

## **Local Notices to Mariners**

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Subject	COVID-19 – Use of Locally Registered Recreational
	Vessels - UPDATE

Recreational boat owners are strongly advised to continue to respect an individual's personal space, regular hand washing and good respiratory hygiene practices whilst using vessels. These are all important measures that will continue to minimise any viral or bacterial infection spread across the Bailiwick. Surfaces and objects that are touched regularly on vessels should be frequently cleaned and disinfected thoroughly using appropriate products and equipment on board.

Recreational boat owners (using any type of vessel, whether motorised or not) can use their boats in Bailiwick of Guernsey waters for recreational purposes subject to the latest conditions:

- The latest weather and shipping forecasts have been obtained and the vessel has been checked and lifesaving equipment is inspected thoroughly before putting to sea. This should include ensuring that all boat systems and engines are operating correctly and all equipment is in date and operating as it should. This is particularly important in order to minimise the need for our emergency services to be mobilised potentially placing them and you at risk.
- Boat owners are not limited to a defined period of water-based activities so as long as they remain in Bailiwick waters.
- Marina or berthing facilities in Alderney, Herm and Sark are subjected to seasonal opening times. Mariners should check the opening times and the availability of mooring or berthing facilities of Alderney, Herm and Sark before embarking on a voyage.
- Skippers and crew of any vessel that makes landfall outside the Bailiwick of Guernsey are reminded that they must observe Customs regulations, obtain clearance from the Guernsey Border Agency on their return, and will be required to carry out any

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self-isolation requirements in line with current regulations that are in force in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

• These requirements have also been published by the Guernsey Harbourmaster via Local Notices To Mariners (LNTM). Vessel owners are required to check the latest local notices regularly for updated instructions and changes, before putting to sea, using Guernsey Harbours' website:

http://www.harbours.gg/Guernsey-NavigationWarnings-Notices.

These are also published on the Guernsey Harbours' social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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