy which affects their survival chances.

At high tide birds rest on islands, spits and upper parts of the saltmarsh. These 'roosts' provide a safe space for them to rest, sleep and digest their food. In the summer it's often these areas that provide safe nesting ground for threatened species including Little Terns and Ringed Plover. If disturbed, birds can take flight exposing their eggs to bad weather or predators.

Friends of Chichester Harbour

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Paul Adams

Let's pull together for nature recovery

As a registered charity, the Friends of Chichester Harbour supports Chichester Harbour Conservancy's work protecting and restoring nature, ensuring the Harbour is a haven for wildlife and recreational pursuits, each in harmony with the other.

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