

Oil Pollution Incident

Update - Use of the water for recreational activities from 00:01 5th April

Further to LNTM No. 9/2023, mariners are advised that the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has revised previous guidance and no longer advises against recreational use of the beaches and waters within Poole Harbour limits.

Fin Fishing can resume; however, restrictions are still in place for shellfish. The latest updates regarding fishing will be posted on the SIFCA website at <https://www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/>

Mariners are requested to keep clear of Ower Bay and any sightings of oil on the water or shoreline should be reported to Harbour Control on 01202 440 230 or by email to pooleharbourcommissioners@phc.co.uk

A NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) restriction remains in place for Poole Harbour until the 9th April and commercial drones are being used as part of the response. All other drones should avoid the area.

Frequently Asked Questions are available to view on the Poole Harbour Commissioners website at <https://www.phc.co.uk/oil-spill-frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>

Regular press releases will continue to be issued to news channels and posted on social media platforms.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

CAPTAIN BRIAN MURPHY
HARBOUR MASTER

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www.phc.co.uk/leisure/harbour-control/local-notices-to-mariners