

COVID 19 MARINE UPDATE

Mariners are hereby advised that, further to LNTM 19/2020 (13th May) and LNTM 20/2020 (14th May), we have now received additional guidance and clarification from the UK government.

You should follow the [COVID-19 guidance](#) if you own or operate a boat in England and use it for: leisure, recreation, sport, pleasure, commercial uses and retail.

You must not stay overnight on any boat, unless it's your [primary residence](#).

PRIVATELY OWNED LEISURE BOATS

You may use your privately owned boat (both powered and non-powered) for [non-essential travel on waterways](#).

You should:

- Follow relevant navigation authority guidance
- Meet all licensing requirements

Navigation authorities may not allow leisure travel on their waterways until their teams have carried out safety inspections and maintenance.

MARINAS

Marinas may open to allow people to visit and move their boats. Marinas should have measures in place to ensure [social distancing](#).

You are allowed to visit venues like a marina for exercise. You should only do so in the following ways:

- Alone
- With members of your household
- With 6 people from different households (including yourself) as long as you can remain 2 metres away from them and stay outside

You should check ahead to ensure that these facilities are open and prepared to receive visitors. You should not gather indoors with anyone from outside your household.

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CANOE AND OTHER PADDLE CRAFT HIRE

Facility managers can decide whether or not they hire out equipment, including canoes and other paddle craft. Operators should:

- Follow COVID-19 precautions and clean everything after each user
- Follow [government guidance on water sports and sharing equipment](#)

SELF-DRIVE DAY BOAT HIRE AND BAREBOAT CHARTERS

You can hire self-drive boats or charter a bareboat for the day only. You should only hire or charter a boat with people from your own household or support bubble.

Operators should:

- Apply appropriate social distancing measures, including during boat hand over
- Clean boats between users
- Set up and follow cleaning and waste removal routines after each hire for all handrails, indoor surfaces, and toilets or bathrooms

SKIPPERED DAY-BOAT HIRE AND SKIPPERED DAY CHARTER HIRE

Operators should not allow skippered day boat hire or skippered day charter boat hire.

HOLIDAY BOAT HIRE (SELF-DRIVE AND SKIPPERED)

Operators must not allow hire or charter holiday boats with overnight stays.

TOURIST BOATS AND TRIP BOATS

Tourist and trip boat operators must remain closed. For updates, operators should read the [government guidance on ticketed leisure venues](#).

HOSPITALITY BOATS

Cafes, restaurants and bars on boats must remain closed, other than for take-away. For updates on hospitality, operators should read the [government guidance on hospitality settings](#).

PASSENGER FERRIES

Read the guidance on [safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

WATERWAYS REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE BUSINESSES

Waterways repair and maintenance businesses can be open.

Operators should:

- follow social distancing requirements
- ensure the safety of staff and customers
- [assess the risks from COVID-19](#) as soon as possible
- Operators should use this risk assessment to identify any further improvements that might be needed

WATERWAYS NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL BUSINESSES

Waterways non-essential retail businesses can reopen from 15 June.

Operators should:

- put social distancing measures in place
- [assess the risks from COVID-19](#) as soon as possible

Operators should use this risk assessment to identify any further improvements that might be needed.

Thank you to all for your patience during this unprecedented time and please continue to follow government guidance, especially regarding social distancing.

Mariners are reminded that radar, telephone and VHF Channels are recorded.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Watersport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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