



Weymouth Museum
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Weymouth Harbour Authority

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Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of Weymouth Museum Trust to support the recent submission to Weymouth Harbour Authority by the Maritime Heritage Community Interest Company, trading as Coastline Cruises, regarding their request for a discretionary waiver of harbour fees.

The trustees of Weymouth Museum support this request. Coastline Cruises operates vessels which have operated continuously from Weymouth Harbour for over 80 years. These vessels represent a vital part of the town's maritime heritage, having contributed to Weymouth's WWII efforts as well as playing an ongoing role in supporting the local economy and tourism industry. As part of the objectives of Weymouth Museum we seek to preserve the history and heritage of the town, inspiring enjoyment, curiosity and pride in the history of Weymouth. The harbour and its vessels are integral to this. The origins of Weymouth go back to its importance as a trading port and as such vessels of a historic nature need to be protected and preserved for the future. Coastline Cruises is doing just that and hence we support its request for a discretionary waiver of harbour fees for these vessels.

The proposed waiver is intended to help secure the continued operation of historic vessels, including *My Girl* and *Enchantress*, both of which remain active and are greatly valued by residents and visitors alike. The museum is currently helping to discover the history of these boats. They are too valuable an asset to lose.

Yours sincerely

Marcia Pritchard.

Chairman of the Trustees of Weymouth Museum