



NOTICE TO ST CATHERINE'S DEEP-WATER MOORING HOLDERS

Under the Harbours (Administration) (Jersey) Law 1961, 4B Provision, etc of moorings; the Harbour Authority is charged with the responsibility for managing moorings within the limits of harbours listed within the schedule.

The deep-water moorings at St Catherine's fall within the St Catherine's harbour limits and under the Harbour Authority administration.

If you have a mooring within these limits and it has not been registered with the Harbour Authority, this is an invitation to do so by the 14th August 2022.

Any moorings identified after this date, which have not been registered with the harbour authority, will be removed as part of work to protect this valuable area that supports a wealth of marine life - *please see appendix to this notice for more information*. The laying of new or extra moorings will be controlled or prohibited going forwards so it is important to declare any unregistered mooring(s).

ST CATHERINE'S, LITTLE ST CATHERINE'S AND ARCHIRONDEL HARBOURS



ST CATHERINE'S, LITTLE ST CATHERINE'S AND ARCHIRONDEL HARBOUR LIMITS

A -	49° 13.480'N	002° 01.098'W	Root of St Catherine's Breakwater (N side)
B -	49° 13.529'N	002° 01.063'W	100m off breakwater Pt A
C -	49° 13.380'N	002° 00.595'W	100m off breakwater head (N side)
D -			Circle radius 100m off breakwater head
E -	49° 13.290'N	002° 00.700'W	100m off breakwater head (S side)
F -	49° 12.740'N	002° 01.371'W	East tip Archirondel Point MHWS

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We have written separately to every registered mooring holder within the area outlined in GREEN. If you have a mooring within this area, and have not heard from us already, **you should register your mooring before 14 August 2022.**

To register your mooring with the harbour authority please use this QR code or contact the marine leisure office on 447708.



Please note, moorings should be marked with a buoy that has the vessel registration displayed on its surface for identification purposes.

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Appendix | Bay of St Catherine seagrass protection project

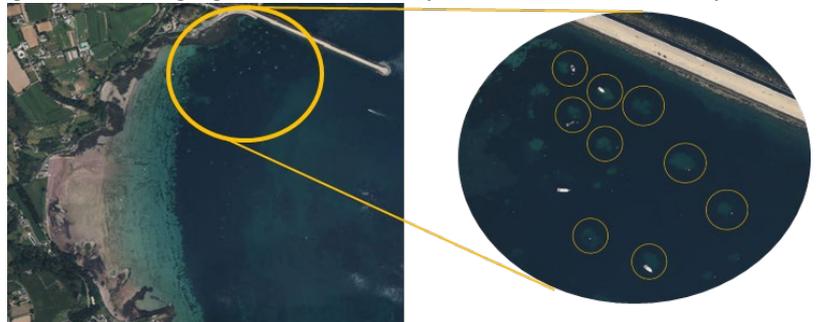
The bay of St Catherine's supports a wealth of marine life; one of significant importance is the seagrass beds that have established in the area and reported to be the largest site around Jersey's coastline.

Seagrass, along with being a vital nursery, provides shelter for marine fauna and at LW important feeding grounds for wildfowl and other birds. It is also recognised for its blue carbon, calculated to absorb carbon 35 times more than tropical rainforests.



Studies have highlighted that traditional mooring systems and anchoring cause significant damage to the seagrass and erosion to the seabed by the mooring chain, damaging the benthic ecosystems within the vicinity.

Satellite imagery taken in July 2021, clearly indicates areas of erosion around moorings in the seagrass beds. The average area of damage caused by a mooring is 100m² and the largest area identified is 350m² (based on 2021 aerial image).



OUR MISSION is to ensure that we are protecting this special and biodiverse rich habitat allowing the seagrass meadow to flourish, not just for the here and now, but for future generations.

THE PROJECT GOALS are to ensure there is mutually beneficial management of the area through consistent and adaptive administration of moorings within the deep-water site and to afford protection for the marine environment encapsulated within this area through the following methods:

1. Ensure all moorings are identified and accounted for.
2. Gradually reduce the overall number of moorings within the deep-water site
3. Establish a no anchoring zone and visitor moorings where possible
4. Remove any unused moorings
5. Protect the seagrass beds as a valuable habitat for many marine ecosystems and for its recognised 'blue carbon' status.

A working group has been established consisting of the following:

- Ports of Jersey (PoJ)
- Government of Jersey Marine Resources-Environment Dept (MR)
- Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC)
- Blue Marine Foundation (BMF)
- St Catherine's user group (SCU)

Collectively working together with users of the bay to protect this valuable area.