

Modular and floating dock usage in outer/drying harbour locations

Conditions of Use

Ports of Jersey has seen an increase in the requests for and installation of modular floating dock systems for smaller and mid range sized vessel within the outlying/drying harbours over the past several seasons

These structures were initially permitted on a trial basis, to determine their suitability within an outlying/drying harbour, as well as to gather feedback and comment from both the dock owners as well as other boat owners and harbour users, which would permit the Ports to make an informed decision on the longer term use and viability of such devices use at outer/drying harbour locations

Whilst the overall response to such devices being installed has been generally readily accepted, several concerns have also been received and noted over this time period. In order to help address these concerns the Ports of Jersey will be introducing the following requirements for users/owners of such devices within the outlying/drying harbours from 1st January 2023

- A request for the use of such a device must be made in writing to Ports of Jersey prior to an individual purchasing or installing such a device in their allocated mooring location
 - A supplementary mooring charge may be payable where such a device is in use reflecting the additional space occupied by the platform
 - Any modular floating dock system used within a drying harbour will be required to possess a winch system to allow for the vessel to be safely winched onto the dock without the need for excessive drive force from the motor/s causing unnecessary or disturbing wash
 - An exception to this requirement may be made in relation to PWC dependant on mooring location (e.g an outhaul mooring which lies far enough away from additional moorings/vessels whereas minimal disturbance would be evident)
 - The floating structure must be clearly identifiable by means of a marked identification with the name/number of the Vessel allocated to the mooring
 - The outside perimeter of the modular structure must be suitably strapped/tied together in order to limit any possible loss of a singular float/s, should it for whatever reason break free or come loose from the main structure
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- Suitable fendering must be attached to both Port and Starboard sides of the floating structure, in order to limit any risk of damage to other craft should they make contact, in the same manner vessels are required to maintain suitable fendering
- Third party insurance with a minimum indemnity of £2 million must be maintained with specific relation to the floating dock system at all time it resides within the port limits of an individual harbour. In some instances there may be an additional policy or specific amendment to cover the dock itself for periods when the vessel may not be on the dock, as the structure would still be present and continue to present a risk to other craft
- A copy of this insurance policy must be made available to Ports of Jersey prior to the structure being placed onto the mooring area and such insurance must remain valid for the duration of time the structure remains on the mooring location
- The standard published Terms and Condition for the use of a Mooring will not be affected and would remain in force for these devices in addition as to that of the mooring holders physical vessel