

Coronavirus Statement 27 July 2020

Newport Harbour and Folly

Mariners are advised that, as a consequence of the government guidance for Coronavirus, the following changes to operations will apply in Newport Harbour from 27 July 2020. These measures are in place to allow the opening of the Harbour to visiting vessels whilst still protecting harbour users and staff.

The measures will be reviewed regularly as more guidance is received.

Please help us to maintain a safe Covid-19 free environment by following the government guidance and consider your own, our staff and other harbour users' safety. Customers may wish to consider wearing their own PPE.

Every individual is responsible for social distancing and the other government safety measures at all times – 1 metre plus (2 metres ideally) separation, no blocking of the pontoons, careful passing, washing hands etc

Newport Harbour Visiting Pontoon & Quay

Overnights visiting stays will be welcomed at Newport Harbour visitor pontoon and quay pontoon subject to the following:

- Visitors must be individuals, up to 2 household groups inside or outside or with up to 6 people with different households as long as social distancing by at least 1 metre plus and staying outside
- Rafting of vessels will not be permitted unless vessels crews are within the same social bubble. Please note this could result in a reduction in the capacity within the harbour.
- Newport Harbour Office will continue to remain closed, however the harbour staff will be on site +/- 2 hours of High Water, this will be 7 days a week and but limited to between the hours of 08.00 and 18.00.
- Harbour hospitality facilities will remain closed; accordingly, all visiting vessels will need to be fitted with a holding tank or similar. There are no pump out facility's within Newport harbour.
- The refuse facilities will only be unlocked when the harbour staff are on site, they will remain locked at all other times.
- As Newport does not operate an advanced bookings system berths will be allocated on a first come first serve basis
- Rally bookings will be considered on a case by case basis
- If the harbour is full alternative moorings at the Folly may be offered; if either not available or not suitable please consider obtaining a mooring at an alternative harbour or marina
- There will be limited opportunities for short stays and will be considered on a case by case basis.
- The Isle of Wight council has produced guidance for residents and visitors tis can be found at: - <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Care-Support-and-Housing/Community-Health-and-Wellbeing/Public-Health-Coronavirus-COVID-19-Recovery/Be-an-IOW-Hero>

Please direct any enquires to newport.harbour@iow.gov.uk or by phone (01983) 823885. Whilst customers will be asked to leave an answerphone message, if your enquiry is urgent please call (01983) 821000 extension 5978.

Folly Visitor Pontoon

Visiting vessels will be allocated a berth by the Folly Berthing Master on 07974 864626, or by VHF CH 77 or on arrival

- Visitors must be individuals, up to 2 household groups inside or outside or with up to 6 people with different households as long as social distancing by at least 1 metre plus and staying outside.
- Rafting of vessels will not be permitted unless vessels crews are within the same social bubble, numbers of visitors will therefore be limited.
- The booking of berths is at the discretion of the Folly Berthing Master.
- There will be limited opportunities for short stays, and these will be considered on a case by case basis.
- If the Folly visitor pontoons are full, alternative destinations within Cowes Harbour should be considered.
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Please note: To access the Water Taxi service, a Face Mask must be worn

This statement /Notice to Mariners will be reviewed regularly and further guidance may be issued.