

Representation received on Sunday 19th December

Dear licensing team,

In response to the application for a permanent premises licence for the area outside of the Rendezvous Bar upto the harbour wall, i would like to raise that i have had cause to complain to both the last Weymouth Harbour Master and the Weymouth licensing committee on two separate occasions in relation to damage to a fishing vessel and other problems caused during the quayside music events held by the Rendezvous. I will forward my emails regarding the above complaints separately, following this objection.

I have spoken with our members that have commercial vessels moored in the vicinity of this area and are directly affected by the events and heard complaints of drunkenness, obstruction, littering and vandalism which has lead them to now dread the occasions when these events are set to take place. So to now hear that an application is being made to increase the frequency of these events and to also include football or sporting events upto 21 occasions in a year is frankly unthinkable.

There is no doubt in our minds that these events attract far more people than the area can actually accommodate and this leads to an overspill into the surrounding area that the Rendezvous and their personel have absolutely no authority over whatsoever. The nature of the events lead to drunkenness and the accompanying anti-social behaviour and with football now being included is only likely to get worse with its long and well known links to hooliganism, alcohol and asb.

We are aware of new behaviour orders for the area but these are only as strong as the enforcement that is taken and in the past, little action has actually taken place to follow up and deal with problems. Our police complain every year that they are overstretched and have to prioritise serious crime so we don't expect much improvement.

So, as a result we believe that our harbourside would be a better place without having these events attracting that type of behaviour.

Anti-social behaviour aside, Custom House Quay is a public highway that is necessary for access to the working boats and businesses that are hindered or blocked from operating peacefully, efficiently and in their usual way when the events take place.

Kind regards

Weymouth & Portland Fishermen and Licensed Boatman's Association

Further Supplied emails Accompanying original email of representation

Accompanying mail 1 of 2 with previous objection.

Kind regards

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, 2 August 2016, 12:59

To:

Cc:

Subject: quayside festivals organised by 'rendezvous bar'

To Weymouth and Portland licensing committee.

Dear

I have been asked to express our concern regarding the quayside festival events organised by the 'rendezvous bar'.

Last year a fishing vessel was vandalized during the event and now this year glasses and bottles have been thrown at fishing vessels and smashed over the pontoons alongside.

Whilst no damage was caused in this instance, injury was nearly missed with glass becoming embedded in one crews boots, and glass also being caught up in mooring ropes, which is a risk when being handled.

We accept that the organizer of these events goes to considerable effort to prevent any anti-social behavior and only serves plastic containers for drinks, however we are concerned that his measures only apply within his boundaries.

We believe that these events can attract large numbers of people, especially when the weather is favorable and this can result in over spill into the surrounding area and therefore can contribute to issues outside of their boundaries.

Last year we were assured that measures were being taken to help prevent further instances of damage and disorderly behavior but it appears that these have been forgotten or have not worked.

We feel that it is unacceptable to have to tolerate damage or risk of injury or mess to clear up after these events and therefore ask please if the measures to mitigate these problems can be reviewed to better protect our property and businesses.

If you require any further details, e.g names of boat owners affected by these problems, please contact me and I will

happily assist.

Yours faithfully

Weymouth and Portland fishermen and licensed boatmen's association

Accompanying mail 2 of 2 with previous objection.

Kind regards

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From:
Sent: Wednesday, 20 May 2015, 20:42
To:
Subject: FW: bank holiday harbour music festival

Hi
I have forwarded you the correspondence between myself and harbour master for your information regarding the above subject.
Hopefully this is useful. I have also sent it to so he is upto date on this.
I have also spoken to him and recommended that if possible you both meet with the harbour master together to discuss it further.
I'm bassing with for the next couple of days so might be difficult to phone but please let me know if anything further you wish me to do on this.
Cheers

From:
To:
CC:
Subject: RE: bank holiday harbour music festival
Date: Wed, 20 May 2015 08:13:25 +0000

Thanks for making contact.

I note your concerns and since the last Bank Holiday I have taken several steps to address the problem including:

- Referring the issues to the manager of the Rendez-vous and discussing them with him. He recognises the problem.
- Linking with the manager of the Rendez-vous to discuss the issues. was reassured after the meeting. It is unfortunate that had not previously made any arrangements to discuss the problem despite “years of issues”.
- I have had a meeting with the Mayor (Chair Harbour Management Board), Events Team and Licencing Council Officers to discuss the issues and identify ways to try to tackle the problem.
- W&PBC Licensing have discussed the issue with the manager of the Rendez-vous and have also referred the problem to adjacent establishments.
- The Police were notified last weekend about unruly behaviour on the harbour side and increased their presence.

I have no intentions of re-allocating berths as that is not the solution to the problem but would result in further issues in a busy harbour on a busy weekend. I hope that the increased awareness generated by the above activity will go some way to helping the problem. There is always the option to pay visitors' rates on a visitor's berth!

Once again I re-iterate the need for harbour users to liaise with the Harbour Office at the time of any incidents and not some days or weeks later. We would then be in a much better position to help or to seek external assistance rather than playing catch-up afterwards. The Duty Berthing Officer is always in regular contact with myself at any time of the day and if necessary I am in a position to assist with dealing with serious issues at the time.

I hope this helps

Regards

From:

Sent: 19 May 2015 23:47

To:

Subject: bank holiday harbour music festival

Hello,

I have had conversations today with and regarding the quayside music festival set for the forthcoming bank holiday.

Due to incidents of vandalism and damage having been caused over the preceding two events, plus also difficulties with offloading passengers and equipment through an extremely congested walkway they have raised their concerns with me for this weekend.

I would like to ask you if any measures have been, or can be taken to minimize the risk of a repeat of these problems in the future. In the meantime, has said to me that he is unwilling to remain on his allocated berth just for the duration of this event which under the circumstances seems understandable to me. I believe is hoping to meet with you on Friday to discuss this.

If possible please could you let me know if he could be relocated temporarily and whether anything else can be done to help.

Regards
