Crouch Harbour Authority

Terms & Conditions

2020 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.

Early Payment:

1st January to 31st March 2020

After 31st March the full Annual Harbour Dues apply:

It is a condition of the Early Payment 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.

The CHA recommend that it is good practice to make sure that your vessel is insured covering public liability of at least £3,000,000.

Vessels Exempt from Harbour Dues in 2020

The CHA recommend that vessels exempt from Harbour Dues are insured covering public liability of at least £3,000,000.

All exempt vessels

Vessels under 2.44m (8'), non-motorised Canoes (Kayaks), Stand-Up Paddle Boards, Sailboards, Bona Fide Tenders under 4.87m (16') length provided Harbour Dues have been paid on the Mother Vessel and clearly marked "Tender to (mother vessel)", Emergency Services vessels, Vessels in RNLI service.

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	Early Payment
Feet	Metres		
8.00 – 15.50	2.44 – 4.73	£40.00	£30.00
15.51 – 21.50	4.74 – 6.55	56.00	42.00
21.51 – 26.50	6.56 – 8.07	70.00	52.50
26.51 – 32.50	8.08 – 9.90	73.00	54.75
32.51 – 38.50	9.91 – 11.73	86.00	64.50
38.51 – 49.50	11.74 – 15.08	99.00	74.25
49.51 – 59.50	15.09 – 18.13	109.00	81.75
59.51 – 66.50	18.14 – 19.96	139.00	104.25
66.51 – 98.50	19.97 – 30.02	262.00	196.50
98.51 – 131.50	30.03 – 40.08	341.00	255.75
131.51 +	40.09 +	525.00	393.75

River Pods
To be charged Harbour Dues based on the length

Tenders
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.

Rowing Boats/Gigs (INCLUDING Atlantic Rowing Boats) over 16ft
£32.55

Junior Fleet Dinghies £10.00
Sailing Dinghies, max length 16 ft.
Sailed only by 18-year olds and under

Club Safety Boats/Yard Launches/Workboats £10.00
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 3 weeks (21 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	£ 7.35
15.51 – 21.50	4.74 – 6.55	£ 9.45
21.51 – 26.50	6.56 – 8.07	£11.55
26.51 – 32.50	8.08 – 9.90	£14.70
32.51 +	9.91 +	£18.90

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 £160.00

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

2020 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' discount is not available. Please contact the Harbour Office for further details.

CHA Ski Licence £120.00
(Vessels of owners who are Members of Woodham Ferrers Waterski Club)

CHA Ski Licence £180.00
(all other Waterski Vessels)

Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) Licence £180.00

Annual Charge for NEW Commercial/Gain and Profit Piers/Pontoons
£ 5.00 per square metre

N.B. Hovercraft are not permitted on the River Crouch & River Roach