

Newport Harbour

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

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

The following measures will remain in place: -

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

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

Vessels berthed at the Folly

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

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

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

General information

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

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

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

- No guests on your boat. Only go boating with those in your immediate household.
- Maintain social distancing from others at car parks and launching sites. Make as many preparations as you can at home so that you can launch as quickly as possible.
- Do not beach your boat right next to someone else.
- Do not raft up, keep your distance on the water.
- Before departing please confirm that any facilities you intend to travel to are open and have agreed to receive you.

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

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

Any updates to this statement will be displayed on www.iwight.com and emailed to berth holders that the harbour have on file.

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