

Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Committee
8th December 2022



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Bridport (West Bay) and Lyme Regis Harbour Master

Bridport Harbour Statistics as of end October 2022

	2019	2020	2021	2021 (October)	2022
Season Tickets	108	74	85	85	82
Single Launches	454	504	525	525	489
Visiting Boats Nights	183	67	167	167	157
Boat Lifts (New 2018)	76 £9,463	63 £7715.35	69 £9,033.62	28 £3,397.00	57 £7,438.33
Quay Side Parking	£6,015,42	£5,617.52	£9,763.75	£9,213.76	£8,469.16
Shop (New 2018)	£21,042.01	£15,943.90	£37,799.73	£24,696.00	£16,641.55
Diving Air Fills	£15,522.68	£13,006.26	£14,134.03	£11,111.69	£26,700.00
Boat Repairs	12,517.06	£6,292.08	£18,158.28	£13,001.50	£7,756.87
Waiting List – Leisure	14	31	37	35	33
Commercial		6	6	6	6
Leisure Moorings (out of 137)	139	139	124	137	134
Commercial Moorings (out of 26)	25	24	26	26	23

- Season ticket and day launches are comparable to previous years.
- Quayside parking is down from last year and options of opening this up to harbour user's and not just launch vehicles are being looked at.
- The shop and boat repairs are reduced compared to last year.
- There are many jobs for boat repairs booked in but there is a large back log waiting for parts.
- The diving compressor usage by commercial divers has increased and continued to be well used.
- Mooring occupancy is currently 97% for private and 100% for commercial.

Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as of end October 2022

	2019	2020	2021	2021 (October)	2022
Season Tickets	39	54	61	61	79
Single Launches	217	213	211	211	249
Visiting Boats Nights	223	185	375	375	412
Boat Lifts	76 £11,248	61 £7450.33	112 £14,722.22	68 £8,307.76	54 £6,991.01
Quay Side Parking	£4,066	£4828.33	£15,535.74	£14,073.23	£17,489.20
Shop (New July 2021)			£6,626.02	£3,455.63	£6,589.17
Waiting List – Leisure	28	24	32	32	33
Commercial		11	11	11	12
Leisure Moorings (out of 206)	177	193	195	195	188
Commercial Moorings (out of 35)	37	34	35	35	35

- Season tickets, day launches have increased compared to previous years.
- Visiting boat nights have seen a good increase and pontoons and visitor's buoys were full on many occasions.
- Quay side parking has been well used and has been seen as a good asset for the harbour user.
- The shop has had a good first part of the year and has already matched last year's income.
- Mooring occupancy is 94% for private and 100% for commercial.

Staff, training and Competency

- Harbour Master post has now been made permanent covering both Bridport & Lyme Regis Harbours
- Assistant Harbour master and Harbour Assistant positions have now been filled at Lyme Regis and we look forward to welcoming Philip Wright and Sam Harding to the team.
- 1 x MCA 4P oil pollution course - November 22
- 4 x MCA 2P oil Pollution course – dates to be confirmed in early 2023

- 2 x First Aid January 23

Harbour Consultative Group

Both groups met in October and minutes from these meetings have been reported upon by the group chairs.

Harbour Revision Order (HRO)

- The HRO's have been held up on a national level by the MCA, and this has now been resolved
- They are due to go to public consultation November

Harbour Works

Both Harbours

- Pontoons have been removed from both harbours and planned maintenance has already commenced, weather permitting this is hoped to be completed before Christmas
- Dredging works for both harbours is being planned for March/April 23

Lyme Regis

Harbour and Fishermen's storage building:

- Estate teams are working with Western Power to resolve the siting of the new substation.
- The building will be able to commence prior to the substation work.
- Asset & Property delivery manager is working on the prelims and contract ready for issue/signing.
- Western Power need to remove a pole from site, and this is currently scheduled for March 23 this unfortunately is holding up a start date as the contractor can't start until this is complete.

Bridport Harbour

Future Projects

- Complete piling in East Basin
- Investigate suitability of developing area at base of original West Pier for moorings or storage/parking

Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

The contract with Marico Marine for the supply of Designated Person services to the harbour finished at the end of September. We now have a new three-year contract with ABPmer to provide this service. James Hannon – Associate Maritime Consultant at ABP who has extensive experience in port marine safety will be Dorset Council harbours designated person.

Aids to Navigation

- No failures have been reported since last committee report.
- Maintenance and painting has been carried on some of the navigation poles with the at sea poles to be completed in early 2023

Maritime and Local Events

Bridport

- West Bay Days are planning to hold all their main events
 - Pirates Day (Platinum edition) 4th June
 - West Bay Day 7th August
 - Bonfire By the Beach 29th October (In partnership with Bridport Roundtable)
 - November 27th will see the switch on of the Christmas tree on the green
- Triathlon 19th June
- Gig Regatta 2nd July Postponed due to weather and went ahead on 16th July
- Power Boat racing 8th -11th July went ahead and was a successful weekend
- Bridport Round Table are planning their Boxing Day swim which hasn't happened since 2018

Lyme Regis

- LRSC will host many sailing events, including Phantom Nationals on 16th – 18th September
- Lyme Regis Lifeboat week 23rd – 30th July Successful week for the RNLI
- Gig Regatta 13th August went very well for the club
- Candles On The Cobb 28th August very well attended event
- Lyme Splash 4th Sept cancelled due to Weather

A full list of events for 2023 is being compiled and we look forward to hosting these future events.