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HARBOUR INFORMATION NOTE

2008/2009 HARBOUR CHARGES

Harbour users are reminded that vessels are not permitted to use Langstone Harbour without exhibiting a current Harbour Plaque (**BLUE in 2008**) indicating that harbour charges have been paid. The Harbour Master operates patrols in the harbour for the purpose of enforcing this requirement and vessels not showing the appropriate plaque are liable to prosecution pursuant to the Board's following powers:

Section 12 (The Langstone Harbour Revision Order 1985)

Charges payable to the Board as a harbour authority shall be so payable subject to such conditions as the Board may from time to time specify in their published list of charges, including any condition that charges or particular charges shall be deemed not to have been paid unless there is affixed to such part of the vessel in respect of which the charge has been remitted as may be so specified such mark or notices as may be supplied by the board as evidence of payment.

Section 13 (The Langstone Harbour Revision Order 1985)

- (1) The several charges which the Board are for the time being authorised to demand, take and recover in respect of vessels and goods under any enactment shall be payable before the removal from the harbour of any vessel or goods therein in respect of which they are payable.
- (2) Charges payable to the Board shall be payable by the owner or master of any vessel or (as the case may be) the owner of any goods in relation to which the charges are payable.
- (3) Where charges payable to the Board may be recovered by them from more than one person, the said persons shall be jointly and severally liable.

Section 43 (Harbours, Docks & Piers Clauses Act 1847)

If the master of any vessel or the owner of any goods evades payment of the rates payable to the undertakers in respect of such vessel or goods, or any part thereof, he shall pay to them three times the amount of the rates of which he shall so have evaded the payment, and the same shall be recovered from such master or owner respectively in the same manner as penalties imposed by this Act are directed to be recovered, or by action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 44 (Harbour, Docks & Piers Clauses Act 1847)

If the master of any vessel in respect of which any rate is payable to the undertakers refuse or neglect to pay the same, or any part thereof, the collector of rates may, with such assistance as he may deem necessary, go on board of such vessel and demand such rates, and on non-payment thereof, or of any part thereof, take, distrain, or arrest, of his own authority, such vessel, and the tackle, apparel, and furniture belonging thereto, or any part thereof, and detain the matters so distrained or arrested until the rates are paid; and in case any of the said rates shall remain unpaid for the space of seven days next after any distress or arrestment so made, the said collector may cause the matters so distrained or arrested to be appraised by two or more sworn appraisers, and afterwards cause the matters distrained or arrested, or any part thereof, to be sold, and with the proceeds of such sale may satisfy the rates so unpaid, and the expenses of taking, keeping, appraising, and selling the matters so distrained or arrested, rendering the over-plus (if any) to the master of such vessel upon demand.

**IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE CHARGE APPLICABLE
TO YOUR VESSEL PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE HARBOUR
OFFICE**

Harbour Manager