



Dart Harbour Newsletter

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We wanted to make you aware that we are introducing a new registration fee for moorings licenced to leisure berth holders with category A, B, C and main boat pontoon berths. Commercial, dinghy pontoon/rack berths, running moorings and mud berths will not be affected.

The purpose of this change, is to improve the timely allocation of moorings that are given up by existing licensees to customers on the waiting list. The introduction of a registration fee should encourage those who wish to give up their mooring, to let us know in good time, so that these berths can be allocated to those on the waiting list in good time for the April to March berthing year.

In the current process, late give ups are not offered to the waiting list and are allocated as temporary berths, since many on the waiting list will have already made alternative arrangements for their boats and it would be unfair to offer the berths to those low down on the list.

In order to get a picture of how many of our customers want to give up their moorings in January, we will be invoicing relevant berth holders for a registration fee of £200. This should allow the moorings, of those who do not

wish to register for a DHNA mooring in 2018, to be reallocated to the highest person on the waiting list prepared to take the mooring. Once this invoice is paid, the £200 will be taken off the main invoices that are sent out at the beginning of March, so there will be no difference to the overall cost for the year. We would greatly appreciate it if those who do wish to give up moorings could let the harbour authority know as early as possible.

The new terms and conditions will include similar clauses (currently being finalised) to those shown below:-

a. Mooring licences commence on 1 April and expire on 31 March of the following year unless the licence is for an alternative period.

except that if before the expiry date:-

- 1. The Authority has sent to the licensee a retention letter and request for a registration fee; and*
- 2. the licensee has within the period specified by the Authority, paid the registration fee indicating that he/she wishes the licence to continue; and*
- 3. the Authority has subsequently sent to the licensee an invoice demanding the licence fee (less the registration fee) for the year commencing immediately after the expiry date; and*
- 4. the balance of the licence fee demanded is paid before the due date,*

then the berthing licence shall be deemed to run for a further 12 months period (or such alternative specified period) immediately following the expiry date.

b. Unless a berthing licence is renewed as mentioned in paragraph (b) above then it will expire on the expiry date of the 31 March or such alternative date as is specified.

These letters and invoices will be sent out on 2nd January 2018, so please keep an eye on your email inbox. If you know that your mooring is covered by these new conditions and you do not receive an invoice in early January, please make contact with us.

If you have already made a decision to give up your mooring for the 2018/19 berthing year, please do let us know before we send out the renewal letters and invoices.

Harbour Charges for 2018/19

At the Annual Meeting, held on Wednesday 6th December the harbour charges for 2018/19 were announced.

Decrease

Some key decisions taken by the Board this year have resulted in a reduction in fees for some customers.

Yacht Taxi fares 50% reduction!

Visiting yachts may benefit from cheaper berthing fees than walkashore marinas, but their costs can rise considerably by using the yacht taxi to come ashore. The Board took the decision to cut all these charges by 50%, which will make coming ashore cheaper and help to reduce the crowding on the limited dinghy facilities.

Harbour Dues for vessels without propelling machinery and vessels less than 4m LOA FREE!!

We will be adjusting our tariffs for all vessels under 4m and invoices will be reduced for 2018. If you have a vessel larger than 4m, but which has no mechanised propelling equipment, please make contact with us, so we can adjust your tariffs. We will also make this clear on our invoices in March.

No increase

- Annual and Visitors' Harbour Dues and Visitors' buoyage

3.9% Increase

Other fees and charges will be increased in line with RPI.

- Pontoon berths
- Trot and swinging moorings
- Dinghy and rack berths
- Hire of vessels



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