

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL

SALCOMBE HARBOUR – KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS NO 05 OF 2020

COVID-19: Guidelines and Operational Parameters

This guidance replaces and cancels LNTM NO 04 OF 2020 (issued 7th April 2020)

Salcombe Harbour Authority is adjusting its stance in line with recent Government guidance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 but allow for the reopening of public spaces and activities **from Wednesday 13th May 2020**. This includes the ability to spend time outdoors for recreation including unlimited exercise or sport, where (unless from the same household) social distancing can be maintained.

Boatman: Operating between 09:00 and 16:30 daily. Monitoring VHF Channel 14.

Harbour Office: Physically closed but we are monitoring our email salcombe.harbour@swdevon.gov.uk and phone 01548 843791 Mon-Fri 09:00-16:30.

Out of Hours urgent contact: 01803 867034

In an emergency at sea or along the coast: 999 and ask for the Coastguard

Harbour Taxi: Restricted availability/capacity to prevent overcrowding a particular trip and remove waiting or queueing. Advanced booking is essential by phone or email, half hourly between 09:30 and 16:00, daily. Monitoring VHF channel 12 and mobile 07807 643879.

Government Guidance: www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-guidance-on-access-to-green-spaces

Use of Resident Craft: The use of craft for the purpose of exercise, sport or general recreation/leisure, allowing people to spend time outdoors, is now acceptable. This is only to be conducted by persons from the same household. Commercial operators may also work afloat, facilitating those wishing to enjoy the harbour where they can do so safely, fishing operations will continue along the same lines. Should you wish to use your craft please bear in mind each step of the process and how you can maintain social distancing, especially whilst accessing pontoons or landings which might become busier than normal as people venture out, as well as making every attempt to remain safe and reduce the chance of requiring assistance. Our pontoon landings are generally not over 2m wide and cannot be adjusted however their layout does provide for passing places, please observe the pontoon you wish to access, anticipate having to use extra precautions, use common sense and be patient.

Please note that the toilet facilities will not be re-opening at this time.

Visiting Craft from sea: The Harbour remains closed to visiting yachts as government guidance is clear that, apart from day trips, leaving your home - the place you live - to stay at another home for a holiday or other purpose is not allowed. Guidance from the Department for Transport includes:

- Commercial Seafarers arriving into the UK will be exempt from the new quarantine measures to be introduced in the coming days.
- Resident recreational mariners undertaking local cruising on trips less than 24hrs will be exempt from quarantine measures unless arriving from a non-UK Port.
- Any non-commercial / recreational seafarer arriving into a UK Port, Harbour or Marina shall not be exempt from quarantine and shall be treated as a visitor / passenger into the UK.

Vessels arriving into Salcombe from sea should make contact with us in advance to clarify their situation and therefore the suitability of their travel. The amount of assistance and correspondence we provide will be limited in line with current government social distancing guidelines. The skipper and crew of such vessels are required to follow the same government guidance in relation to COVID-19 to protect themselves and others they may come into contact with.

STAY ALERT – CONTROL THE VIRUS – SAVE LIVES

This LNTM is valid until further notice.

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