



# Notice to Mariners

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: REVISIONS TO THE USAGE OF THE MOORING FACILITIES ON HA'PENNY PIER TO MANAGE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS

To manage the current Covid-19 virus outbreak we have revised the mooring usage on Ha'penny Pier with immediate effect and until further notice.

Vessels can continue to use the berths in accordance to the areas marked on the map (below) and the pontoons will be manned by staff where possible from 30 March 2020.

No charges will be collected from mooring vessels, but we will not be offering visiting sailors' access to our toilet and shower facilities. The security gate leading to the pontoons will also remain open at all times.

Larger vessels carrying more than 20 passengers will be discouraged from visiting during the time that we have a Covid-19 mooring restriction in place.

All visiting sailor should adhere to the guidance notices that are placed across the pier in support of restricting the spread of Covid-19.

### **Leisure vessels**

Moorings cannot be booked in advance as we operate on a first come first served basis. Be advised that vessels may be double or triple berthed if the mooring facility is busy and prevailing conditions are suitable.

As shown on the diagram below, the outside berths are prioritised for larger vessels and the inside berths are predominately for smaller crafts. Leisure vessels must not moor in the harbour ferry or unloading areas, which are clearly marked on the map.

### **Fishing vessels**

Fishing vessels are restricted to using the unloading area of the pontoon, which is clearly marked.

### **CCTV**

The area around the Ha'penny Pier pontoons is monitored by CCTV 24 hours a day.

## Adhering to notices

Please adhere to the warning signage in the pontoon area at all times. Do not remove temporary No Mooring signs in any circumstances. The re-fuelling area – marked on the map – is for the exclusive use of the area's fishing vessels. Mooring in the area is strictly prohibited at all times.

## Available water supply

A water tap is located on the inside of the sea defence wall at the entrance of Ha'penny Pier, which is the property of Tendring District Council – 01255 686868.

## Access during bad weather

The mooring facility is affected by both wind and tides and sometimes it might not be possible to use the facility. During challenging conditions, the bridges between pontoons will be raised to protect them from damage. In such situations skippers should consider the pontoons closed.

Skippers should always ensure that their vessels are securely moored with fenders in place. Our pier master is always happy to advise about wind, tide and mooring conditions.

## Warnings

Harwich Haven Authority accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any vessel, its contents or injury to any person using the facility.

Vessels entering the pontoons are advised to navigate with caution – due to floating moorings – and keep to the port side when entering the pontoons.

Captain M Dunn

Harbour Master

