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FISHING PERMISSION APPLICATION FOR 2026

CUSTOMER DETAILS

Mr/Mrs/Ms	**Forename**	**Surname**
Address		
Town	**County**	**Postcode**
Email		**Telephone**

BOAT DETAILS

Vessel Name	**Fishing Number**
Vessel Length Overall	**Normal Home Mooring**
Vessel Description	**Sticker Number (office Use)**

WHICH AREAS WOULD YOU LIKE TO FISH?

Portland Harbour EXCLUDING the Hamm Beach*	
Portland Harbour INCLUDING the Hamm Beach*	**Please call 01305 825338**

***See Harbour Masters Direction No1 of 2024 for definition of 'Hamm Beach Fishing Area'**

1. Permission is required for laying and lifting of Prawn and Lobster pots within 150 metres of the breakwaters and fishing with surface nets in the Inner Harbour.
2. Pots shall only be laid/lifted in accordance with paragraphs 5 & 6 overleaf.
3. The fees as detailed below must accompany this application.
4. The fishing vessel must be clearly marked with its name and fishing number.
5. Breaching any of these conditions may lead to the removal of fishing gear and being liable to prosecution.

CHARGES

Fishing Permission Administration Fee £47.05 per year (inclusive of VAT)

NOTE: If Annual Port and Harbour Dues for vessels are purchased then there will be a 50% reduction in the above charges.
Plus: Port and Harbour Dues as applicable to LOA of vessel

Portland Harbour Radio operates on CHANNEL 74

CONDITIONS OF FISHING PERMISSION

1. Fishing Permits are issued annually, terminating on December 31st.

2. Breaching any of these conditions may lead to the removal of fishing gear and being liable to prosecution.

3. All fishers are warned that large vessels and powerful tugs operate in the harbour. Fishing gear laid in areas where commercial shipping operations take place may be damaged or destroyed by being sucked into propulsion units. Portland Harbour Authority does not accept any liability for any damage to fishing gear laid in the harbour. Any fishing gear that is likely to become an obstruction to any vessel or mooring will be removed without notice.

Extract from The Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997, Schedule 1, Part V Paragraph 43

1. Any person fishing in the harbour shall comply with directions given to him by the harbourmaster
2. Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) below, no person shall fish –

   (a) in the main fairways.
   (b) in the controlled area.
   (c) within 150 metres of the harbour premises.
   (d) by trawl, nets, or dredges within 100 metres of the line of any cable or pipe laid down in the harbour; and
   (e) with surface nets in the inner harbour, except with the written permission of the harbour master.

3. No person shall fish in Newton's Cove-

   (a) by trawl or dredges, west of a line drawn due north from "C" Head to the northern limit of the harbour; or
   (b) by nets west of a line drawn 026° (true) from Torpedo Pier to the northern limit of the harbour.

4. With written permission of the harbour master a person may lay and lift prawn and lobster pots at the following locations-

   (a) on and within 150 metres of the seaward side of the Inner Breakwater.
   (b) on and within 150 metres of the seaward side of the Outer Breakwater.
   (c) in and within 150 metres of the landward side of the Outer Breakwater between Beacon E and the South Ship Channel but excluding any area for the time being marked by the buoys as set aside for a fish farm;
   (d) on and within 150 metres of the North-eastern Breakwater and the Northern Arm; and
   (e) within 150 metres of the harbour premises lying to the south of the Inner Breakwater.

5. With written permission of the harbourmaster a person may lay and lift prawn pots and within 150 metres of the landward side of the Outer Breakwater between Beacon E and the southern side of the jetty at Fort Head, but excluding any area for the time being marked by buoys as set aside for a fish farm.

6. No person shall cast or place any drift, trawl or other net in such a position as to be likely to become an obstruction or danger to any property including in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any vessel or mooring.

7. All surface set nets and such other apparatus and equipment, which could impede surface navigation in the harbour, shall be attended at all times.

8. All markers used to indicate the position of fishing equipment shall be clearly marked with either the owner's name or boat registration number.

   Additionally, all surface set nets are to have additional floats along the surface line ensuring they are clearly visible to all water users. Failure to adequately mark surface nets could lead to the withdrawal of Fishing Permit.

   Fishers who wish to fish the Hamm Beach Fishing Area are subject to the following additional regulations.

9. All fishers must be a member of the Hamm Beach Fishing Group and be in possession of a Portland Harbour Authority Fishing Permit.

10. The use of bottom nets is prohibited.

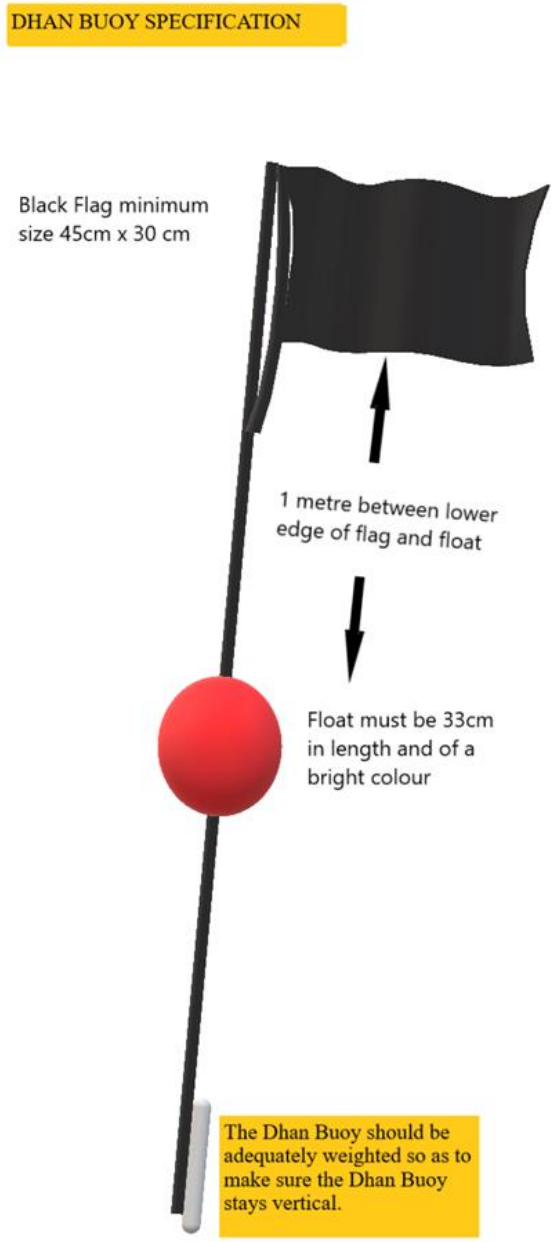
11. Daytime Surface Netting is allowed if the net is attended at all times and the net is marked with an Dhan Buoy at each end. All net floats should be of a visible bright colour.

12. Night time netting is allowed if attended at all times and both Dhan Buoys are lit with yellow lights flashing every five seconds. (Sunset to Sun rise)

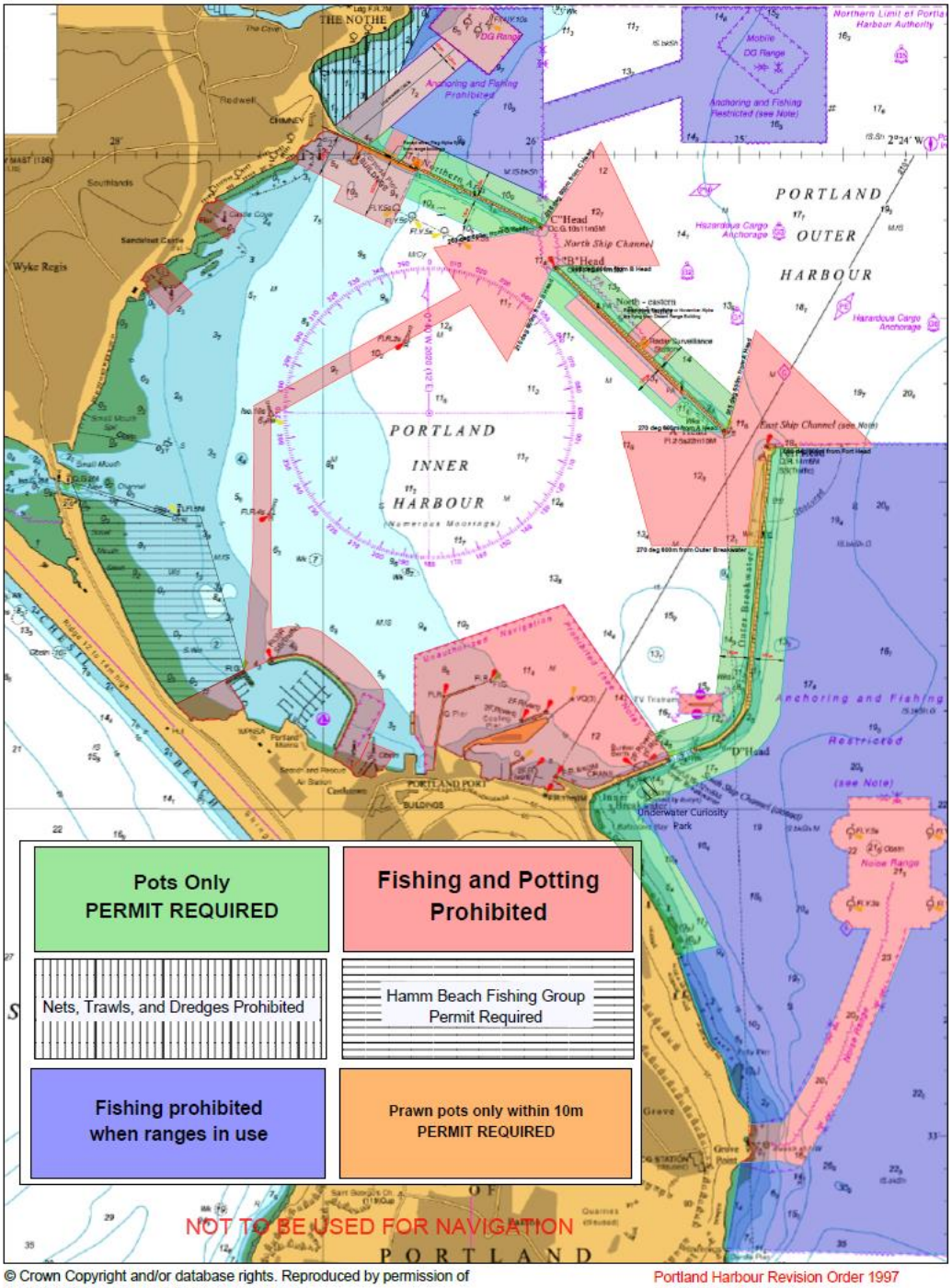
13. The fishing vessel must show lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)

14. Pot Buoys should be of Pink/Red colour and of A-1 size minimum and be clearly marked with boat name or number.

15. Dhan Buoy floats should a minimum of 33cm in length. Flags will be black in colour and sized 45cm x 30cm, and with a minimum gap between float and lower edge of flag, of 1 metre. The Dhan Buoy should be adequately weighted so as to make sure the Dhan Buoy stays vertical.



Portland Harbour Fishing Restrictions



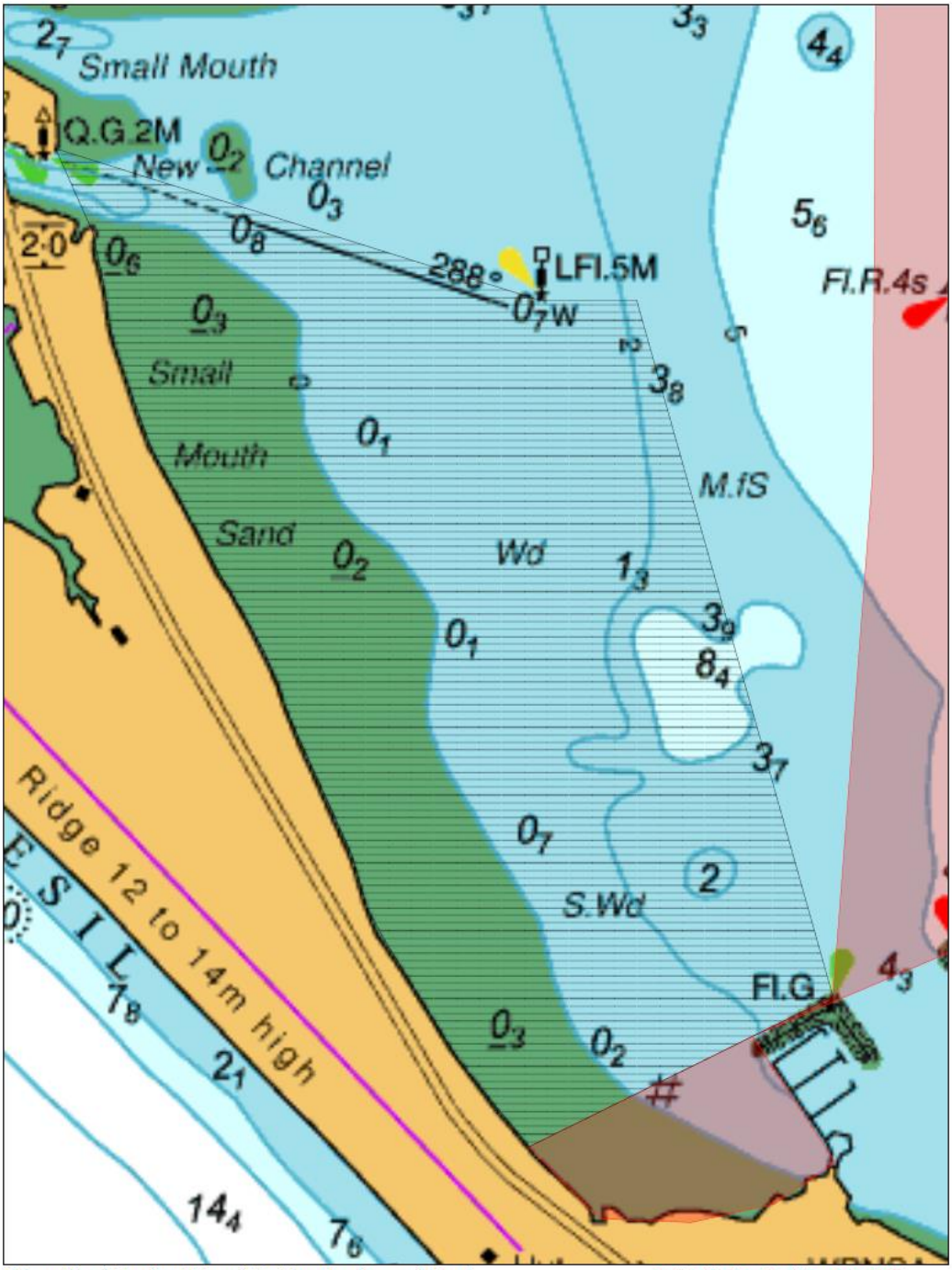
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Permit Area



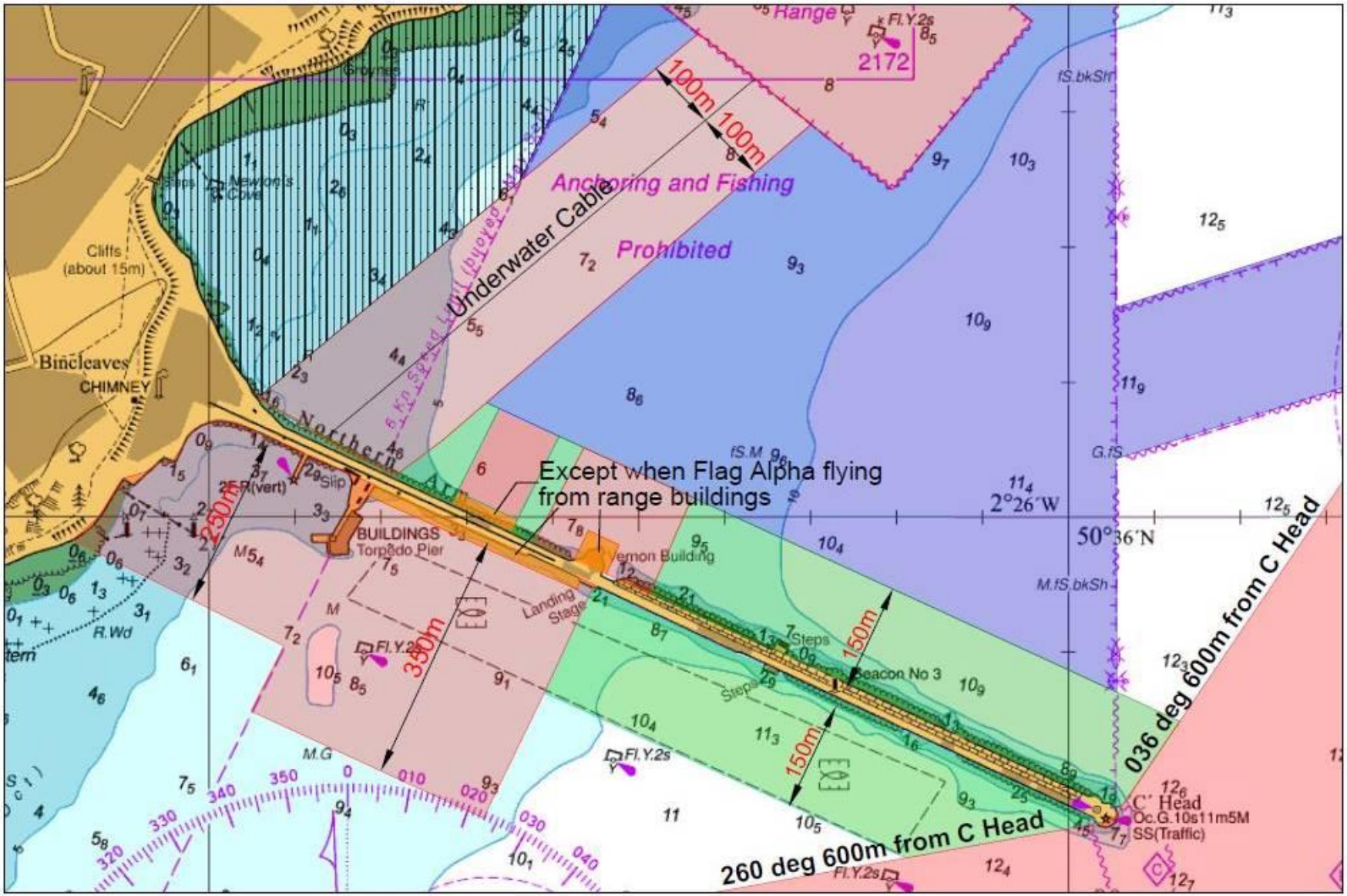
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