

**Bangor Marina - update on the current Covid 19 regulations at Bangor and in Northern Ireland, and other Irish Sea destinations, as at Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

As sent to Freddie Moran, 1st July 2020

**Friday 26th June - Bangor Marina Information Update**

As we continue along the pathway to recovery, everyone is reminded of the need to practice and maintain adequate social distancing.

Hopefully, this email will provide good news to all Bangor Marina berth holders.

**Overnighting onboard your boat.**

We are now moving to the stage where we will accept visitors travelling from any part of the Common Travel Area (UK and Ireland) from Friday 26th June.

**This includes being able to overnight on your boat.**

**Coronavirus lockdown easing**

On the 23rd June, the Stormont Executive announced that groups of up to six people in Northern Ireland can meet indoors while maintaining social distancing.

The Stormont Executive has agreed to reduce social distancing in Northern Ireland from 2m (6ft) to 1m with restrictions from Monday 29th June

Our First Minister and Deputy First Minister have also announced a series of other indicative dates for businesses and public facilities to reopen as lockdown is further eased in Northern Ireland.

They include:

- Betting shops from 3 July;
- Close contact services like spas and massage; tattoo parlours, holistic therapies and reflexology from 6 July;
- Indoor gyms and outdoor playgrounds from 10 July;
- Libraries from 16 July;
- The resumption of competitive sport from 17 July - with "limited numbers" of outdoor spectators, to be increased from 31 July;
- Bingo halls and arcades from 29 July;
- Other seated indoor venues such as cinemas and theatres from 29 July;
- Indoor sports courts and skating rinks from 7 August;
- Leisure centres and soft play areas from 7 August;
- Socially-distanced indoor spectators can return to sporting events from 28 August;
- Open air museums from late-August.

**Updated from Northern Ireland Marinas and Harbours – Friday 26th June 2020**

Bangor Marina – open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed**

Carrickfergus Marina - open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed**

Glenarm Marina - open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed**

Belfast Marina - open to resident berth holders only, **no visiting boat owners – planning to open early next week.**

Portrush & Ballycastle - open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed – please book in advance.**

Portaferry Marina – open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed**

Ardglass Marina - open to resident and visiting boat owners – **overnighting allowed, the amenities building remains closed for the time being.**

### **Northern Ireland Islands**

Rathlin – **Closed**, no landing, residents only, update to follow next week.

Copeland Island - **Closed**, no landing, residents only.

### **Updated from Isle of Man – 26th June 2020**

Peel, Ramsay, Port St Mary, Castletown, Port Erin, Douglas, Laxey, Derby Haven – Isle of Man borders are **closed**.

Vessels may transit through IOM waters and lie at anchor but you are not permitted to go ashore – you will be put into quarantine which is strictly enforced.

Islanders who travel beyond the IOM borders are not permitted to return unless they hold a key workers exception certificate which has been issued by the IOM government.

### **Update from Scotland – 26th June 2016**

**Good news** – Scottish Marinas / Harbours open to visitors from 4th July

### **Update from Wales**

Aberystwyth, Conwy, Pwllheli, Milford, Neyland, Penarth, Cardiff and Swansea - open to residents only who live within a 5-mile radius of the marina site, no visitors at present, no overnighting.

Wales is yet to confirm when the country will open up to visiting leisure craft, but this is not likely to be before 13th July.

The Welsh government has said that people can start booking holidays in self-contained accommodation from that date onwards.

### **Update from Ireland**

Taoiseach Leo Varadkar has given the green light for Phase Three of the lifting of coronavirus restrictions to go ahead from **Monday 29th June 2020**

The move into Phase Three means:

- Pubs can reopen, with various restrictions, once they serve a “substantial” meal worth at least €9
- All transport restrictions within Ireland will be lifted
- Hotels, restaurants, hostels, caravan parks, galleries and museums can reopen
- Churches and places of worship can reopen with restrictions
- Gyms, cinemas and leisure facilities can reopen with restrictions
- Hairdressers and barber shops can reopen with safety measures in place
- All sporting activities, including close contact sports and all leagues, can resume, but with limited spectators

- Mass gatherings will be limited to 50 people indoors and 200 people outdoors, though there will be an exception for larger places of worship.

I spoke with Mr Damien Offer, the manager at Malahide Marina and he has advised that Irish would welcome visitors from Bangor from Monday 29th June, but please book in advance.

### **Going Afloat**

Before going afloat check the latest weather forecast and ensure your boat is fully seaworthy, with appropriate safety equipment. This is important in order to minimise the need for our emergency services to be mobilised, potentially placing them and you at risk.

### **Minimising the risk of transfer of the virus.**

Berth holders must take responsibility for their own safety, including using PPE where appropriate.

We must try to minimise the risk of any transfer and urge berth holders to maintain high levels of hygiene on their boats and especially when using taps, hoses, rails, gates etc. on the pontoons and entrances.

Kind regards  
Vickie

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