

## **Guide to berth holders at Fambridge Yacht Haven**

For the latest guidance and information, please visit [www.yachthavens.com/FambridgeSafeBoating](http://www.yachthavens.com/FambridgeSafeBoating)

In the context of the UK Governments Covid-19 Recovery Strategy and associated documents it has been concluded that the re-opening of marinas for leisure boating customers is now permissible, subject to the strict compliance to social distancing and hygiene guidelines provided by government.

All activity should be consistent with the government [guidance](#) regarding health, social distancing and hygiene.

That means that participants and others can maintain a safe two metre distance, that good hygiene practices are in place, that equipment is disinfected regularly, and that it is clear that anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus does not take part and **remains at home**.

There are no restrictions on how far you can travel to get to the marina. However, you **cannot stay overnight** at a holiday home or second home which applies to boats also. This means that for now boating is limited to day trips where you can return to the marina and then home afterwards.

We would therefore urge all berth holders to consider the following before they plan a day trip to their boat:

- Plan ahead – ensure the safety of those around you and try to avoid areas that may attract lots of people.
- Only use your boat if you can apply social distancing at all times, including when mooring your vessel to leave a safe distance from others.
- Travel with members of your household only, if no one in the group is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- You may only meet **one** person outside your household if you apply social distancing.
- Be aware of the impact on emergency services if you were to get into difficulties. Think about what action you will take if your boat breaks down – recovery services may be operating limited services.
- Apply all normal sensible safety precautions and always wear a life jacket when on deck and use a kill cord if required.
- Be caring and considerate of local residents who may be nervous about the risks of increased numbers of people in the area.

## Marina specific guidelines



# Safe Boating with Yacht Havens

Please help us keep boating and marine services open, safe and accessible for everyone to enjoy through this time. Following a few simple suggestions will improve your safety and the safety of others and help everyone enjoy boating responsibly.



### BEFORE YOU GO

- Only make boating plans with members of your immediate household
- Pack hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes if possible gloves
- When fuelling, avoid direct contact with our haven masters, maintain a 2 metre distance to help them serve you
- Ensure your vessel is seaworthy and the forecast is stable, minimising any need for emergency services to be mobilised
- Get ready for a day's recharging in nature and social distancing on the water!



### IN THE MARINA

- Maintain a 2 metre distance from all others
- Don't congregate around the marina and don't enter the office or washrooms unless you can be sure to maintain social distancing measures
- Use gloves when handling toolkits, key pads or shared facilities
- Limit your area to only your crew and avoid the common courtesy of helping others with their lines



### ON THE WATER

- No beaching your boat right next to someone else
- No rafting up – keep your distance on the water
- Find a secluded spot away from others to relax
- Always remember to be safe and be courteous and cautious to those around you.
- Enjoy your boat, the water, and the fresh air!



### RETURNING

- Follow the same guidelines as when you launched your boat
- Squeeze away your boat and continue to head home
- Please continue to be safe and protect those around you off the water

**Don't forget!** The haven team are here to help, please continue to communicate with us by VHF, phone or email whenever possible to avoid congestion in the marina office

You must comply with the latest Government guidelines and advice at all times.

For additional information on safe practices and social distancing at Fambridge Yacht Haven, please visit [yachthavens.com/FambridgeSafeBoating](https://www.yachthavens.com/FambridgeSafeBoating). Enjoy boating with confidence with Yacht Havens.

## [Download our Safe Boating with Yacht Havens handy poster](#)

You are respectfully asked to move freely through the marina from your vehicle to your boat and away from the marina to enjoy your day out on the water as quickly as possible. Please do not linger and be aware of the governments rules about groups of people and being with people not in your household. Your travel to the boat is for exercise and sport, it is not for hospitality and leisure.

Please use gloves when using the keypads to access the pontoons and facilities.

Do not raft up on the fuel dock or while waiting for fuel. We expect peak demand so please check by VHF CH80 if the fuel dock is clear before approaching

You can meet **one** other person from outside your household if you are outdoors at the marina. Public gatherings of more than 2 people from different households are prohibited in law. At all times, you should continue to observe social distancing guidelines when you are outside your home, including ensuring you are 2 metres away from anyone outside your household. You **cannot** invite friends or family outside of your household onto your boat.

On the pontoons you must maintain a 2m gap between people not in your party. Please give **priority to those exiting the pontoons** by moving aside along one of the fingers to maintain a 2m gap.

Pack hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and disposable gloves. Please use appropriately when touching shared facilities such as trolley handles.

If you are using a boat club boat then on return please allow additional time to give the boats interior a good spray and wipe over with a disinfectant spray that we will supply. This will help enable us to safely enter the boat prior to the next members booking. We have also

kitted each boat out with it's own wash down equipment and ask all members when finished to give the boats exterior a thorough rinse down as well.

Please don't congregate on pontoons or around the marina and do not enter the washroom facilities unless you can be sure to maintain social distancing measures and visit the office only if it cannot be resolved over the phone or by email.

In the marina office and facilities you will see floor stickers at 2m gaps, please use these as a guide. At the front desk please do not approach past the tape on the floor and if there are people already at the counter please wait outside.

We will continue to maintain our high standard of cleanliness in all facilities but we cannot guarantee they will be Covid 19 virus free so please use with extreme caution and only at your own risk.

Just being back out on the water is going to be a great relief to many of us and a perfect tonic for this period of lockdown, but we must all play within the rules, be considerate of those who live in the places we are visiting and always have thoughts for the frontline workers who are still battling this virus.

Please continue to stay alert and follow all the advice from the government and from our Haven Team on-site.

As with all of the measures above, we're asking our customers to be patient, and to respect all social distancing guidance and the ways in which our marina team need to respond to the individual challenges.

As you know the team have been looking after the marina and all the boats throughout this crisis and we are extremely proud of how they have performed. We respectfully ask for your patience, understanding and above all adherence to the rules to avoid a further lockdown. Please show them your support as we adjust to our 'new normal'.

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