

Bridport (West Bay) & Lyme Regis Harbours Report

Harbours Advisory Committee
December 3rd 2025



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Bridport (West Bay) and Lyme Regis Harbour Master

Harbour Statistics Report

1. Bridport stats remain comparable to this time last year on all services
2. Lyme Regis has seen an increase in season ticket purchases and the rest remain comparable to last year on all other services.
3. Mooring Occupancy:
Bridport: Mooring occupancy is 86% for private moorings and 61% for commercial moorings.
Lyme Regis: Mooring occupancy is 84% for private moorings and 80% for commercial moorings.

Bridport Harbour Statistics as of August 2025

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25 (Nov 24)	2025/26 (Nov 25)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	85	82	85	66	66	69	4.5%
Single Launches	525	489	404	318	318	370	16.4%
Visiting Boats Nights	167	157	163	160	160	147	-8.1%
Boat Lifts	£9,033	£11,098	£7,785.00	£9,285	£7,252.00	£7,426.70	2.3%
Quay Side Parking	£9,763	£8,478	£10,024	£13,795	£12,913.00	£11,270.00	-12.7%
Shop	£37,799	£26,278	£17,740	£17,764	£13,429.00	£15,668.60	16.6%
Diving Air Fills	£14,134	£28,239	£23,134	£27,462	£23,971.00	£21,355.33	-10.9%
Waiting List – Leisure	37	17	9	10	24	9	-62.5%
Commercial	6	6	7	6	6	6	0%
Leisure Moorings (out of 137)	124	124	110	95	124	119	-4.0%
Commercial Moorings (out of 26)	26	23	21	12	18	16	-11%

Lyme Regis Harbour Statistics as of August 2025

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25 (Nov 24)	2025/26 (Nov 25)	Against Previous Year Profile
Season Tickets	54	61	78	51	51	78	52%
Single Launches	213	211	159	181	181	159	-6.8%
Visiting Boats Nights	185	375	313	168	168	199	35%
Boat Lifts	£7,450	£14,722	£11,341	£12,375	£9,855.00	£8,372.95	-2.9%
Quay Side Parking	£4,828	£15,535	£21,541	£61,560	£22,965.00	£60,536.18	249%
Shop (New July 2021)		£6,626	£11,772.00	£10,825	£8,057.00	£8,834.58	15%
Waiting List – Leisure	24	32	14	13	21	17	-19%
Commercial	11	11	09	11	11	10	-9%
Leisure Moorings (out of 209)	193	195	158	140	183	176	-3.8%
Commercial Moorings (out of 35)	34	35	30	30	34	28	-17.6%

Staff Training and Competency

- Completed Course
 - MCA Oil Spill 4P refresher course
- Planned Courses
 - MCA Beach Master's Course

Harbour Consultative Group (HCG)

- Both HCG groups met in October and November.
- At Lyme Regis we welcomed Sally Holman as the new Chair.

- Border Force attended the Bridport meeting with the intentions to come along to future meetings at both harbours.
- This means both groups will now have representations from external bodies including Marine Police, Neighbourhood Policing Team and Border Force.

Harbour Revision Order (HRO)

- Bridport and Lyme Regis Harbour Revision order has finally been sent to the DfT for their legal review and the laying date in parliament for this HRO will be 15th December 2025, coming into force on 1st January 2026

Harbour Works

Bridport Harbour

Timber Piling Update

- Timber piling work commenced on 3rd November.
- The picture below shows the current work area
- Contractor kept to the agreed timeline
- More timbers than planned were used in this phase, we will seek to purchase further timbers to complete the overall project.
- Plans are being made to progress the next phase in winter of 2026



Both Harbours

Dredging

- Water Injection Dredging (WID) commenced on 10th November.
- Trials will last for 8 tides at Bridport and 2 tides at Lyme Regis.
- Results from the trials will form the way forward for future years.
- At the time of writing this report dredging was ongoing so I will give a verbal update on progress at the HAC.

Accidents and Incidents / PMSC Issues

Currently no recorded accidents or incidents to report.

Aids to Navigation

Inspection of Local Aids to Navigation, Merchant Shipping Act, 1995, Section 198

We are pleased to advise you that the audit of the records of the availability of the local aids to navigation under the management of Dorset Council was satisfactorily carried out on 08/09/2025 by an Officer of Trinity House and everything was found in good order and there were no matters arising which require further comment.

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 Christmas tree switch on 30th November 2025
- Boxing Day swim 2025

Lyme Regis

- New Years Day Swim 2026