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# On the wind ...

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**December Hours**

BHA and BBS Office opening hours will be reduced during December.

Berthing staff will be on site daily - see news item. The Water Taxi service will not be available.

COVID-19 safety measures remain in place.

**BHA Team:**

Ken Oatley - Accounts Manager  
Gordon Wight - Operations & Safety Manager  
Accounts Assistant: Erin Bradley

**Berthing Masters:**

Jack Miskin - Senior BM  
Olie Matthews

**Berthing Office/Galley Locker:**  
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**BBS Team:**

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*Harbour and BBS staff would like to wish all customers a very Happy Christmas*

## Update on dredging

The winter dredging programme has given the Duver pontoon and the area around Bembridge Boat Storage, the deepest overall dredge for a decade. Tying this in with slight adjustments to the finger berths, introduced to enable safe social distancing, and the creation of a dedicated rally area, we have been able to regain lost capacity to now accommodate circa 130 boats, depending on LOAs.

## Entrance Channel

In July we commenced an on-going dredging programme with JS Aggregates, starting at the neck of the Harbour going northwards from Bembridge Point. The existing aggregates yard is being utilised for sand and aggregate in transit only, for grading and washing elsewhere, resulting in a much quieter environment. Impressive results have been achieved to date along the eastern side of the Channel.

## Port Marine Safety Code

An External Audit was carried out during December, focussing on significant aspects as required by the PMSC and associated Guide to Good Practice on Port Marine Operations. It was found that BHA continue to meet these requirements and a Certificate of Compliance was awarded. The "very professional stance on all aspects of what the PMSC is designed to achieve" was noted, as were the "continual improvements being made to manage the safety of the harbour ...". This accolade is testament to the ongoing efforts of the whole team, and in particular to our Operations and Safety Manager, Gordon Wight, who masterminds the entire process.

## December Staffing

As a result of the latest guidance on Covid, we are taking the opportunity for staff to have some well-deserved time off. Daily site and safety inspections will continue, including on all pontoons with warps and fenders being checked. When the offices are closed the duty phone will be in operation. Visiting boats are welcome and can book online as normal. Please contact us in advance for advice or for any queries, by phone or email.

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