

Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Committee
4th December 2019

James Radcliffe

Bridport (West Bay) Harbour Master

Lyme Regis Interim Harbour Master



Bridport Harbour Use

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 To Date
Season Tickets	100	97	98	118	108
Single Launches	460	522	513	415	454
Visiting Boats Nights	82	88	136	138	183
Boat Lifts (New 2018)				62 £8,804	52 £7,676
Quay Side Parking	£644	£3,935	£3,690	£4,566	£5,370
Shop (New 2018)				£7,917	£16,008
Diving Air Fills	£3968	£18,691	£19,455	£18,352	£13,884
Boat Repairs (New 2018)				£411	£9,483
Waiting List	85	56	36	40	24
Private Moorings	143	141	141	141	139
Commercial Moorings	20	22	22	22	25

- The time of year shows that season tickets launching and visiting boats night and quay side parking have only increased slightly
- The shop, dive compressor and boat repairs are steadily increasing. We are now looking at our winter buy deals ready to stock the shop for the next season.

Lyme Regis Harbour Use

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 To Date
Season Tickets	40	41	51	63	39
Single Launches	160	150	165	180	217
Visiting Boats Nights	152	180	210	340	223
Boat Lifts	65	70	68	75	76 £11,248
Quay Side Parking				£250	£566
Waiting List	30	28	28	20	31
Private Moorings	208	208	206	208	177
Commercial Moorings	32	34	36	36	37

- Season tickets are down but this reflects where single launches are up due to the weather
- Income for boat lifting remains high with more lifts still to take place
- Car parking has increased with plans to increase area to improve on this next year
- Visiting boat nights are down and this is mainly due to the weather and a summer of south easterly winds. The pontoon had to be broken down some 17 times compared to once in 2018.

Harbour Staff

Bridport

- Harbour Master – James Radcliffe
- Assistant HM – Ben Harvey
- Harbour Engineer – Ben Renshaw
- Seasonal Assistants
- John Hilton & Paul Attwell

Lyme Regis

- Harbour Master – James Radcliffe(Interim)
- Assistant HM – Mike Higgs
- Seasonal Assistants
- Stuart Wain, Matt Rattenbury,
- Simon Hanley and Mike May

Current situation

The staff are on their winter routine which means they are working reduced hours. The seasonal post will see much reduced hours with some not working through the winter period at all. To cover the currently vacant 20 hour post at Lyme Regis, Simon has continued on a 3 day a week basis.

Harbour Works

Lyme Regis

Slipway

- We are currently working to submit a proposal to planning
- Different design ideas are being costed
- The proposal has been discussed with the harbour consultative group

Pontoon Piles

- The proposed method of piling has been confirmed that it isn't a method that will work
- Rock socketing is the only method that will get through the bedrock
- Quotes for rock socketing we received are in region of 350k – 400k
- We are now looking at the following
 - Laying ground chains with risers
 - Suitable anchor weights that can remain in place
 - Hinge brackets that will be easy to disconnect when the need arises
- We are still hopeful the EMFF grant will cover 75% of the cost

HRO

- The HRO has been passed by cabinet and full council
- Lara Altree will now be instructing Ashford's to commence works

Bridport Harbour

The timber piles

- Works are currently being scheduled for January
- The method is being discussed with the contractor
- We are currently applying for road space to allow us to work safely alongside the harbour walls

Accidents and Incidents

Bridport

The Bridport Gig Club had an accident where a gig overturned and the occupants 6 juniors and 2 adults ended up in the water. A further two members of the public (parents) also ended up in the water attempting to rescue.

All occupants including the parents that entered the water were treated by paramedics. The two parents were taken to hospital and discharged later the same day.

The accident raised concerns for safety so the clubs health and safety officer along with myself agreed the club would stop going to sea while all safety procedures and operations were checked. I have made recommendations to the club which they are taking on board and implementing and following a full coxes briefing they will be back out on the water.

The recommendations included

- Life jackets to be worn and fitted correctly
- VHF radios to be on and checked
- Defined operating area

Lyme Regis

No further incidents or accidents to report

Events

- West Bay Days held their Bonfire By The Beach and despite the efforts of the weather the event was very well attended

Both Harbours will host the annual swim, Bridport is on Boxing Day and Lyme Regis on New Year's Day