

Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) is the moorings licencing authority for Poole Harbour. To this end, it is Board policy that PHC shall:

1. Manage Poole Harbour moorings in accordance with Articles 9, 10 and 11 of the Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries Poole Harbour Revision Order 2012.
2. Continue to licence all the moorings in the Harbour, negotiating with Crown Estates as required.
3. Demand stricter requirements by way of evidence of appropriate insurance and adequate maintenance from all private mooring holders.
4. Require a statement from all yacht clubs, mooring contractors and trusts to the effect that they have adequate insurance and undertake appropriate maintenance through provision of annual inspection reports.
5. Phase out deep-water private swinging moorings by natural wastage, offering the tenancy of a contractor’s mooring subject to availability.
6. 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.
7. Phase out moorings in environmentally sensitive areas.
8. Limit moorings in recreationally busy areas and reduce in number or re-locate where appropriate.
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.

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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 they wish to sell.
15. Seek to make more effective use of appropriate deep-water areas for deep water moorings.
16. Monitor and review the Moorings Policy and numbers on a regular basis with a view to enhancing recreational boating opportunities having due regard to safety, the environment, availability and demand.
17. Ensure guidance on appropriate top gear is shared by mooring operators to their mooring holders, to minimise this most frequent cause of mooring breakaways

Nothing in this Policy shall subvert existing Harbour Byelaws, General Directions, regulations or terms and conditions.

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