

AGM March 2021
Mooring Report for year 2020

We currently have 3 Moorings in use, 2 for members and the club mooring

One mooring (N6) was restored from winterising by the owner, and used for his boat (Finn King) for most of the season. It was subsequently winterised when the boat was removed in September 2020. The club mooring was left winterised and hence will not require inspection in March 2021. The remaining mooring (S7) was left with a support buoy in place, but no boat – which means it will require inspection in March 2021 if the owner plans to use it.

Take up of club moorings continue to be low for the reasons previously mentioned – ie lack of tender storage and lack of parking. An additional problem is that potential mooring holders tend to approach me in Feb/March asking for a mooring. This is far too late as inspections will either have been completed or well under way. I basically need to know of interest and a commitment to take a mooring in November/Early December in order to get the inspection booked and all necessary equipment (Chains, ropes and buoys) ordered to have them fitted during the inspection – which the potential mooring holder has to commit to and pay for in advance. All of these problems are caused by us having sea-bed chains whose maintenance and implementation require the use of a commercial dive company. Health and Safety regulations imposed by the Portland Harbour Authority require a dive-boat and dive team costing around £2,000 per day. For this reason, we have to co-ordinate our inspections with the other mooring organisations in Portland Harbour and have all of the moorings inspected at the same time. It is totally impractical to have individual moorings inspected in isolation.

A change in the contract conditions by the Crown Estate agents means we will be invoiced £60 for at least one mooring every May even if no moorings are taken up. In the event we have at least one mooring, then the charge will be just for the usable mooring.

At present we (the club) make a charge on each mooring holder of £50 per season for making use of the large sea-bed chain, which the club installed in 2001, and for the club administrating the mooring inspections and maintaining a register of the mooring details. It is not planned to change this fee.

As a result of the club mooring remaining in its winterising state during 2020, and not requiring inspection in 2021, it will be restored in the spring 2021 for club members to use providing the Covid restrictions permit.

We will continue to assist any club member who wants to use our moorings, and also to look very carefully each year at the financial viability of the club mooring.

Michael Gregory
Mooring Officer
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