

# LANGSTONE HARBOUR BOARD

Keeping a boat in the harbour

# PLAY SAFE!

**W**elcome to Langstone Harbour. By following our tips for safety and observing harbour regulations you will assist in keeping the harbour as a place for everyone to enjoy. Langstone Harbour is an area of international importance for nature conservation. To help protect our valuable wildlife and to preserve the important habitats of the harbour, please use the harbour considerately.

## Mooring Safely

- Make sure your mooring strop or pick-up chain is strong enough to hold your boat in all conditions
- Use suitable leads for your ropes to avoid chafing
- Do not lengthen your mooring lines unnecessarily. Your boat may foul its neighbour
- Assess the tidal flow in your mooring area and use a suitable tender
- Check your moorings regularly

## Regulations

*it is an offence to:*

- Occupy an unauthorised mooring
- Lay an unlicensed mooring
- Evade payment of harbour charges (s.43, HD&PC Act)
- Moor a vessel in the harbour unless it is registered with the Harbour Master (Byelaw 49)
- Transfer ownership without notifying the Harbour Master
- Abandon a vessel on the shore of the harbour

Whether you occupy a tidal (drying) mooring or a deep water (swinging) mooring it is important to familiarise yourself with conditions likely to prevail while your boat is moored in the harbour

The Harbour Master patrols the harbour to ensure that vessels are properly identified.

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In Langstone Harbour you can enjoy life afloat at your own pace. There's room for everyone and, if you're lucky, a mooring to call your own. Don't let lack of information or misunderstanding spoil your enjoyment of this beautiful harbour. Here are some questions you should answer before you take up your mooring.

- Does it matter if your boat takes the bottom (mud) during part of the tidal cycle? (We have both Tidal and Deep Water moorings)
- If you do not wish to take the ground— what is the minimum depth of water you require?
- Where will you store your tender? (Sailing Club, Harbour Board, Home or elsewhere)
- Can you row to your boat or will you need an engine? Remember that the tide in the main channels is strong and a long row against the tide may be the last thing you need after a day sailing
- Will you be able to attend your boat regularly to ensure its safety?
- Will the boat need to be stored ashore during winter?
- Can you afford not to insure your boat?

The Harbour Master & his staff will be pleased to help you with any questions you may have regarding your mooring in Langstone Harbour. If you are applying for a new mooring we can provide advice and other services (Tel: 023 9246 3419)



The Harbour Master operates a patrol launch within the harbour limits for the main purpose of byelaw enforcement.  
**IS YOUR HARBOUR CHARGE PLAQUE CLEARLY DISPLAYED?**  
**IS YOUR VESSEL ON THE CORRECT MOORING?**

If you require any further harbour information please contact the Langstone Harbour Office on 023 9246 3419

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