

FOLKESTONE HARBOUR COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 3 of 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE **BPA & UKHMA Statement on Marine Leisure Activities**

The British Ports Association and UK Harbour Master's Association have been liaising with Government and other industry bodies about the easing of lockdown restrictions in respect of marine leisure activities. -

Notice to Port Users

We have been following the Government's advice in respect of Coronavirus and are putting measures in place to limit risks to port users, our staff, emergency services and the public. Although the Government is now easing certain aspects of the lockdown in England, there is not yet any specific advice on whether this is applicable to marine leisure activities. The British Ports Association and the UK Harbour Masters' Association are seeking clarification on this with the Government at national level. Specific guidance is expected shortly. Therefore, until we have confirmation that marine leisure activities are permitted and any relevant restrictions on them, we are advising that they should **NOT** take place. The safety of our port users is paramount.

Furthermore, even when we can reopen our facilities, users should be aware that practices to preserve social distancing will be needed as is prescribed in Government advice issued this week (and further specific guidance to be issued). This means that we may need a short period of time to assess risks.

In the meantime, we thank you for your patience and understanding. We share your wish to see safe recreational marine activities again and to kick start the summer season as soon as is practically possible.

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