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On the wind ...

Bembridge Harbour Authority News
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December opening hours - the Harbour will be manned on a reduced basis over the main Christmas and New Year Bank holidays.

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BHA Team:

Ken Oatley - Office
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Sarah Salter
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Norman Forrest

Diary Corner

The next meeting of the **Bembridge Harbour Advisory Group (BHAG)** will take place on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 0930 at the Harbour Office.

We'd like to wish all our Customers and Harbour Users a very peaceful and Happy Christmas from everyone on the Harbour and BBS Teams.

FREE Visitor Berthing

Visitor berthing on the Duver pontoon will be free on 25th/26th December and 31st December/1st January, but please book in advance with the Berthing Office before 21st December ...

Progress on sewage treatment for Houseboats

The Lawful Development Certificate (LDC), legally formalising the houseboat area within the Harbour, has finally been granted by the local planning authority, recognising the historical precedent. The next part of this two-stage process is the resubmission of a planning application which includes some in-fill houseboat plots, together with the free installation of individual sewage treatment facilities for some of the older houseboats.

New mid-Harbour pontoons

To cater for the increasing popularity of mid-Harbour pontoon berthing, the Harbour has purchased additional pontoons for the 2019 season.



Oil Spill Training Exercise in the Harbour

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) Beach Supervisors Training Course held in the Harbour in November was attended by representatives from the EA, Natural England, National Trust, BHA, local clubs and PCs, the RNLI, Island Roads, Amey and authorities and organisations from across Hampshire.

It included the deployment of inflatable booms, effectively closing the Entrance Channel and protecting the inner harbour from incoming oil. This was the first such training exercise in Bembridge, with the invaluable knowledge gained further informing oil spill contingency planning.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Samuelson, who has been presented with an RYA Volunteer Award by HRH the Princess Royal, President of the RYA, in recognition of his commitment to the RYA's South Region.

Mike has fulfilled many key roles including Secretary of Bembridge Sailing Club, Hon Sec of Bembridge Harbour Users Group, Bembridge Lifeboat Deputy Launching Authority, Operations Manager and currently part of the local Visits, Education, and Community Safety Team. Mike's numerous endeavours have helped countless people to learn to sail safely and enjoy the sport at all levels.



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