PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Harbour Master Newsletter

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Welcome

……..to the latest edition of Portland Harbour Authority's Harbour Master Newsletter. It's been a busy start to 2025 which promises to continue into the rest of the year with plenty happening on and off the water.
Please read on to find out more.



New Leisure Manager

Portland Harbour Authority is happy to introduce their new Leisure Manager, Keir Clarke to the team.

Keir has a wealth of experience in all things Leisure, and when you don't see him out on harbour patrols, you will likely see him on the water with his kiteboard or windsurfer.

Keir said "I'm excited to see the harbour buzzing with activity this Summer, practicing safety, and of course having fun!"

Keir's email is k.clarke@portland-port.co.uk



PICTURE: Portland Harbour Authority welcomes new Leisure Manager, Keir Clarke.

Staff Profile

Sam has been with us as an apprentice since 2023, coming up through the Portland Port apprenticeship scheme. Sam recently passed his apprenticeship with distinction and has accepted a full time position with the port as an Assistant Marine Officer.

Sam, hailing from Weymouth, and only 23 years of age, has obtained multiple qualifications since beginning his apprenticeship, notably passing is RYA Yachtmaster exam and Efficient Deckhand course in 2024.

Sam said "I enjoy all aspects of working for Portland Port, from crewing on the Tugs or Pilot boats, or helping out on Harbour Patrols. Everyday is a school day here, and I am learning a tremendous amount."



PICTURE: Sam Stone, Portland Harbour Authority Marine Apprentice

Leisure Q&A

Q: What happens during your Harbour Patrols?

A: In short, we ensure the safety of all Leisure users. That said, we are not designated rescue boats, however, will always attend where we can and if required. We also ensure and encourage Harbour users to purchase their Harbour dues, be they daily, weekly, monthly, annual or seasonal. We work together with all stakeholders: fishermen, divers, sailors, kitesurfers, paddleboarders, kayakers, and sea swimmers to ensure a safe and fun environment for all.

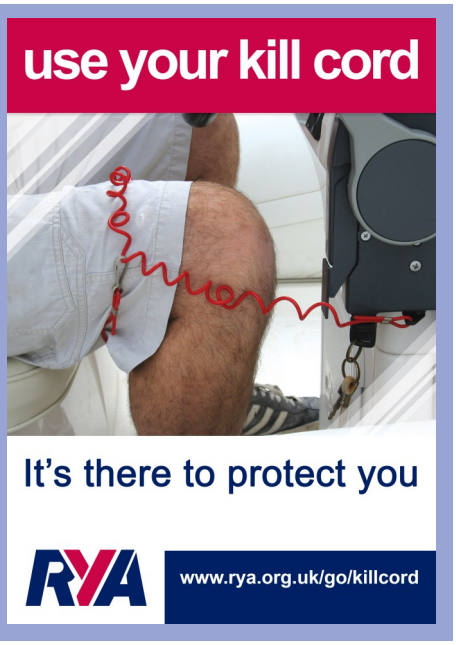
Leisure Q&A cont…..

Q: How do I pay my harbour dues and get my permit?

A: Very easily! We have 3 main agents that will sell permits. The Sailing Academy, 109 Watersports and Bussels Chandlery. These aside you can visit our Leisure Page to obtain them. We can also take payment on the water for those who have simply forgotten to get their dues using the other methods.

There have been no major incidents related to no kill cords in the harbour yet, let's keep it that way.

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR KILL CORD!



Drifters & Moorings

During the storms last year, a few boats went adrift. Upon investigation, it has been concluded 90% occurred as a result of human, or vessel error (i.e. cleats breaking or lines not secured correctly).

We have been working closely with all Mooring Clubs in the harbour, and have established an agreed inspection/replacement routine.

We wish to thank all Mooring stakeholders for their continued support and cooperation in ensuring the harbour remains safe from boats going adrift!



PICTURE RIGHT: Castletown Mulberry Moorings Association (CMMA) displaying their new clump moorings ready for deployment.

New and improved deep water channel beacon in place



New channel beacon has been totally refurbished.

It is now a metal pile rather than wood, incorporating a new windsock base, plus new mountings for navigational lights and a new ladder which should last for decades.

Please note, it is Port property and access to the platform is prohibited.

Speed buoys going back in for the season

From April, harbour users will notice that the 6 knot speed limit buoys will be in position around the harbour. Please continue to work with us and maintain a safe speed inside these areas.



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