

Coleraine Harbour

Notice to Mariners

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UPDATE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS.

The Harbour has been complying with government lockdown guidance in regard to the Covid-19 emergency. On 18th May new government guidance was issued in respect of 'Outdoor Activity.'

'Outdoor activity where social distancing can occur, and people do not touch shared hard surfaces can also proceed' Arlene Foster – First Minister

This guidance now permits a relaxation of some of the current controls at the Harbour. It is important to recognise that while some restrictions are being relaxed, we remain in a state of national emergency and some restrictions will still apply.

As a result, access to the Harbour will re-commence on Thursday 21st May at 11am.

- Access to boats stored outdoors will be possible between the hours of 8.00am and 10.30pm.
- Boats located in transit sheds will only be accessible between 8.00am and 6.00pm.
- Boat owners or others are not permitted on the Harbour site after 10.30pm
- Overnight stays on the Harbour premises are specifically not permitted.

The safety of our staff and customers remains our first priority and this easement will only be possible with adherence to safe practices in relation to **social distancing, the avoidance of contact with shared hard surfaces and all other relevant safeguards prescribed by government.**

- Visitors to the Harbour MUST maintain a minimum of 2 metres distance between themselves and others at all times.
- All common areas with hard surfaces should be avoided particularly in storage sheds and therefore access to toilets, water taps, lights and door switches, work benches and other shared hard surfaces will not be permitted.
- Customers should only use those electrical power points allocated to them and should not share these with others.
- Access to the entrance areas of the Harbour Office will not be permitted but customers may direct enquiries to the Harbour Office via the weighbridge window.
- There will be no access to tools or other equipment from Harbour staff.
- Though not compulsory at this time, customers are encouraged to wear masks in order to further protect themselves and others.
- Boat owners are requested not to extend their daily visits to more than four hours per day.

Customers seeking a launch date should speak as soon as possible with the Harbour Master to arrange same.

Owners should ensure that their berth or mooring is available for their use before launching their vessel.

Please be aware that there is likely to be a significant demand for this service and that while we will do our utmost to accommodate every request this may not always be possible.

PLEASE REMEMBER.

- If you are feeling unwell or show any Covid-19 symptoms, do not come to the Harbour.
- If any member of your household has Covid-19 symptoms, then you should self-quarantine for 14 days. You should not come to the Harbour.
- If you exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 within 3 days of a visit to the Harbour premises, then please inform us so we can then take the appropriate precautions.

The Harbour Staff and Harbour Commissioners are grateful for your continued support and patience during this period of national emergency and we will be seeking to support all boat owners to allow them to complete any prelaunch maintenance and to get boats back on the water as soon as possible.

This notice will be regularly reviewed, and updates will be published as the situation develops.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Lisa McLaughlin - Harbour Master

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