



# PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED

## Local Notice to Mariners

**No 32/2023**



### **USE OF FISHING POT & NET MARKER BUOYS**

Masters of all vessels undertaking fishing activities within Portland Harbour Limits are reminded of the following extract from The Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, hereby makes the following byelaw for that District.

#### *Marking of Nets*

*(15) Any net used within the District must be marked at each end by a marker buoy that is above the water so as to be clearly visible at all states of tide.*

*(16) All marker buoys, used to mark a net, must be clearly marked in a colour contrasting with the surface on which they are displayed with:*

*(a) where a license to fish under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (c.84) is held, the port letters and numbers of the vessel using that net; or*

*(b) where a license to fish under the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 is not held, the name of the vessel using that net; or*

*(c) where a vessel is not used, the initials and surname of the person using that net.*

*(17) All letters and numbers shall be displayed as high above the water as possible on the marker buoy so as to be clearly visible.*

*(18) The letters and numbers displayed on the marker buoy shall not be effaced, altered or allowed to become illegible.*

Consecutively, Masters of all vessels undertaking fishing activities within Portland Harbour Limits are reminded of the following extract from The Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997, Schedule 1, Part V Paragraph 43

*All markers used to indicate the position of fishing equipment shall be clearly marked with either the owner's name or boat registration number.*

*All surface set nets and such other apparatus and equipment, which could impede surface navigation in the harbour, shall be attended at all times.*

Additionally, all surface set nets are to have additional floats along the surface line ensuring they are clearly visible to all water users. Failure to adequately mark surface nets could lead to the withdrawal of Fishing Permit.

**Breaching any of these conditions may lead to the removal of fishing gear and being liable to prosecution.**

Full terms & conditions relating to 'Permission to Fish' can be found at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/fishing>

LNTM No 23/2017 is hereby revoked

*This notice is issued under the powers vested by the Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997.*

Captain M Shipley  
General Manager (Marine)  
13th December 2023

Owners, Agents, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.