



Consultation on the Proposed Port/ Pilotage/VTS Limits for St Helier and Associated Guidance/Restrictions. Summary of Responses and Minutes of Public Meeting.

1. A consultation on the proposed Port/ Pilotage/VTS Limits for St Helier and associated Guidance/Restrictions closed on 30 August 2013 and a public meeting was held in the Albert Terminal, Gate 3 on 4 Sep 13 at 1900.

2. Attendees at the public meeting were:

Barry Goldman (Chair) - Jersey Harbours (BG)
 Peter Moore - Jersey Harbours (PMM)
 Peter Lawrence – Jersey Harbours (PRL)
 Adrian Lakes – Jersey Harbours (ARL)
 Piers Baker – Maritime Regulator (PB)

Mike Smith – Fisheries (MS)
 Stan Richard-Dit-Leschery - Condor Ferries (SRDL)
 Peter Donne Davis – STHBOA (PDD)
 Paul Bizac – JFA (PBZ)

3. The table below summarises the comments received and the Jersey Harbours responses as amended at the public meeting. These responses were considered and agreed by the Marine Resources Panel on 16 Sep 13.

Ser	Proposal	By	COMMENT	JERSEY HARBOUR RESPONSE
1	New port limits for St Helier		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
2	Revised pilotage limit for St Helier		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
3	Revised St Helier pilot boarding and landing positions		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
4	Revised Pilotage Limits for Gorey		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
5	Revised Gorey pilot boarding and landing position		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
6	Establishment of a VTS Area	Public meeting	VHF Ch 14 should be the required working channel throughout the VTS area.	To be promulgated

7	VTS Reporting Points	Captain S Richard-Dit- Leschery - Condor	Questioned need for outward reporting at Noirmont	Marks the departure from confined waters so would wish to introduce this change. <i>Note: Corbiere RP should have been expunged from the chartlet which leaves final report on leaving the VTS Area</i>
		Captain S Richard-Dit- Leschery - Condor	Questioned need for changes to existing reporting in SE corner (Demie)	There is a need to report on entering the VTS area (except HSC).
		Captain S Richard-Dit- Leschery - Condor	Sought clarification of 10 minute requirement from Demie for reporting	No Change – (PEC arrangement for HSC)
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	No need for crossing 49 9 north when giving 10 minutes notice at Demie	As above
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	Passing Corbiere is sufficient time for entering zone. Suggest 1'WNW of Corbiere	There is a need to report on entering the VTS area. <i>Note: Corbiere RP should have been expunged from the chartlet.</i>
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	If going east about the island, might use Gorey reporting points	Noted
		Public meeting		a) Noirmont both directions – change to be introduced. b) Required calls when entering and leaving the areas. c) Corbiere both directions to be expunged in favour of entering area from NW corner. d) PEC/HSC 10 mins from Demie and passing Demie will still be acceptable e) Outward clearance for PEC/HSC is still acceptable f) All other vessels when entering and leaving the area.

8	Establishment of Anchorages		No comment received	Consultation proposal will be adopted
9	Prohibition of setting of Pots or Nets in the approach channels	Captain Peter Falla - Condor	Classifying approach channels as fish conservation areas might be way forward	Not supported – this is a navigational safety issue. However, Fisheries may wish to note.
		Public meeting	There are a number of comments relating to the channel which need to be considered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On balance, a restricted width of 1 cable (200 yards/187m) either side of the channel centreline as marked on the chart is considered appropriate and will be introduced. However restriction will apply to the setting of nets and the position of pot markers. Pots strings themselves may be set within the channel as long as the associated marker does not encroach. This will place an onus on fishing vessels to obey rule 9 c and not impede the passage of other vessels navigating within the fairway. - A variable width is not considered practicable. It is considered that only the two main approach channels should have restrictions applied. - It is considered appropriate to include in addition that part of the precautionary area that lies to the south and west of the harbour approach channels. - Store pots in the Small Roads would be excluded - Restrictions can only apply within port limits which exclude proposals for extension of the restrictions on nets and pots beyond these limits.
		Captain S Richard-Dit-Leschery - Condor	In order to accommodate two vessels passing prohibition of fishing gear to be 150m each side of line, but would accept 100m	See above
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	On Western Passage 100m on north side is ok, but would like to extend further south for sea room	See above

		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	Suggest Western Passage extended to Passage Rock Area	See above
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	Suggest line extends from Ruaudiere Buoy to Hinguette Buoy and Tetards	See above
		Captain Peter Falla - Condor	Include Eastern Passage inner [part, between Demie and 9 and 11s.	See above
		P Donne Davis – HonSec STHBOA	Fully support restriction on placing of pot markers in or near channels	Noted
		P Donne Davis – HonSec STHBOA	STHBOA do not consider 100 m each side of leads as adequate. Suggest 150m	See above
		William Simpson – St Helier Boat Owner	Prohibit laying of fishing gear within 200m each side of leads.	Confirms the concerns already expressed by others.
		Arthur Manning – St Helier Boat Owner	Concerns over pots laid in area south of Grune du Port and Diamond Buoys	See above
		Andrew Courtness – St Helier Boat Owner	Support for proposal to prohibit laying gear in channels	Noted
		Matthew Clarke – St Helier Boat Owner	Support for proposal to prohibit laying gear in channels	Noted

		William Simpson – St Helier Boat Owner	Believe the laying of pots and nets in approach channels to St Helier is a very serious problem	See above
		Matthew Clarke – St Helier Boat Owner	Would recommend other areas not directly related to approach channels and fairways.	Outside the scope of this consultation
		William Simpson – St Helier Boat Owner	Expand prohibited areas to include Eastern Passage from Demie to Violet Buoy for safety of Manche Isles vessels	See above and, therefore, outside the scope of this consultation
		Mr Busnel – Gorey Boat Owner	Concerns over laying of nets across harbour entrance and among outer moorings at Gorey	Outside the scope of this consultation. However, should be raised in consultation with Gorey BOA which will establish appropriate limits in that area in due course
10	Prohibition of setting of Pots or Nets in the designated anchorages within port limits.	Public meeting		Same restrictions on setting of nets and pot markers will apply. It was noted that the designated anchorages were areas not favoured for potting and, thus, this was not a significant restriction.
New	Fishing Policy matters	Don Thompson - JFA	Concern that prohibited areas being identified in isolation from Marine Resources Advisory Panel	This has been discussed with JFA. The fact that the MRAP may wish to consider is noted but JFA have been urged to ensure that their members respond to this consultation and attend the public meeting so that new issues are not raised at the MRAP. Nevertheless, Jersey Harbours have agreed not to publish the final consultation outcome and response until after the next meeting on 16 Sep
		Don Thompson - JFA	Concern that any changes should be considered by the expertise of the Coastal Zone Management Strategy stakeholders	See above

		Mike Smith - Fisheries	Concern that next Fisheries Advisory Panel meeting is on 16th September AFTER consultation	See above
New	Speed Limits	Public meeting	Some discussion on the possible need to increase the speed limit but decision made to retain status quo. It was noted that regulations on speed limits would need to be changed to reflect the fact that the 5 kt speed limit only applies from the area northwards of a line between the south-west arm of the La Collette Harbour Tanker Berth and Elizabeth Castle Hermitage and not elsewhere within the new harbour limits.	GD 2 to be amended
New	General	P Donne Davis – HonSec STHBOA	Once implementation of these proposals completed would hope that enforcement with appropriate penalties be introduced.	Once these proposals are established it will be easier to manage infractions
		Arthur Manning – St Helier Boat Owner	More regular policing of areas	Can be more successfully managed when limits are established.
		Public meeting	Marking of fishing gear	The agreed restrictions within channels will address navigational safety concerns. Fisheries view was that changing the legislation would be impractical for small J and JY fishermen.
		P Donne Davis – HonSec STHBOA	Suggest all fishing gear marked with high-viz to make easier to spot. Black or weed covered markers are themselves a hazard.	See above

		Andrew Courtness – St Helier Boat Owner	Suggestion of size and colour of markers to make it easier to enforce.	See above
		Marine Resources Panel	GDs relating specifically to fishing restrictions should be published in Portuguese	To be taken into account when documents are drafted

4. The comments above will be incorporated into the consultation proposals and will be issued in the form of amendments to the following GDs:
- a. GD2 – Speed Limits
 - b. GD4 – Fishing Gear
 - c. GD8 – Harbour Limits
 - d. GD6 – St Helier VTS
 - e. GD10 – Laying of Moorings



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