



The Poole Yacht Club

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Dear Berth Holder

You'll recall we wrote to you all back in the Spring on the subject of haven usage and berth blocking. We were overwhelmed with the positive response we received, it seems our initiative was long overdue. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those berth holders who were proactive in addressing either the condition of their boats and/or usage, and in some cases opting to relinquish their berth and make use of the reduced fee to place their boats ashore, pending a sale. As a result six members are now enjoying and making use of a berth for the first time.

Whilst this was a successful first step to ensure the haven is utilised to its full extent across the season, it was primarily the smaller berths that were vacated. Letters have recently been sent to some with larger berths encouraging them to consider the condition of their boat and/or usage of their berth.

It has been highlighted that managing the yard over the winter haul out period could be more efficient. Some members, despite good weather, don't start work on their boats until several weeks in to their eight week ashore period. Alternatively, members booking an eight week ashore period quite often complete their work well within time, returning to the water sooner than expected, which is great, thank you. These scenarios however, leave us with space in the yard which occasionally stands idle, waiting for the next boat to come ashore at its requested date. To enable us to make more efficient use of the yard across the winter haul out season we plan to reduce the allocated time ashore. October–March will be max. six weeks, March and April will be max. four weeks (any boat overstaying the allocated periods will be subject to penalties). This should result in more flexible use of the yard and an ability to better accommodate members requested dates to come ashore. We'll monitor the effectiveness of the change over this coming winter and adjust as necessary going forward.

Another area the Yard and Haven Committee plan to address before next season are the charges levied for time ashore in the summer. We have slightly adjusted the differential between summer and winter fees to discourage boats from spending time ashore in the summer months, reducing car parking, unless absolutely necessary.

On a final note can we remind all berth holders that outboard engines should be stowed vertically or removed. Any not stored vertically should be covered to protect other haven users and will be included in the LOA of the craft for allocated berth eligibility.

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