



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS  
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS  
POOLE HARBOUR

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FISHING/OBSTRUCTING MAIN NAVIGATION CHANNELS

Poole Harbour Commissioners' Harbour Patrols have taken a pragmatic view on vessels fishing in the navigation channels. However it has been clear in recent weeks that fishermen/anglers drifting in the Harbour Entrance, and the Swash, have impeded, or have had the potential to impede, other vessels in the channels and more stringent application of the rules is required.

Byelaw 2d states "Vessels may not wilfully be permitted to drift in a fairway for the purpose of fishing or any other purpose."

Byelaw 2c states "Persons or vessels engaged in fishing with nets, lines or trawls shall not obstruct with their vessels or gear any channel or fairway used by vessels."

When traffic levels are high, with many recreational as well as commercial vessels in transit in the Harbour Entrance, fishermen and anglers must take particular care not to drift in the fairway and to keep to the edges of the channels so as not to impede traffic.

PHC patrol vessels will be taking action in accordance with this notice.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Peter Booth'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

PETER BOOTH  
HARBOUR MASTER