

Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Advisory Committee
6th March 2024



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Bridport Harbour Statistics as of March 2024

- Quayside parking has seen an increase compared to last year.
- The shop has remained steady,

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23 (March 23)	2023/24 (March 24)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	74	85	82	82	85	3.5%
Single Launches	504	525	489	489	404	-19%
Visiting Boats Nights	67	167	157	157	163	3.75%
Boat Lifts	63 £7715	69 £9,033	71 £11,098	71 £9,193	51 £7,785	-32.78%
Quay Side Parking	£5,617	£9,763	£8,478	£8,477	£10,024	16.72%
Shop	£15,943	£37,799	£26,278.66	£21,991	£17,740	-21.39%
Diving Air Fills	£13,006	£14,134	£28,239	£26,900	£23,134	-15%
Boat Repairs	£6,292	£18,158	£13,337	£11,845	£1,683	-126.13%
Waiting List – Leisure	31	37	17	17	9	-61.53%
Commercial	6	6	6	6	7	15.38%
Leisure Moorings (out of 137)	139	124	124	124	110	-11.9%
Commercial Moorings (out of 26)	24	26	23	23	12	-62.85%

- Diving air fills are lower than this time last year with recent weather vessels haven't been able to get out to sea.
- Moorings relinquished 22, new mooring offers made 34 accepted so far 11.
- Mooring occupancy is currently 80% for private and 46% for commercial. Mooring renewals are still in progress and mooring offers are currently being made.

Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as of March 2024

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2022/23 (March 23)	2023/24 (March 24)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	54	61	79	79	78	-1.27%
Single Launches	213	211	249	249	159	-44.11%
Visiting Boats Nights	185	375	412	412	313	-27.31%
Boat Lifts	61 £7450	112 £14,722	90 £10,231	70 £9,151	75 £11,341	6.8%
Quay Side Parking	£4828	£15,535	£21,827	£21,827	£21,541	-1.31%
Shop (New July 2021)		£6,626	£8753	£7,503	£11,772	44%
Waiting List – Leisure	24	32	20	20	14	-35.29%
Commercial	11	11	11	12	09	-28.57%
Leisure Moorings (out of 209)	193	195	195	191	158	-18.91%
Commercial Moorings (out of 35)	34	35	35	34	30	-12.5%

- Season tickets, launches and boat nights remain similar to last time of reporting.
- The shop is also performing well and is up compared to this time last year.
- Mooring relinquishments 21, new mooring offers made 27 accepted so far 4.
- Mooring occupancy is 76% for private and 86% for commercial. Mooring renewals are still in progress and mooring offers are currently being made.

Staff Training and Competency

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

Harbour Consultative Group

- Both HCG met in late January and early February, these have been reported upon by the groups Chairs.

Harbour Revision Order (HRO)

- No further update, still waiting for response from MMO.

Harbour Works

Both Harbours

Dredging Plans

- The dredger arrived In West Bay on 13th February where it was assembled before being transported to Lyme Regis. Works have started on time and both harbours are expected to be completed by the Easter weekend.

Lyme Regis

Harbour storage building

- National Grid completed relocating the cables in December which left BT to move their services from the pole, this was completed on 16th February, BT also removed the pole.
- With the delays to the pole being removed, we have missed our original build slot with the contractor.
- Start date is likely to be March 24
- Completion is estimated to be June 24

Bridport Harbour

Quay Wall

- Works started on 26th February to install a new toe to the Quay wall in the West basin and more details will be reported on in the FCERM update.

Waste/litter

- The harbour is currently working with our waste teams to increase capacity of the litter bins and assist with emptying.
- We will be building housings to be located around the harbour for wheely bins to be stored in.
- When required mainly at weekends harbour staff will be changing the bins over when full.

Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

- Periods of heavy rainfall has seen the flood gates being operated on several occasions, increased usage has caused accelerated silting in the inner harbour at West Bay, options to remove the silt are currently being investigated.
- Regular monthly updates have been maintained with Janes Hannon.

Aids to Navigation

- Aids to navigation were inspected on 6th February 2024.
- Lyme Regis was reported to be in good and efficient order.
- Bridport was also reported to be in good and efficient order except for one unlighted Beacon which requires painting, this will be done soon and reported back to Trinity House on completion.

Harbour Watch Scheme

- Both Harbours will be launching their Harbour Watch schemes in association with Dorset Police.
 - Lyme Regis Saturday 13th April at 10.00am
 - Bridport Saturday 20th April at 10.00am
- Dorset Police Crime Commissioner David Sidwick will open both events.
- There will be representatives from the Harbour Consultative Groups attending giving their members the opportunity to come and speak to them.
- Harbour staff will also be on hand to answer any questions and promote our Harbour services.

Maritime and Local Events

Bridport

- West Bay Days are planning to hold all their events.
 - Pirates Day 26th May
 - West Bay Day 4th August
 - Bonfire By the Beach 26th October
- OMRA Model Boat Racing 15th – 16th June
- Gig Regatta 29th June
- Power Boat Racing 5th – 7th July
- RNLI Raft Race 25th July
- Yeovil Freewheelers (YFW) Blood Bikes Charity Ride 8th September
- Boxing Day swim

Lyme Regis

- RNLI Blessing of the Boats 5th May
- Gig Club Master's Regatta 19th May
- RNLI Lifeboat week 27th July – 2nd August
- LRSC Regatta 3rd – 4th August
- Carnival week 2nd – 10th August
- Gig Club Open Regatta 10th August
- Lyme Splash Water Polo Championship 24th – 25th August
- Lyme Splash Swim 8th September
- Firework and Bonfire Night 2nd November
- New Years Day Swim