

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR MOORINGS, HARDSTANDING & STORAGE
at Watermouth Harbour

Website: <http://www.watermouthharbour.co.uk/>

2026/2027 Season

NOTICES:

We ask all mooring holders to respect the notices displayed.

LIVING ON BOATS IS PROHIBITED

No one is permitted to reside aboard a boat in the harbour for more than 10 nights per month over a three-month period. Boat owners must not hire or rent their boat to third parties for any residential purpose. Boat owners are expressly forbidden from declaring or using their boat as a principle or main place of residence.

REGISTRATION FORM:

All users of the harbour are required to complete an annual registration form which is also available on our website. Vehicle registration numbers will come off the parking system on 1st April and one vehicle registration number only will be added back when full payment and a completed registration form have been received.

WEATHER/STORMS:

The Harbour Master will post any weather warnings on Watermouth Harbour Master's Facebook page, but mooring holders are advised to follow any severe weather warnings that affect the harbour to ensure their boat is safe and secure.

MOORINGS: (for Hardstanding/Storage see below):

1. *MOORINGS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE* and no sub-letting is permitted.
2. Boats under 19ft taking a mooring will be charged for a boat size of 19ft; for boats 19ft and over the unit charge is per foot; all moorings will be subject to prior arrangement with the Harbour Master. Boats up to a maximum beam of 14ft are permitted in the Harbour. Boats with a beam over 14ft and Catamarans will be permitted subject to arrangement with the Harbour Master. Fin keel boats are not permitted at the harbour.
3. Moorings are only for the period stated on the invoice.
4. Anyone with a mooring whose boat remains on hardstanding after 31st May will forfeit their mooring and be charged the difference for storage.
5. The harbour does not offer any short-term moorings before 1st October.
6. Should a boat on a mooring change hands during the licence period and remain at the harbour:
 - a. An application must be made for the transfer of any mooring;
 - b. The mooring of the previous owner will not automatically be allocated to the new owner;
 - c. There will be no refund to the previous owner; This will terminate the contract between the boat owner and Watermouth Harbour and their car registration will be removed from the system.
 - d. If an owner is selling their boat and wishes to remove it from the harbour, they must ensure all fees are paid to date and notify the Harbour Master in writing;
 - e. Where the current owner is selling their boat to someone who wishes to keep the same boat at the harbour, the current owner must provide full details of the new owner in writing; the current owner will remain liable until the harbour has verified the details of the new owner as per f. below;
 - f. The new owner is required to immediately notify the Harbour Master in writing of their ownership of the boat if it is to remain at the harbour, pay any fees due, complete a registration form and provide a copy of the insurance for their boat. This will begin a new contract with the new boat owner. The Harbour Master will allocate a mooring (if a mooring is available) but this may not be the same one held by the previous owner;
 - g. If the new owner then decides to remove the boat from the harbour any monies owing must be settled before the boat is removed / lifted from the Harbour.

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7. If a boat is left beyond the period of its invoice period or due payment is not received immediately in respect of any mooring fees payable a single letter of warning will be issued giving a further period of 14 days after which the company reserve the right to remove and dispose of the vessel. A notice will also be placed on the boat to confirm this. All costs relating to this and any outstanding fees will be recovered from the boat owner.
8. All boats moored outside the breakwater must be lifted out or moved to an inner mooring (by arrangement with the Harbour Master) by 1st October and not returned until after 1st April noting any boat remaining in the water beyond 1st October to 1st April does so entirely at their own risk.
9. The Harbour reserves the right to use any mooring when a boat has been moved by its owner on to hardstanding/storage.

HARDSTANDING: is classed as a boat that is to be launched by a road worthy trailer.

1. No sub-letting is permitted.
2. Charges are per foot, please see current charges.
3. Hardstanding is only for the period stated on the invoice.
4. The harbour does not offer any short-term moorings before 1st October.
5. Should a boat on hardstanding change hands during the licence period and remain at the harbour:
 - a. There will be no refund to the previous owner; This will terminate the contract between the boat owner and Watermouth Harbour and their car registration will be removed from the system.
 - b. If an owner is selling their boat and wishes to remove it from the harbour, they must ensure all fees are paid to date and notify the Harbour Master in writing;
 - c. Where the current owner is selling their boat to someone who wishes to keep the same boat at the harbour the current owner must provide full details of the new owner in writing; the current owner will remain liable until the harbour has verified the details of the new owner as per d. below;
 - d. The new owner is required to immediately notify the Harbour Master in writing of their ownership of the boat if it is to remain at the harbour, pay any fees due, complete a registration form and provide a copy of the insurance for their boat. This will begin a new contract with the new boat owner. The Harbour Master will allocate a hardstanding place, but this may not be the same one held by the previous owner;
 - e. If the new owner then decides to remove the boat from the harbour any monies owing must be settled before the boat is removed.
6. If a boat is left beyond the period of its invoice period or due payment is not received immediately in respect of any hardstanding fees payable a single letter of warning will be issued giving a further period of 14 days after which the company reserve the right to remove and dispose of the vessel. A notice will also be placed on the boat to confirm this. All costs relating to this and any outstanding fees will be recovered from the boat owner.

STORAGE: is classed as either, a boat that cannot be moved without a crane, not on a road worthy trailer or unfit to be in the water. Still needs to be insured.

1. No sub-letting is permitted.
2. Charges are per foot, please see current charges.
3. Storage is only for the period stated on the invoice.
4. The harbour does not offer any short-term storage before 1st October.
5. Should a boat on storage change hands during the licence period and remain at the harbour:

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- a. There will be no refund to the previous owner; This will terminate the contract between the boat owner and Watermouth Harbour and their car registration will be removed from the system.
 - b. If an owner is selling their boat and wishes to remove it from the harbour, they must ensure all fees are paid to date and notify the Harbour Master in writing;
 - c. Where the current owner is selling their boat to someone who wishes to keep the same boat at the harbour the current owner must provide full details of the new owner in writing; the current owner will remain liable until the harbour has verified the details of the new owner as per d. below;
 - d. The new owner is required to immediately notify the Harbour Master in writing of their ownership of the boat if it is to remain at the harbour, pay any fees due, complete a registration form and provide a copy of the insurance for their boat. This will begin a new contract with the new boat owner. The Harbour Master will allocate a storage place, but this may not be the same one held by the previous owner;
 - e. If the new owner then decides to remove the boat from the harbour any monies owing must be settled before the boat is removed.
6. If a boat is left beyond the period of its invoice period or due payment is not received immediately in respect of any storage fees payable a single letter of warning will be issued giving a further period of 14 days after which the company reserve the right to remove and dispose of the vessel. A notice will also be placed on the boat to confirm this. All costs relating to this and any outstanding fees will be recovered from the boat owner.

TENDERS:

On payment of the fee, the mooring holder may keep one tender not exceeding 11ft in overall length. Only boats on a mooring can have a tender/dinghy it does not apply to boats on hardstanding or storage. Inflatable tenders/dinghy's, must be able to be stored stood up in the dinghy rack. They are not to be of a rigid hull or kept on a trailer, otherwise it will be charged as a second boat. The harbour accepts no liability for tenders left at the harbour and tenders are left at the owner's risk. Tenders shall not be kept at any time on the brick paviour areas, but as directed by the Harbour Master. The tenders shall be properly named and identifiable to the satisfaction of the Harbour Master, if not they may be removed.

INSURANCE:

Owners are obliged to ensure that their boats and property are adequately insured against all risks including third party risks. Details must be provided to the harbour on the registration form. For boats remaining outside the breakwater after 1st October please see Moorings item 8 above. *The Company cannot accept any responsibility or liability for damage to or theft of or from vehicles or boats left at the harbour or injury to owners or visitors.*

MOVING OF BOATS:

The Company reserves the right to move any boat or gear, either moored or on hardstanding/storage, at the Harbour Master's discretion.

RAISING/LOWERING OF MASTS:

The Harbour Master must be informed of any raising or lowering of masts to ensure all safety procedures are in place and may only be carried out with the aid of a crane or a cherry picker. The Harbour Master will ensure the area is safely barriered off whilst this is undertaken.

MOORING WARPS: * (See Schedule of Charges, under mooring fees)

Boat owners are liable for the warps/ropes affixed to the anchor mooring chains/lines provided by the harbour. Boat owners will be held responsible for the chafing of ropes over the bow and stern of their boat or any other damage. Mooring holders are required to inspect their warps/ropes on a regular basis. Damage caused to mooring warps/ropes, either caused by chafing or lines picked up by propellers must be reported to the Harbour Master and will be chargeable to the boat owner.

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VISITOR MOORINGS:

There are a number of visitor moorings in the outer harbour, these are marked by yellow buoys. They must be pre booked with the Harbour Master. All visiting boats must be adequately insured and payment must be made before departure. All visiting craft do so entirely at their own risk.

DAMAGE TO OTHER BOATS:

In the event that boat owners fail to properly secure their boat, boat owners will be held responsible for any damage caused to another boat. Boat owners are also advised to ensure their anchors are stored in their boat and sufficient fenders are attached.

FENDERS:

All moored boats should have sufficient fenders to protect their boat from impact with adjoining boats in case of severe weather conditions.

PARKING:

A record will be maintained by the Harbour Master of all vehicles entitled to park within the harbour following payment of their charges in full. Vehicles are parked at the harbour at their own risk. An ANPR camera is in operation. Visitor car parking charges apply all year round. For boat owners leaving the harbour for periods longer than day trips, we request that you park your vehicle along the road or away from the front harbour wall.

MOTOR VEHICLES:

Vehicles must not be left for a period of time at the harbour under any circumstances except when the owner is on board their boat and is **subject to agreement or if necessary, at the discretion of the Harbour Master.**

SHOWER/TOILET BLOCK:

For the use of current mooring holders, customers with boats on hardstanding/storage and visiting boat's, by arrangement and agreement with the Harbour Master.

SAILINGS:

Mooring holders leaving the Harbour for an extended period are requested to notify the Harbour Master of their anticipated date of return. **Also see above – Parking.**

BOAT NAMES:

All boats must be named and their tenders similarly notated. In the event of the Company being unable to trace the owner of an unnamed or unmarked boat they reserve the right to remove and ultimately dispose of the boat.

POLLUTION:

All licence holders and their visitors are required to refrain from causing any form of pollution to the river, countryside or Harbour. No emptying of grey waste tanks within or immediately outside the harbour's water (see plan in office). Any person disregarding this request will be asked to leave the Harbour and automatically reported to the appropriate authorities.

ACCOUNTS:

Payment of an invoice is due immediately upon receipt/being issued. Payment can be made by cash, card or bank transfer. If paying by card however this can only be done at the harbour itself. American Express cards will not be accepted.

The Company reserves the right, in the case of moorings, to allocate that mooring to a boat owner on the waiting list. *In all cases, interest will be charged at 5% above NatWest Bank Base Rate from the date the fees were due.* Any boats

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remaining within the harbour's property will be impounded if monies due remain unpaid.

EMPTY TRAILERS:

Empty trailers can only be left at the harbour by prior agreement with the Harbour Master. The Owner's of empty trailers are liable to pay a fee, and their trailer should be left in the designated area as instructed by the Harbour Master. Wheels must not be removed, and if a wheel lock is used a spare key left with the Harbour Master. Charges will apply for empty trailers.

BOATS REQUIRING REPAIR AND/OR REFITTING:

Any boat owner wishing to undertake work to their boat **must** first contact the Harbour Master with full details of works to be undertaken and the anticipated completion date. The Harbour Master will allocate a suitable location for this purpose within the harbour's dedicated area subject to adequate space being available.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER:

If a boat owner requires electricity or water, please contact the Harbour Master, the charge per unit is as shown under Charges.

CRANE SERVICES:

This is provided by a third party, and the Harbour Master will confirm dates when boats can be lifted. Payment must be made in advance to Nick Sampson Mechanical Engineering (<http://www.nicksampson.com>) to secure a lift and this will be confirmed to the Harbour Master. A boat will not be lifted into the water until the mooring fee has also been paid in full. The owner or a representative must be present when their boat is being lifted. If your boat does not return to its allocated mooring by the last lift storage rates will apply and the allocated mooring forfeited.

PRIVATE CRANE HIRE:

There shall not be any private hire of a crane at Watermouth Harbour without prior written notification to the Harbour Master and his written consent. The Harbour Master must be onsite whilst craning is in operation.

**THE COMPANY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW THE OFFER OF A MOORING
OR OTHER FACILITIES TO ANY PERSON AT ANY TIME**

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