

# Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Advisory Committee  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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## Bridport Harbour Statistics as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23 (August 22)	2023/24 (August 23)
Season Tickets	74	85	82	82	85
Single Launches	504	525	489	422	298
Visiting Boats Nights	67	167	157	123	132
Boat Lifts	63 £7715.35	69 £9,033.62	71 £11,098	30 £3923,33	18 £2,685.00
Quay Side Parking	£5,617.52	£9,763.75	£8,478	£5,432.49	£6,753.71
Shop	£15,943.90	£37,799.73	£26,278.66	£8,336.02	£9,337.94
Diving Air Fills	£13,006.26	£14,134.03	£28,239.16	£11,279.17	£14,256.23
Boat Repairs	£6,292.08	£18,158.28	£13,337.29	£2,886.87	£1,239.78
Waiting List – Leisure	31	37	17	32	24
Commercial	6	6	6	6	6
Leisure Moorings (out of 137)	139	124	124	134	132
Commercial Moorings (out of 26)	24	26	23	23	18

- Season tickets have increased since last reporting and are comparable to last year.
- Day launches are down compared to this time last year, this is due to the weather in July and August.
- Boat lifts look low compared to this time last year this is because many boat lifts were completed before April 1st
- Quayside parking has seen an increase compared to last year but due to the weather is lower than expected.
- The shop has seen an increase from this time last year, we intend to do some winter promotions to keep this going to make up for any potential shortfall from the parts that would be used by the boat repairs.
- Boat repairs are currently down due to the post being vacant.

- Mooring allocation is slightly down compared to this time last year although the waiting list has increased its not with suitable vessels to occupy the current vacant moorings.
- Mooring occupancy is currently 96% for private and 69% for commercial.

# Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23 (August 22)	2023/24 (August 23)
Season Tickets	54	61	79	51	78
Single Launches	213	211	249	207	121
Visiting Boats Nights	185	375	412	410	178
Boat Lifts	61 £7450.33	112 £14,722.22	90 £10,231.01	10 £1,476	33 £4815
Quay Side Parking	£4828.33	£15,535.74	£21,827.13	£9,212.51	£9,054.33
Shop (New July 2021)		£6,626.02	£8753.10	£2,846.75	£4,865.12
Waiting List – Leisure	24	32	20	25	23
Commercial	11	11	11	11	09
Leisure Moorings (out of 209)	193	195	195	188	195
Commercial Moorings (out of 35)	34	35	35	35	34

- Season tickets are comparable to last year.
- Single launches are down due to the weather.
- Visiting boat nights are down due to the weather.
- Quayside parking has been performing well with the new ANPR system which went live on 1<sup>st</sup> July for which the figures are not yet included above an additional 7.5K can be added.
- The shop is also performing well and is up compared to this time last year.
- Mooring allocation is up compared to last year, with a waiting list for mainly larger moorings.
- Mooring occupancy is 93% for private and 92% for commercial.

## Staff, training and Competency

- Completed Courses
  - Sea Survival
  - VHF
  - Power Boat Level 2
- Planned Courses
  - The Harbour Master 3 day course
  - Day Skipper
  - First Aid

## **Harbour Consultative Group**

- Actions from the March meetings are being worked through. Regular contact with the group chairs is being maintained. The next official meeting of the groups is in October where the minutes from these meetings will be brought to the November committee.
- There are planned informal meetings with the groups in September to hold discussions over Asset improvements.

## **Harbour Revision Order (HRO)**

- Concerns raised from the consultation have been responded to and resolved, we are now waiting to hear back from the MMO.

## **Pilotage Review**

- ABP Mer have conducted the review and there is a separate paper covering this with the recommendations later in the agenda.

# **Harbour Works**

## **Both Harbours**

### **Dredging Plans**

- We are working alongside our Project Engineers to bring a dredging and beach replenishment programme together ready for the 24/25 works.

### **Asset Management**

- Both Harbours are currently working on their Asset Management plans
- Full details of these will be available at the November Committee

### **Business Plans**

- The Harbour Business plan in connection with the Asset plan assisted by Dorset Coast Forum will be ready for presentation at the November Committee.

## **Lyme Regis**

### **Harbour storage building**

- National Grid are still waiting for the go ahead from the Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy to remove and relocate the pole.
- National Grid are scheduling works to replace the substation for October. This is still to be confirmed.
- The building contractor was on site from 4<sup>th</sup> September to begin the ground works.
- Completion is estimated to be by April 24

## Slipway Parking

- The slipway parking area ANPR system went live on 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- As already reported with the stats this is performing very well.

## High Wall

- Following the monitoring period of the damaged areas the works were completed to allow the wall to be opened to the public in time for the main summer holidays.

## Bridport Harbour

### Quay Wall

- Quay wall in the West basin is being monitored and more details will be reported on in the FCERM update.
- The area has remained open although surfaces are suffering from subsidence and are being monitored.
- A current schedule of works is being put together.

### Area in front of kiosk

- The area in front of the Kiosk near the George hotel is being improved.
  - Footpath being installed in front of kiosk.
  - The road which was made one way during Covid will return back to two way.
  - This will include the removal of the temporary barriers.

## Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

- An audit by James Hannon our Designated person from ABP Mer took place at Bridport on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, James will be presenting his report later in this meeting.

## Aids to Navigation

- No failures since last reporting.

## Maritime and Local Events

### Bridport

- West Bay Days are planning to hold all their main events.
  - Pirates Day 7<sup>th</sup> May – which coincided with the Kings Coronation weekend.
  - West Bay Day 6<sup>th</sup> August
  - Bonfire By the Beach 28<sup>th</sup> October (In partnership with Bridport Roundtable)

- November 26<sup>th</sup> will see the switching on of the Christmas tree lights on the green.
- Power Boat racing 28<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May
- OMRA – Model boat racing 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June
- Gig Regatta 15<sup>th</sup> July – Cancelled
- Gig Launch “Beacon” 26<sup>th</sup> August
- Power Boat Racing 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September (Additional event)
- Boxing Day swim

#### Lyme Regis

- LRSC will host many events including the OK World’s 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Gig Club - Master’s 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> April, Regatta 21<sup>st</sup> May
- RNLI Lifeboat week 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> July
- Lyme Splash – Water Polo 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> August, Swim 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept