

## PHT Moorings and Watercraft Policy

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This Policy aggregates the existing requirements into one document as part of a programme to adhere where possible to the Port Good Governance Guidelines. Additionally, version 0 reflects a change in policy with respect to Cradles, Jet-skis and Multi-hulled vessels.

### Moorings

Permanent moorings are in the inner harbour. Temporary moorings are available in the outer harbour but these are only suitable for short term stays in good sea conditions. Because the harbour is tidal all permanent moorings are drying moorings. Moorings are organised in ranks with a maximum vessel length allocated to each rank.

### Watercraft

PHT will consider applications for all types of watercraft. However, for other than commercial fishing boats it is unlikely that vessels longer than 27' can be accommodated. Similarly, to maximise the availability of moorings it is also unlikely that larger multi hulled recreational vessels (e.g. catamarans) can be accommodated but applications will still be considered.

All vessels must be equipped to moor safely on a drying mooring (e.g. bilge keels, support legs, cradle). This should be explained in the application for moorings.

There is also limited storage space for Canoes / Kayaks adjacent to the Harbour and applications should be the same as for other types of watercraft.

### Watercraft competence requirements

Owners of all watercraft must demonstrate basic competence in vessel handling. For vessels 24' and above a recognised qualification (e.g. RYA dayskipper) or minimum 5 years prior experience is required. Any applicant for a Jet Ski must have passed RYA personal watercraft proficiency or equivalent for all proposed users. Applicants for other watercraft that do not have qualifications or experience are encouraged to contact someone who will give basic training. PHT will endeavour to help if needed and please note this in your application where applicable.

### Responsibilities of Watercraft Owners with respect to Moorings

- Owners are responsible for provision of all ropes, chains and sinkers. Floating ropes should not be used. For support in digging new sinkers please contact the Harbour office (polperroharbour@outlook.com).
- Owners are responsible for regular checks of the integrity of their moorings.

Watercraft moorings of the correct type and integrity are essential to safe harbour operations. If, in the opinion of the harbour master, a vessel requires replacement moorings the owner must arrange without delay. PHT reserve the right to replace moorings to the correct standards and invoice the owner for costs incurred.

- Owners should ensure that their vessel is kept clean and, in a sound, presentable condition.
- Owners must treat fellow owners, harbour visitors and Harbour Officials with respect and courtesy. PHT has a zero-tolerance policy in this respect.

- Owners must pay their mooring fees and any other fees applicable within the allocated timescale.

#### Harbour stores

A limited number of stores around the harbour are available to rent. Unless covered by a separate agreement these are only to be used for storage or workshop use associated with harbour activities. As with moorings priority for stores will be given to commercial fishing vessels.

Store users must comply with the following requirements:

- Insurance of contents. PHT accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.
- Store users are responsible for payment of business rates or other charges as applicable.
- Stores should be securely locked when not in use.
- Hazardous materials such as flares, fuel, gas and solvents should not be kept in the stores. Outboard motors should be drained of fuel before storage.
- Stores must be kept in clean and tidy order. In particular, flammable materials such as wood, cardboard or paper must be stored safely.
- Stores cannot be sub-let without prior written agreement of PHT.

#### How to apply for a mooring, store or kayak storage

Please submit your application in writing to the Harbour Office, Mawdsleys Rooms, The Warren, Polperro, PL132RB. For watercraft moorings please state vessel type and length, type of vessel support and owner qualifications / experience. Applications from persons who are not permanent residents should also nominate who would be responsible for the vessel when they are not in the village. For stores please state intended use. For Kayaks please advise model and length.

The Harbour Master will review applications and submit recommendations to the Trustees. Please note that priority will be given to registered commercial fishing vessels. All applications will be considered on a case by case basis. In particular any application for a vessel with a supporting cradle will need to consider the cradle type and the views of vessel owners adjacent to the potential mooring.

Applications will either be accommodated, put on a waiting list or rejected and the Applicant will be advised accordingly.

#### Change of watercraft owner or change of watercraft type.

If a vessel is sold to a different owner it should not be assumed that the new owner can retain it at the same mooring. A new mooring application should be submitted.

Similarly, if an owner wishes to replace a vessel with a different type and wants to use the same mooring then a new mooring application is also required.

In both cases the Trustees will endeavour to accommodate the requests. However, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. to allow access for a commercial fishing vessel or where the owner has not complied with his/her responsibilities) it may be necessary to allocate a different mooring, put the application on a waiting list or refuse permission.

#### Annual renewal of Moorings and stores

Moorings are reviewed and renewed on an annual basis. Owners of boats in the harbour will be sent a renewal invoice and also asked to confirm that they have insurance cover for

their vessel. Moorings will be renewed subject to ongoing compliance with this policy. In the event of a major non-compliance the Trustees will advise the owner in writing giving 28 days' notice to remove the watercraft from the harbour.

Likewise, stores are reviewed and renewed on an annual basis unless there is a separate agreement. Stores will be renewed subject to the users ongoing compliance with the relevant requirements.

Moorings fees in excess of 6 months overdue may result in the owner losing the mooring. PHT retains the right to retain the vessel until outstanding dues are paid and in extreme circumstances sell the vessel to pay for outstanding dues.