



Crouch Harbour Authority

Terms & Conditions

2019 Schedule of Harbour Dues and Charges

Harbour Dues charged pursuant to S.26 of Harbours Act 1964 & S.54 of Crouch Harbour Act 1974

Harbour Dues are payable on all vessels afloat on the rivers Crouch and Roach including off-river and mid-river marinas, basins, creeks, saltings, private land and mud berths and the requirements for display of Harbour Dues Plaque apply (Crouch Harbour Act 1974, s.55).

The Harbour Dues charge is based on the length of the vessel which is measured on deck from stem to stern. Include any fixed bathing platform and any fiddlehead. Exclude bowsprits, bumkins, stern davits and external rudders.

All vessels that are afloat within the CHA District **must** pay Harbour Dues. This fee is **SEPARATE** and **UNRELATED** to charges made by the Marina, Mooring & Boatyard Operators for berth hire/mooring (long or short term)

The revenue derived from Harbour Dues is used by the CHA to meet the cost of the management of the harbour including but not restricted to:

- Giving advice and assistance
- Maintaining navigation aids and marks
- Seasonal patrolling
- Publishing and distributing tide tables and Notices to Mariners both in hard copy and via website
- Enforcement of Byelaws
- Providing information in regard to commercial traffic movements

Annual Harbour Dues (inc. VAT)

The Harbour Dues Year runs from 1st January to 31st December. Harbour Dues are payable for the whole of a Harbour Dues Year and cannot be paid for part of a Harbour Dues Year. Harbour Dues become payable when the vessel is first launched/afloat during the year and the payment/Harbour Dues plaque expires on 31st December.

Discretionary Discounts are available for latecomers (see Latecomers' Discount below).

Prompt Payment Rate we offer a discounted rate available only to:

- Vessels on which dues are paid on or before **30th April**
- Vessels launched after 30th April only if dues are paid without being prompted, reported or reminded within 7 days of first annual launching **on condition that proof of launch date is provided.**

If you are not afloat by 30th April and you are intending to launch within the next few months, it may be beneficial to pay your dues prior to launching to gain benefit of the Prompt Payment Rate.

It is a condition of acceptance of the Prompt Payment Rate that the issued Harbour Dues Plaque is displayed on the vessel and is visible at all times. (Not behind covers please.)

Harbour Due Plaques are not transferrable from one vessel to another.

Latecomers' Discount

Discretionary discount available only to vessels paying annual Harbour Dues before or within seven days of first annual launching, without being reported, prompted or reminded.

Discount for first launching in:

- August 20% discount on Prompt Payment Rate
- September 30% discount on Prompt Payment Rate
- October to December 50% discount on Prompt Payment Rate

Vessels reported afloat that are unpaid are not eligible for Latecomers' Discount and will be liable to the full Annual Harbour Dues rate.

The CHA recommend that it is good practice to make sure that your vessel is insured covering public liability of at least £2,000,000.

Vessels Exempt from Harbour Dues in 2019

The CHA recommend that vessels exempt from Harbour Dues are insured covering public liability of at least £2,000,000.

All exempt vessels

Canoes (Kayaks), Stand-Up Paddle Boards, Sailboards, Gigs under 16ft, Emergency Services vessels (HMCG Declared Resources only), Vessels in RNLI service.

Tenders

Bona Fide Tenders under 4.87m (16') length provided clearly marked "Tender to (mother vessel)" are exempt from Harbour Dues. Tenders over the length of 16' charged at 50% of ordinary Harbour Dues rate.

NB. PWC's (Jet Skis) are not classified as a tender and require a PWC Licence.

Boat Inspections

Please be aware that regular boat inspections are carried out throughout the year by Harbour Staff in regard to payment of Harbour Dues which apply to all vessels afloat within the rivers Crouch and Roach. Please ensure that your current Harbour Dues Plaque is displayed on your vessel where it can be seen at all times (not behind covers) to avoid having a notice placed on your vessel when you have in fact paid but not displayed.

Vessels not displaying a plaque will be deemed not to have paid Harbour Dues. (Crouch Harbour Act 1974 S.56)

We would very much appreciate it if owners can ensure that the vessel name is displayed on either the bow or stern. This will assist the Harbour Staff in identifying vessels during our boat inspections and also in the event of any incidents.

NB: If you have not notified the Crouch Harbour Authority of a change of ownership the registered keeper is still liable to pay the Harbour Dues.

Penalty Charge for Non-payment of Harbour Dues

Failure to pay after written reminder will result in a Court Summons being issued for three times the full Annual Harbour Dues rate, recoverable as civil debt, plus costs (Crouch Harbour Act 1974 S.58). The Authority also has the right to distrain (seize) vessels and/or equipment.



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Annual Harbour Due Charges

Vessel Length		Annual Harbour Dues	Prompt Payment Rate
Feet	Metres		
8.00 – 15.50	2.44 – 4.73	£38.00	£27.00
15.51 – 21.50	4.74 – 6.55	53.00	37.00
21.51 – 26.50	6.56 – 8.07	66.50	46.50
26.51 – 32.50	8.08 – 9.90	70.00	49.00
32.51 – 38.50	9.91 – 11.73	81.50	57.00
38.51 – 49.50	11.74 – 15.08	94.00	66.00
49.51 – 59.50	15.09 – 18.12	104.00	73.00
59.51 +	18.13 +	132.50	93.00

Gigs over 16ft £31.00

Atlantic Rowing Boats £31.00

Junior Fleet Dinghies £9.00

Sailing Dinghies, max length 16 ft.
Sailed only by 18 year olds and under

Club Safety Boats/Yard Launches/Workboats £9.00

Launches/RIBs owned and registered to established local clubs and used solely for the benefit of the membership on club activities. Bona fide yard workboats and launches up to 12 metres in length.

Short Visit Due Charges

Maximum visit of up to 4 weeks (28 days) in any Dues year

Short Visit Dues are not available to:

Waterski Boats, Personal Watercraft, Atlantic Rowing Boats, Gigs over 16ft.

Vessel Length

Feet	Metres	
8.00 – 15.50	2.44 – 4.73	£7.00
15.51 – 21.50	4.74 – 6.55	£9.00
21.51 – 26.50	6.56 – 8.07	£11.00
26.51 – 32.50	8.08 – 9.90	£14.00
32.51 +	9.91 +	£18.00

Visiting Vessels (Only applies to vessels coming in from seaward)

Visiting vessels are entitled to one visit in any Dues year of up to 14 consecutive days free of charge before being charged for Harbour Dues.

CHA Moorings £157.00

Please contact the Harbour Office for further details on moorings in the locations of Hullbridge and South Woodham Ferrers.

2019 Waterski and PWC (Jet Ski) Licence

(Annual Registration Fee inclusive of Harbour Dues)

Ski and PWC Licence Fees run from 1st January to 31st December. Please see Annual Licence Fees below. Latecomers' discretionary discount is not available. Please contact the Harbour Office for further details.

CHA Ski Licence (Members of Woodham Ferrers Waterski Club)	£107.00
CHA Ski Licence (all other Waterski Vessels)	£180.00
Personal Water Craft (Jet Ski) Licence	£180.00