

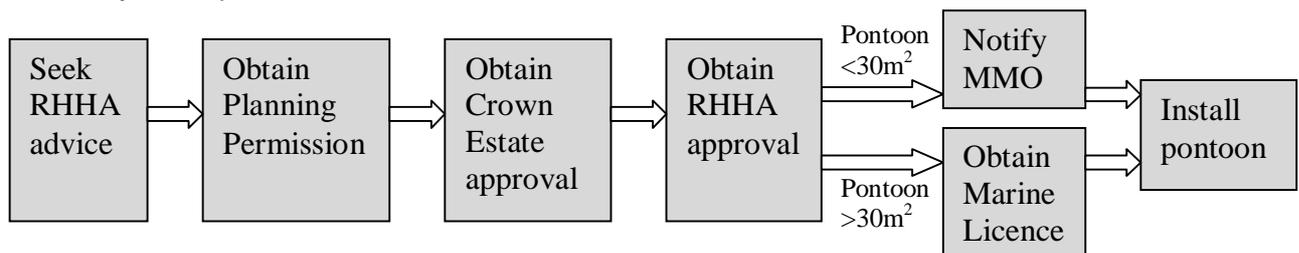
River Hamble Harbour Authority – Private Single Pontoon Guidance

The River Hamble Harbour Authority (RHHA) has provided this sheet as guidance for those who wish to install an individual private pontoon on their pile or fore-and-aft mooring. This note contains guidance on the following:

- I. Permissions required to install a new pontoon
- II. Pontoon size limits
- III. Permissions required to replace an existing pontoon.

I. Permissions required to install a new pontoon

Summary of Steps:



If you wish to install a private pontoon on your pile mooring:

- Firstly contact the RHHA to let us know you wish to install a pontoon. We will let you know whether it would be appropriate to install a pontoon at your mooring site in terms of impact on ease and safety of navigation, and any limits as to pontoon size. We can also advise on how to apply for Harbour Works Consent and the other permissions needed.
- You should consider speaking to the owner of the other boat on your pile mooring to see if they would like to have a pontoon in place. They might consider sharing the costs.
- As the owner, you will be responsible for bearing the costs of obtaining the necessary licenses and for buying, installing and maintaining the pontoon. The RHHA can supply a detailed specification for the fixings and tackle.
- You will need to self certify each year to the RHHA that the pontoon is both insured and fit for purpose.
- The RHHA reserves the right to specify any conditions we consider to be appropriate with the Harbour Works Consent.

You will need to get a number of permissions from various licensing/consenting authorities before you can install the pontoon:

1) Planning Permission will be needed:

- a) If it is in Eastleigh Borough Council's jurisdiction (west side of the river) planning permission will be required and further advice should be sought from a planning officer. Email planning@eastleigh.gov.uk or tel. 023 8068 8264
<http://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/planning--building-control/planning/planning-advice.aspx#DoINeedPermission>
- b) If it is in Fareham Borough Council's jurisdiction (east side of river) then planning permission will be required and further advice should be sought from a planning officer. Tel. 01329 236100.
http://www.fareham.gov.uk/planning/applications_and_advice/needforpermn.aspx

- 2) Permission is required from the Crown Estate. This costs cost £150 + VAT. Contact Stephen Butterfield at Knight Frank, agents for The Crown Estate, on 01489 667 840 . Email stephen.butterfield@knightfrank.com
- 3) Once you have obtained planning permission you should then apply for permission from the Harbour Authority (RHHA). If no concerns have been raised during your planning application then it can be considered under the Harbour Master's delegated powers. See website for fees.
- 4) Applications to deposit, remove or replace individual pontoons on pile and fore-and-aft moorings are exempt from the requirement for a Marine Licence from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO), provided that:
 - (a) your pontoon will be less than 30m² and
 - (b) you have Harbour Authority Permission and
 - (c) you inform the MMO in advance of installation. Guidance on informing the MMO will be supplied with your Harbour Authority Permission.

Contact the Marine Licensing team on 0300 123 1032 or email marine.consents@marinemanagement.org.uk to discuss your project. Please see this link for more information: <https://www.gov.uk/planning-development/marine-licences>

We suggest that you contact each organisation for further advice before carrying out any works.

II. Pontoon size limits

Pile mooring sizes are categorised by the maximum size of boat they can hold. The category of mooring and associated distance between piles is the limiting factor in the size of pontoon permitted because there are limits to the min and max length of chains allowed from the pontoon to the pile.

Length of mooring (max length boat allowed)		Space between piles (m)	Min-max length of pontoon permitted (m)
feet	Metres (m)		
26	8	12	6 to 9
32	9.8	15	9 to 12
40	12.2	18	12 to 15
50	15.2	21	15 to 18
60	18	24	18 to 21
80	24	30	24 to 27

N.B width of all pontoons should be between 1.5 and 2.0m. Pontoons wider than 2.0 may be allowed at certain locations but please contact the Harbour Authority before applying.

III. Permissions required to replace an existing pontoon.

The like-for-like replacement of a single private pontoon does not need Planning Permission or Crown Estate approval but will still require permission from the Harbour Authority (but no fee is required), followed by a notification to the MMO. Please submit the application form that is on our website to harbour.office@hants.gov.uk

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The information provided above is correct at the time of publication, however, does not preclude the need to seek guidance directly from the consenting authorities.