



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS

MOORINGS POLICY - 2008

PHC will:-

1. Continue to manage all the moorings in the Harbour, negotiating with Crown Estates as required.
2. Demand stricter requirements by way of evidence of appropriate insurance and adequate maintenance from all private mooring holders.
3. Require a statement from all yacht clubs, mooring contractors and trusts to the effect that they have adequate insurance and undertake appropriate maintenance.
4. Phase out deep water private swinging moorings by natural wastage, offering the tenancy of a contractor's mooring subject to availability.
5. Reduce shallow water private swinging moorings by natural wastage, but continue to allocate a limited number of new mooring holders at the Harbour Master's discretion to fill some of the vacancies created by default or through relinquishment by the owner.
6. Phase out moorings in environmentally sensitive areas.
7. Limit moorings in recreationally busy areas and reduce in number or re-locate where appropriate.
8. Take increased share for block moorings.
9. Encourage shore side pontoon berths in appropriate locations.
10. Continue to take a firm stance on unauthorised and unmarked moorings in the harbour.
11. Move private moorings by mutual agreement into "private blocks" for ease of monitoring and inspection.
12. Not allow any further private moorings in the quiet areas of the harbour.
13. Levy a differential charge for unoccupied moorings.
14. Assume first option to buy a block mooring business from the owner on a commercial basis when he wishes to sell.
15. Seek to make more effective use of appropriate deep water areas for deep water moorings.



16. Negotiate a practical solution for the relocation, ownership and maintenance responsibilities for moorings in Holes Bay displaced because of the Poole Second Bridge.
17. The current total of swinging moorings (2008) is 2427. Monitor and review the moorings policy and numbers on an annual basis with a view to enhancing recreational boating opportunities having due regard to safety, the environment, availability and demand.
18. Consider a 5 year licence to replace the annual licence for block moorings where appropriate.

Nothing in this moorings policy shall subvent existing harbour byelaws regulations, regulations or terms and conditions.