

Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Advisory Committee
17th September 2025



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Bridport (West Bay) and Lyme Regis Harbour Master

Harbour Statistics Report

1. Season Tickets and Single Launch Tickets:

Bridport Season tickets remain comparable to last year with a large increase in customers paying per day with day launches.

Whereas Lyme has seen a comparable day launch and an increase in season ticket use.

Earlier in the year we reported that customers were being seen not to buy season tickets due to the weather over the last two years.

2. Visiting Boat Nights

Both Harbours have seen an increase in visiting boat nights.

3. Other Services:

All other services, except for quayside parking, remain comparable to last year.

4. Quayside Parking:

The main increase in quayside parking usage has been attributed to the sale of permits and the good weather recently experienced.

5. Diving Air Fills

The diving air fills look low being 40% down compared to this time last year but with the service still being well used I believe accounts are still catching up with income taken through August.

6. Mooring Occupancy:

Bridport: Mooring occupancy is 87% for private moorings and 73% for commercial moorings.

Lyme Regis: Mooring occupancy is 85% for private moorings and 86% for commercial moorings.

Bridport Harbour Statistics as of August 2025

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25 (Sept 24)	2025/26 (Sept 25)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	85	82	85	66	66	69	4.5%
Single Launches	525	489	404	318	256	337	31%
Visiting Boats Nights	167	157	163	160	132	140	6%
Boat Lifts	£9,033	£11,098	£9,435	£9,285	£4,417.00	£3,304.18	-25%
Quay Side Parking	£9,763	£8,478	£10,024	£13,795	£10,588.58	£8,288.75	-21%
Shop	£37,799	£26,278	£19,313	£17,764	£10,797.17	£9,480.80	-12%
Diving Air Fills	£14,134	£28,239	£23,134	£27,462	£18,768.32	£11,147.89	-40%
Waiting List – Leisure	37	17	9	10	21	12	-14%
Commercial	6	6	7	6	8	8	0%
Leisure Moorings (out of 137)	124	124	110	95	122	119	-2.4%
Commercial Moorings (out of 26)	26	23	12	12	15	18	20%

Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as of August 2025

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25 (Sept 24)	2025/26 (Sept 25)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	54	61	78	51	51	78	52%
Single Launches	213	211	159	181	146	136	-6.8%
Visiting Boats Nights	185	375	313	168	137	186	35%
Boat Lifts	£7,450	£14,722	£11,341	£12,375	£5,130.00	£4,979.60	-2.9%
Quay Side Parking	£4,828	£15,535	£21,541	£61,560	£15,523.05	£54,193.68	249%
Shop (New July 2021)		£6,626	£14,219	£10,825	£6,280.72	£7,259.43	15%
Waiting List – Leisure	24	32	14	13	20	21	5%
Commercial	11	11	09	11	09	09	0%
Leisure Moorings (out of 209)	193	195	158	140	172	169	-1.7%
Commercial Moorings (out of 35)	34	35	34	30	31	30	-3.2%

Staff Training and Competency

We welcome Tom Southwell and Harri Emery to the teams.

Congratulations to Harry Cornwell on completing his apprenticeship!

Over the past three years, Harry has been undertaking the "Workboat Crewmember" apprenticeship, which includes a wide range of maritime training and qualifications. We're delighted to announce that he has successfully completed the course and passed all of his modules. Well done, Harry!

- Completed Course
 - JCB Telehandler
 - Abrasive Wheel
 - Slinger Banksman
 - Diving air filling certificate

- Planned Courses
 - MCA Beach Master's Course

Harbour Consultative Group (HCG)

- Both HCG groups are due to meet, first week of November.
- Minutes from these meetings will be presented by the group chairs at the December meeting.

Harbour Revision Order (HRO)

- There is currently no further update to give. We are hoping to hear some good news after Ashfords meet with the MMO in September.

Port and Marine Facilities Safety Code Audit (PMSC)

- The results of the audit report written by James Hannon will be presented by Ed Carter.

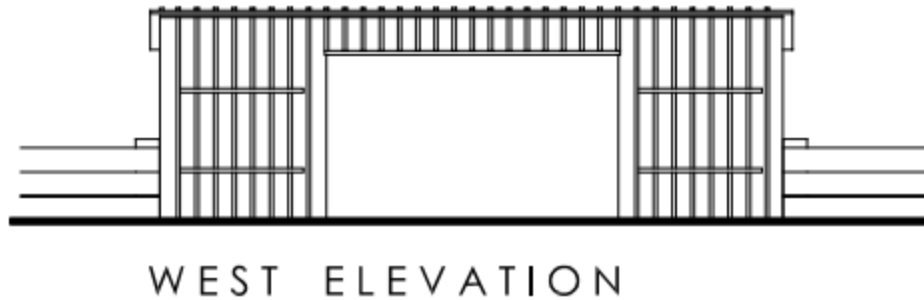
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Bridport Harbour

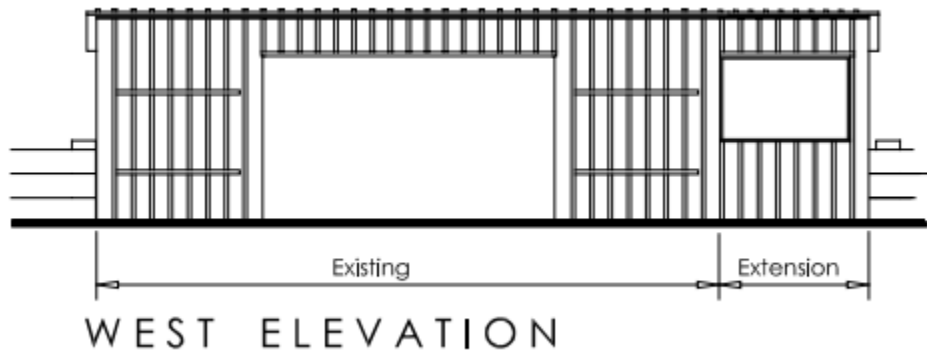
Black Hut Alterations

- The Black Hut needs complete renovation due to most of the timber being rotten.
- The Harbour has received a Planning Decision Notice allowing us under permitted development to remove and rebuild the Black Hut as per the below drawings where you will see the existing and the proposed development.
- The new build will match the existing building where possible.
- The extension is to house a small kiosk to sell Coffee's, Teas and Ice Creams etc.
- It is intended for the kiosk to be staffed by Dorset Council staff with all profits being returned to the harbour.
- The landward side will provide a small changing facility for swimmers.
- Development costs are yet to be received and are not included in the current budget report for this meeting but will be available in the December's meeting.
- Plans are to have the Black Hut rebuilt and kiosk ready to open by March/April 2026.

Exisiting



Proposed



Timber Piling Update

- We will be resuming timber piling operations in November.
- This phase will involve the removal of old and damaged piles, followed by the installation of new piles currently held in stock.
- Subject to weather conditions, the work is expected to take approximately two weeks.

Out of Date Flare Disposal

- As reported at the last meeting the Harbour now receives out of date flares.
- Since starting in June, we have taken in over 366 flares.

Lyme Regis

New Fuel Delivery Service

- Since the new service started in May we have delivered over 3,000 litres in fuel

- Customers have been very pleased with the new service
- A poll carried out of Bridport customers indicated an interest in a similar service. Options and methods to achieve this are currently being considered.

Both Harbours

Dredging

- ABPmer have been commissioned to re-take photos to be used in forming a baseline habitat survey. Photos taken earlier in the year were not of sufficient quality, due to the high levels of turbidity.
- The updated Habitat Regulation Assessments (HRA) will be sent to Natural England for comment.
- It is hoped now that approval will be given for us to complete a trial at both Harbours in early October.
- Depending on the results of the trial a plan to do a full dredge at Bridport/Lyme in March/April will be worked towards.

Newsletters

- Both Harbours have started Newsletters with the first going out in July and another in August.
- Feedback suggest they are being well received with compliments of our new improved line of communication being sent in.
- The Newsletters contains information on
 - Harbour Consultative Groups
 - Events
 - Project updates
 - Harbour Services
 - New Staff
 - Any Proposed Harbour works
 - Polls to gauge customer uptake on new services
- We will continue these monthly throughout the year.



Bridport Harbour Newsletter



Lyme Regis Harbour Newsletter

Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

Currently no recorded accidents or incidents to report.

Aids to Navigation

Trinity House were due to visit in August to complete their audit, but this has been postponed to a later date, yet to be confirmed.

Maritime and Local Events

A full list of a events can be seen below with more event information on our harbour websites.

Bridport

- West Bay Days are planning to hold all their events.
 - Pirates Day 25th May 2025
 - West Bay Day 3rd August 2025
 - Bonfire By the Beach 25th October 2025
- OMRA Model Boat Racing 14th – 15th June 2025
- **Gig Club Regatta 5th July 2025 – Cancelled due to weather.**
- Power Boat Racing 3rd– 4th May 2025
- RNLI Raft Race 24th July 2025
- Paddle out protest 17th May 2025
- Boxing Day swim

Lyme Regis

- RNLI Blessing of the Boats 25th May 2025

- Gig Club Master's Regatta 17th May 2025
- Gig Club Summers Regatta 19th July 2025
- RNLI Lifeboat week 26th July – 1st August 2025
- LRSC Regatta 2nd – 3rd August 2025
- LRSC Summer Regatta 19th July 2025
- LRSC Firefly Nationals Championships 16th – 22nd August 2025
- Carnival week 1st – 9th August 2025
- Twinning Ceremony – 23rd July 2025
- Lyme Splash Water Polo Championship 9th – 10th August 2025
- Candles on the Cobb 24th August 2025
- Lyme Splash Swim 14th September 2025
- Firework and Bonfire Night 5th November 2025
- New Years Day Swim 2025