

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES – 2026

The following scales of charges and dues, as authorised by Sections 26 and 27 of the Harbour Act 1964, will be brought into force in Cowes Harbour on 1st January 2026 and are payable by all vessels and hovercraft entering, using and leaving the Harbour.

FIRST SCHEDULE

COMMERCIAL VESSELS (including registered passenger vessels but excluding tug vessels, hovercraft, yachts and the vessels as applicable in the FIFTH SCHEDULE). VAT zero rated.

PART A - COMMERCIAL SHIPS

Harbour Dues effective from January 1st £0.60 per G.T.

All vessels arriving in the Harbour or Cowes Roads under stress of weather or wind bound, or for bunkering purposes only, shall be subject to half the Commercial Harbour Dues. If such vessels, after arrival, load or discharge cargo before their departure or use other facilities in the Port, the full Commercial Harbour Dues will be applied.

Passenger ships: Class I, II & II (A) 25% discount.

Vessels that have been assigned dual tonnage (i.e. shelter, deck ships and similar) will be charged Commercial Harbour Dues on the higher tonnage.

PART B - CARGO DUES

	2026
Marine Aggregate / Shingle	£0.24
Grain	£0.47
Spirit/Oil	£0.70
Passenger	£1.95
Ferrous Scrap	£0.35
Stone	£0.34
Timber	£0.61
Cars	£7.80
Vans < 8m and unaccompanied cars	£11.70
Vans 8-14 m (Rrigids)	£15.60
Coaches	£19.50
Arctics and drop trailers	£23.40

Other Cargoes as agreed by Cowes Harbour Authority

PART C - PASSENGER DUES

£1.95 per passenger



SECOND SCHEDULE

PART A -HARBOUR DUES – YACHTS/LEISURE VESSELS

Harbour Dues payable by all yachts/leisure vessels for the maintenance and conservation of the harbour.

1	*Annual due	£29.63 inc VAT per metre
2	Visiting yachts - daily rate	£ 0.86 inc VAT per metre per day or part day
3	Visiting yachts - monthly rate	£ 6.14 inc VAT per metre per month or part month

*Cowes Harbour Commission Annual mooring licenses include a 12.5% Harbour due levy.

Compound Agreement - Harbour Dues

Commercial yacht marinas may apply for a compound of Harbour dues based on 5% of their annual gross mooring revenue, private facilities may apply for a compound of harbour dues based on the capacity of their facility.

PART B – VISITING YACHTS/LEISURE VESSELS

All charges in this section include Harbour Dues and VAT

Harbour charges for use of mooring buoys, pile and public pontoon berths in the Harbour, being the property of the Cowes Harbour Commission.

Main Harbour and River Moorings (excluding Folly Pontoons):

Overnight Rate: £2.07 per metre of yacht per day

One month or more: £1.18 per metre per day
*Min. stay 1 month – max. stay 3 months no return within six months - payable in advance.
For customers on annual mooring waiting lists only.
Pre-approval from CHC Management required.*

Short Stay Rate: £1.78 per metre

Town Quay (maximum 9 metres LOA) and Trinity Landing Overnight / Daily Rate (1200-1200):

Overnight Rate: £3.29 per metre of yacht per day

Short Stay Rate: £1.78 per metre

1. Tenders up to and including 3 metres LOA no charge. Above 3 metres full visitor's rate.



PART C – LICENSED YACHT MOORINGS

All charges in this section include Harbour Dues + VAT

	Mooring Charge	Harbour Due	Total charge per metre (inc vat)
Harbour Due at 12.5%			
Day Class (Apr-Oct) *	91.67	11.45	103.12
Main Harbour *	109.04	13.62	122.66
Medham	109.04	13.62	122.66
Semi Tidal	82.12	10.26	92.38
Pile	73.30	9.17	82.47
Folly Pontoon	136.41	17.06	153.47
Whitegates Pontoon	147.12	18.40	165.52
Harbour Due at 5%			
Shepards Marina	612.15	30.62	642.77
• Minimum length 7m			

CANCELLATION FEE

A licence may be terminated by mutual agreement. Cowes Harbour Commission shall refund the un-expired portion of the mooring fee calculated on a sliding scale counting from the date of receipt of written notification of termination and the month the mooring ceased to be used. An administration fee of £25 is payable.

FEES

Mooring fees are calculated from the start of the month that the mooring is allocated using a sliding scale to reflect the value of the mooring over the license period

CHC PILE BERTHS (CHC CROWN LEASE)

LICENSED TO COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS, BOAT YARDS, YACHT CLUBS & YACHT ASSOCIATIONS

Rate: £73.30 (inc VAT) per metre per annum payable in advance.

Waiting List Annual Registration Fee Rate £11.00 (inc VAT)



THIRD SCHEDULE

TUG VESSELS - For every tug vessel coming into or anchoring or making fast in the Harbour £18.50 per voyage, or at the option of the owner of the vessel, a compound of Harbour dues of £200 per annum, payable in advance.

VAT zero-rated.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

HOVERCRAFT HARBOUR DUES

Harbour dues in respect of amphibious hovercraft, sidewall hovercraft and other non-conventional hovercraft.

For every vessel coming into or anchoring or making fast or landing in the Harbour: -

Rate: £5.29 per metre per entry. Passenger dues as shown in the FIRST SCHEDULE apply. VAT zero-rated.

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FIFTH SCHEDULE

COMMERCIAL LEISURE/WORK VESSEL HARBOUR DUES VAT zero-rated.

Commercial leisure boats and other commercial work vessels involved in maritime undertakings (excluding all vessels under 7.62 metres LOA) operating from or wholly within the jurisdiction of Cowes Harbour and moored within Cowes Harbour, are liable to a rate as listed payable annually.

Rate: £51.95 per metre per annum.

WORKS LICENCE VAT zero-rated.

Tidal land area below level of high water involved:

a)	Up to and including 100 sq metres	£160
b)	Over 100 sq metres up to 500 sq metres	£285
c)	Over 500 sq metres up to 2500 sq metres	£570
d)	Over 2500 sq metres up to 10,000 sq metres	£1425
e)	Over 10,000 sq metres	£2910

DREDGING LICENCE VAT zero-rated.

Tidal land area below level of high water involved:

a)	Up to and including 500 cu metres	£156
b)	Over 500 cu metres up to 2,500 cu metres	£289
c)	Over 2,500 cu metres up to 10,000 cu metres	£595
d)	Over 10,000 cu metres	£1150

PILOTAGE SERVICES FROM 1st January 2026

VAT zero-rated.

Fees related to the Issue, Examination and Renewal of Pilotage Exemption Certificates and Full Pilotage Licenses

a.	Issue of Pilotage Exemption Certificate by examination	£278.25
b.	Re-examination for a Pilotage Exemption Certificate or upon failure of a previous examination	£139.21
c.	Annual Renewal of a Pilotage Exemption Certificate	£94.38

Charges for Acts of Self-Pilotage

Cowes Pilotage Authority reserves the right under Clause 10(3) of the Pilotage Act 1987 to make charges for Acts of Self Pilotage by holders of Pilotage Exemption Certificates. These charges are for **each** trip as follows: £71

- Charter Vessels <100GT 50% of the full rate when navigating south of No 1 and 2 buoys
- 25% of the full rate when navigating within 'The Roads' only

Shipping companies with over 100 acts of self-pilotage may apply for a Compound Agreement of Self Pilotage.

Charges for Pilotage

North Sturbridge to Berth (EAST)

Size Vessel	Total
48m – 64.99m	£ 795.00
65m – 74.99m	£ 865.00
75m - 89.99m	£ 935.00
>90m	£ 975.00

Western Limit to Berth (WEST)

Size Vessel	Total
48m – 64.99m	£ 645.00
65m – 74.99m	£ 700.00
75m - 89.99m	£ 765.00
>90m	£ 795.00

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31 December 2025

Cowes Rds to Berth (PC)/Berth to Berth

Size Vessel	Total
48m – 64.99m	£ 495.00
65m – 74.99m	£ 540.00
75m – 89.99m	£ 590.00
>90m	£ 620.00

A Service Charge is levied to cover the provision of the following services:

Administration, fairway escort, launch assistance when berthing and mooring crew.

Notes/Other Services

St Helens, North Sturbridge or Western Limits to Cowes Roads anchorage or mooring buoy – applicable rate to/from berth will apply.

St Helens

Vessels requesting or requiring a pilot from St Helens will be charged at 25% uplift on the North Sturbridge charge.

Towage

Vessels under towage are subject to a 50% surcharge of the pilot charge depending on the details and restrictions of the tow.

Attendance

Detention Waiting Time over ½ hour	Pilot	£106 per hour.
	Pilot and Pilot Boat	£212 per hour
Cruising in Pilotage Waters	Pilot	on request

Pilots National Pension Fund Deficit Surcharge

5% Surcharge on all pilotage charges has been included

Surcharges

A harbour cruise from the Harbour entrance or the southern boundary at the Folly Inn will be charged as 2 berth to berth moves.

If less than 12 hours' notice (3 hours before departure of a berth) of a request for pilotage services is received a penalty charge of 25% of the Standard Charge may be levied in addition to the Standard Charge.

Any acts over 2 ½ hours may incur a surcharge.

Cancellation/ amendment of a request for pilotage services 1.5 hours before ETA/ETD will incur a fee of 33% of the Standard Charge.

If a pilot has attended a vessel or the pilot boarding position for the time requested and the act of pilotage has not

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commenced within 30 minutes of that time there will be a charge for the waiting time or the request for services may be cancelled and if so, a cancellation fee of 50% of the Standard Charge will be charged.

Once the act of pilotage has commenced if for any reason other than traffic movements or restricted visibility the vessel's transit is delayed for 30 minutes or more, then a detention fee of £60.95 will be charged for each period of 30 minutes or part thereof after the first 30 minutes of the delay.

Any vessel requiring a pilot to remain on board while a compass adjustment is made will incur an additional charge of £100.

THE ATTENTION OF OWNERS, SHIPPING AGENTS AND MASTERS OF ALL VESSELS OPERATING TO OR FROM COWES HARBOUR IS DRAWN TO SECTIONS 28, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 AND 43 OF THE HARBOUR WORKS AND PIERS CLAUSES ACTS 1847 (INCORPORATED WITH THE COWES HARBOUR ACT 1897), A COPY OF SUCH SECTIONS BEING PRINTED IN THE COWES HARBOUR BYELAWS 1972 (OBTAINABLE FROM THE HARBOUR OFFICE, TOWN QUAY, COWES).

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