



PORTLAND HARBOUR AUTHORITY LIMITED

By virtue of section 43 of Schedule 1 of the Portland Harbour
Revision Order 1997 the Harbour Master
gives the following Direction:



HARBOUR MASTERS DIRECTION TO PERSONS USING NETS OR POTS IN THE HAMM BEACH AREA

No 1 of 2024

1. For the purpose of this Direction, the “Hamm Beach Area” is described as the waters enclosed within the following positions.
 - a. From New Channel Lower Leading Light 50°34.990'N 002°28.220'W
 - b. thence to New Channel Beacon 50°34.898'N 002°27.693'W
 - c. thence to a laid buoy 50°34.898'N 002°27.575'W
 - d. thence to Marina Breakwater 50°34.416'N 002°27.383'W
 - e. thence following the Marina breakwater to the west
 - f. thence to the shore at position 50°34.308'N 002°27.384'W
2. All fishers netting or potting in this area must be a member of the Hamm Beach Fishing Group (HBMFG), if you are not a member, you are prohibited from fishing this area.
3. All fishers must hold and display a current Portland Harbour Fishing Permit for the Hamm Beach Area.
4. It is prohibited to use any form of bottom net in the Hamm Beach Area.
5. It is prohibited to leave any surface net unattended.
6. Ring netting & Surface netting is permitted but must be attended by the fishing boat at all times during the net soak. The net must be marked with approved Dhan Buoys at each end. All net floats should be of a visible bright colour.
7. Night time (Sunset to Sun rise) ring and surface netting is allowed if attended at all times and both Dhan Buoys are lit with yellow lights flashing once every five seconds. The fishing vessel must show lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)

8. All rope used for beam, strops, and buoy line must be fully leaved.
9. Pot Buoys should be of Pink/Red colour and of A-1 size minimum and be clearly marked with boat name or number.
10. Dhan Buoy floats should be a minimum of 33cm in length. Flags will be black in colour and sized 45cm x 30cm, and with a minimum gap between float and lower edge of flag, of 1 metre. The Dhan Buoy should be adequately weighted so as to make sure the Dhan Buoy stays vertical and be clearly marked with boat name or number.
11. Failure to comply with this Direction is an offence, which will lead to withdrawal of the Fishing Permit, expulsion from the HBFNG and offenders may be prosecuted.



CONDITIONS OF FISHING PERMIT

1. Fishing Permits are issued annually, terminating on December 31st.
2. Breaching any of these conditions may lead to the removal of fishing gear and being liable to prosecution.
3. All fishers are warned that large vessels and powerful tugs operate in the harbour. Fishing gear laid in areas where commercial shipping operations take place may be damaged or destroyed by being sucked into propulsion units. Portland Harbour Authority does not accept any liability for any damage to fishing gear laid in the harbour. Any fishing gear

that is likely to become an obstruction to any vessel or mooring will be removed without notice.

Extract from The Portland Harbour Revision Order 1997, Schedule 1, Part V Paragraph 43

1. Any person fishing in the harbour shall comply with directions given to him by the harbourmaster
2. Subject to sub-paragraphs (4) and (5) below, no person shall fish –
 - (a) in the main fairways.
 - (b) in the controlled area.
 - (c) within 150 metres of the harbour premises.
 - (d) by trawl, nets, or dredges within 100 metres of the line of any cable or pipe laid down in the harbour; and
 - (e) with surface nets in the inner harbour, except with the written permission of the harbour master.
3. No person shall fish in Newton's Cove-
 - (a) by trawl or dredges, west of a line drawn due north from "C" Head to the northern limit of the harbour; or
 - (b) by nets west of a line drawn 026° (true) from Torpedo Pier to the northern limit of the harbour.
4. With written permission of the harbour master a person may lay and lift prawn and lobster pots at the following locations-
 - (a) on and within 150 metres of the seaward side of the Inner Breakwater.
 - (b) on and within 150 metres of the seaward side of the Outer Breakwater.
 - (c) in and within 150 metres of the landward side of the Outer Breakwater between Beacon E and the South Ship Channel but excluding any area for the time being marked by the buoys as set aside for a fish farm;
 - (d) on and within 150 metres of the North-eastern Breakwater and the Northern Arm; and
 - (e) within 150 metres of the harbour premises lying to the south of the Inner Breakwater.
5. With written permission of the harbourmaster a person may lay and lift prawn pots and within 150 metres of the landward side of the Outer Breakwater between Beacon E and the southern side of the jetty at Fort Head, but excluding any area for the time being marked by buoys as set aside for a fish farm.
6. No person shall cast or place any drift, trawl or other net in such a position as to be likely to become an obstruction or danger to any property including in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, any vessel or mooring.
7. All surface set nets and such other apparatus and equipment, which could impede surface navigation in the harbour, shall be attended at all times.
8. All markers used to indicate the position of fishing equipment shall be clearly marked with either the owner's name or boat registration number.

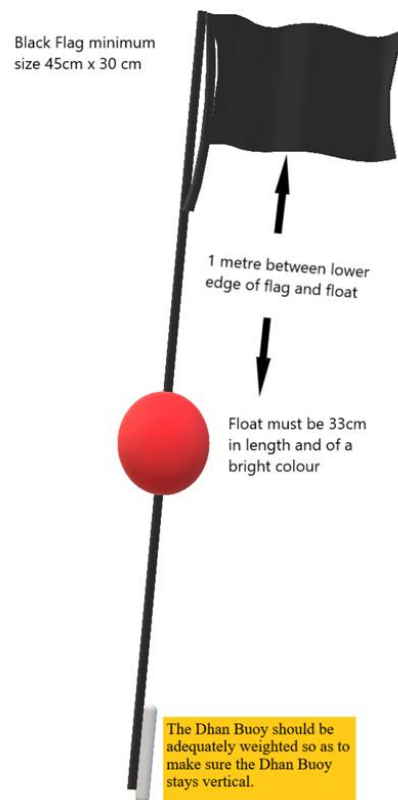
Additionally, all surface set nets are to have additional floats along the surface line ensuring they are clearly visible to all water users. Failure to adequately mark surface nets could lead to the withdrawal of Fishing Permit.

Fishers who wish to fish the Hamm Beach Fishing Area are subject to the following additional regulations.

9. All fishers must be a member of the Hamm Beach Fishing Group and be in possession of a Portland Harbour Authority Fishing Permit.
10. The use of bottom nets is prohibited.

11. Daytime Surface Netting is allowed if the net is attended at all times and the net is marked with an Dhan Buoy at each end. All net floats should be of a visible bright colour.
12. Night time netting is allowed if attended at all times and both Dhan Buoys are lit with yellow lights flashing every five seconds. (Sunset to Sun rise)
13. The fishing vessel must show lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
14. Pot Buoys should be of Pink/Red colour and of A-1 size minimum and be clearly marked with boat name or number.
15. Dhan Buoy floats should a minimum of 33cm in length. Flags will be black in colour and sized 45cm x 30cm, and with a minimum gap between float and lower edge of flag, of 1 metre. The Dhan Buoy should be adequately weighted so as to make sure the Dhan Buoy stays vertical

DHAN BUOY SPECIFICATION



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Owners, Operators, Agents, Masters, Yacht Club, and recreational sailing organisations are requested that this Direction is made known to all persons that use Portland Harbour