

# LANGSTONE



## HARBOUR BOARD

### COVID-19 AND RECREATIONAL BOATING

We have been advised by DEFRA that “all forms of water sports practiced on open waterways, including sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, surfing, paddle-boarding and the use of privately-owned motorised craft (in line with the guidance issued by the relevant navigation authority) are allowed”.

Except for the temporary closure of the public slipways at the harbour entrance no recreational boating restrictions have been imposed by the harbour authority. However, participation in recreational boating is still at all times subject to the following Government guidance, requiring social distancing to be maintained even when afloat:

**“You may participate in water-based activities as an individual, household group, or as a pair of two people from different households who are socially distancing (i.e. you should keep 2 metres apart)”.**

The harbour is likely to become much busier as the weather improves and the public slipways re-open. Please have regard to the following Government advice when planning your visit:

1. Stay at home as much as possible
2. Limit contact with other people
3. Keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
4. Avoid public gatherings of more than 2 people
5. Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms

Please ensure that your craft is well maintained and that you use it within the limits of your abilities. Rescues pose a risk to both the casualty and the rescuer and there is likely to be reduced rescue response capacity in the Harbour.

Harbour Master  
14 May 2020

**TO SEE THE LATEST GOVERNMENT ADVICE ABOUT CORONAVIRUS VISIT**

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Go to [www.langstoneharbour.org.uk/boating-notice.php](http://www.langstoneharbour.org.uk/boating-notice.php) for a full list of  
Local Notices in force.