



## Exeter Port Authority Local Notice to Mariners

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### COVID – 19 Notice

Following on from latest government information we have all had to undertake steps to maintain our health and safety. We must detail what we feel constitutes a necessary journey or an essential waterborne activity in the River Exe and Exeter Canal.

Commercial activity (commercial fishing, for example) or isolated residents moving through Harbour property for necessary purposes such as shopping, obtaining medical necessities, we consider essential.

It is not appropriate at present for the Harbour/estuary estate to be used for leisure or exercise, despite the current fair weather. Using the Harbour/estuary for leisure purposes at this time could put you and our reduced staff at risk - as well as created avoidable pressure on the Emergency Services, should you require assistance. We will report anyone we feel are not engaged in necessary or essential activity within the River Exe or Exeter Canal.

If you believe your planned activity is necessary AND essential please contact by email so we can discuss your plans.

It is not our intention to make anyone's life more difficult than it already is, but we also do not want to increase unnecessary risk to our staff, our other customers and the residents around the river and canal.

We hope life will return to normal as soon as possible and we would like to see you all return fit and well.

**Stay home, protect the NHS, save lives.**

Grahame Forshaw  
Harbour Master  
Exeter Port Authority