

# Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Committee  
09 December 2020



James Radcliffe  
Bridport (West Bay) Harbour Master  
Lyme Regis Interim Harbour Master

## Bridport Harbour Statistics as of 31 October 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020 To Date
Season Tickets	98	118	108	74
Single Launches	513	415	454	504
Visiting Boats Nights	136	138	183	67
Boat Lifts (New 2018)		62 £8,804	76 £9,463	39 £4739.96
Quay Side Parking	£3,690	£4,566	£6,015,42	£5,600
Shop (New 2018)		£7,917	£21,042.01	£12,870.22
Diving Air Fills	£19,455	£18,352	£15,522.68	£11,838.34
Boat Repairs (New 2018)		£411	12,517.06	£4,999.58
Waiting List – Private/Leisure Commercial	36	40	14	31 6
Private Moorings	141	141	139	139
Commercial Moorings	22	22	25	25

- Season tickets have remained lower compared to normal mainly due to the shortened season. Daily launch fees have increased, this would be normal when seeing a decrease in season tickets. Quayside parking is lower than last year but remains well used.
- The shop and boat repairs service are lower than this time last year and is down to the Covid situation. The shop remained closed during the first lockdown and the intake of repairs has been low with no one going to sea.
- The diving air filling station has been very quiet with the recreational divers this year with very few clubs using the harbour. Commercial usage has seen an increase and even with lockdown commercial Scallop divers were still working.
- Private and commercial moorings remain near capacity with a good number on the waiting list they should continue to do so.

## Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as at 31 October 2020

	2017	2018	2019	2020 To Date
Season Tickets	51	63	39	54
Single Launches	165	180	217	213
Visiting Boats Nights	210	340	223	185
Boat Lifts	68	75	76 £11,248	42 £5162.85
Quay Side Parking		£250	£4,066	£4793.33
Waiting List – Private/Leisure Commercial	28	20	28	32 11
Private Moorings	206	208	177	182
Commercial Moorings	36	36	37	34

- The season ticket numbers have increased and single launches are similar to last year. This is down to a better understanding of harbour fees and increased staffing hours.
- The boat lifter remains well used although the end of year use is predicted to be down because not all mooring holders' boats went in this year.
- Quayside parking is for harbour user's to park on the slipway area and has proven to work well with more harbour users now knowing it's available.
- Private moorings increased slightly compared to last year but spaces still remain vacant. More advertising is planned to promote the harbour.
- Commercial moorings remain at capacity.

# Harbour Staff

## **Bridport**

- Harbour Master – James Radcliffe
- Assistant HM – Ben Harvey
- Harbour Engineer – Ben Renshaw
- Seasonal Assistants - John Hilton and John Penny
- Harbour Admin – Becky McGowan

## **Lyme Regis**

- Harbour Master – James Radcliffe(Interim)
- Assistant HM – Mike Higgs
- Seasonal Assistants - Rich Quint, Philip Noakes and Rosa Parkin
- Harbour Admin – Becky McGowan

## **Current situation**

Both harbours have worked well with staff working across both areas.

All the seasonal staff have now finished for this year.

Ben Harvey and Mike Higgs will now start to work together across the harbours on a winter maintenance programme.

# Harbour Works

## **Lyme Regis**

### **Harbour and Fishermen's storage building:**

- Planning has been approved.
- Finances have been agreed.
- Detailed plans are now being drawn up by our in house team
- We hope to have contractors on site in the New Year for a March completion.
- We are working with Blue Marine Foundation to assist and accommodate the Fishermen.

### **Slipway extension and repairs:**

- An application to the MMO has been submitted.
- A planning application has been submitted and is due to be considered by DC planning committee in Dec/Jan
- Our in house teams will be working towards having detailed plans drawn up for contractors to tender ready for approval so work can commence to have the project completed ready for the 2021 season.

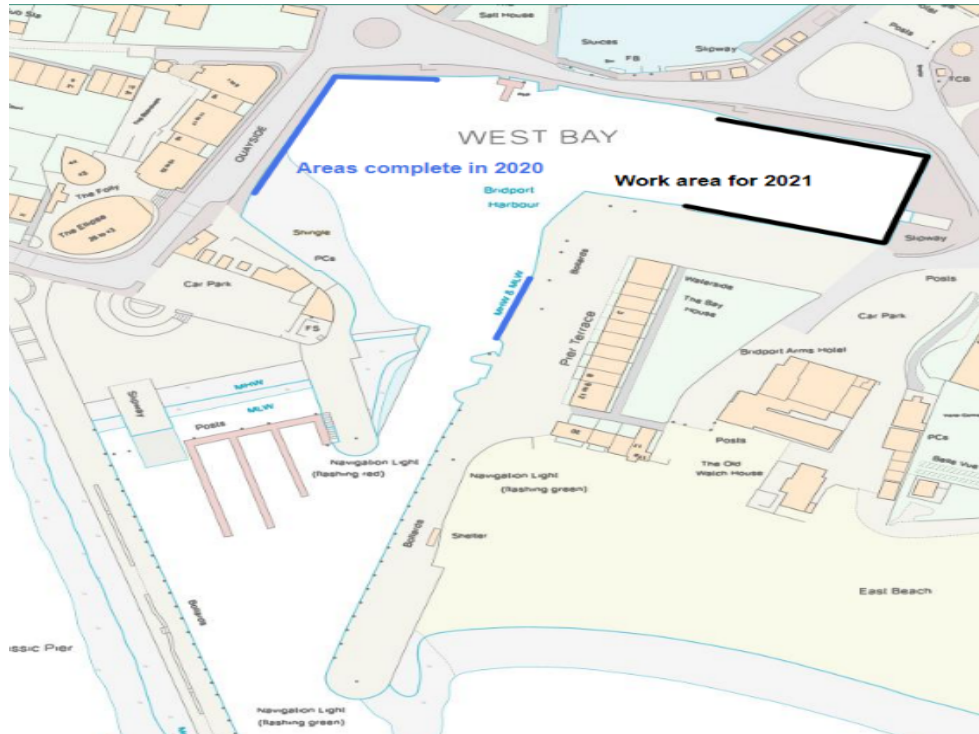
## **Harbour Office/Chandlery shop**

- A planning application has been submitted for retail use of part of the current office space to convert it to a similar use at Bridport.
- The area will be used to stock similar items to Bridport.

## Bridport Harbour

## Timber piles:

- Following work from last February the second phase of installing piles in the East Basin will take place in the New Year.



- Timber piles have been purchased.
- Finances for 20k of the work has already been budgeted for.

### Diver air station building

- Planning permission was granted earlier this year for a new permanent building for the diver's air station.
- Detailed plans will now be drawn up.
- Funding sources now need to be explored. (currently some grants are being looked into)
- The intention will be for the room to be multi use and use part of it as a stock room for both harbour shops giving us better buying power and increased income.

## Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

- There have been no incidents or PMSC issues to report

## Maritime and Local Events

Events this year with the exception to the power boat racing were all cancelled.

It is expected that the Boxing Day Swim at Bridport and the New Year's Day Lunge at Lyme will also be cancelled.

Bookings continue to come in for next year with the hope they can continue.