

### COVID 19 - MARINE UPDATE

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, England has again entered a state of national lockdown with restrictions in force from 0001 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Poole Harbour Commissioners (PHC) continues to consult with the relevant government departments through the British Ports Association and UK Harbour Masters Association to seek clarification of the current national restrictions with regards to marine activities.

### FURTHER ADVICE

We advise that you should reference the latest information contained at the following links during this lockdown period:

[UK Government website](#)

[RYA Advice for recreational boaters](#)

[Sport England](#)

[British Marine Corona Virus Hub](#)

### OPEN PORT DUTY

As Statutory Harbour Authority, PHC is subject to what is known as "Open Port Duty". This means that the Harbour must be open to anyone, "for the shipping and unshipping of goods and the embarking and landing of passengers", on payment of the rates and other conditions set by the Board. Therefore, Poole Harbour and the Port of Poole remains open at this time and commercial shipping will continue to operate as usual.

**Mariners are reminded that radar, CCTV, 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.

**CAPTAIN BRIAN MURPHY  
HARBOUR MASTER**

All Local Notices are available on the PHC website:

[www.phc.co.uk/leisure/harbour-control/local-notice-to-mariners](http://www.phc.co.uk/leisure/harbour-control/local-notice-to-mariners)