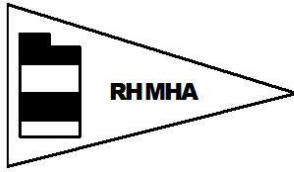


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Dear Jason,

Corona Virus: Government Lock Down

I hope you are managing OK with this novel situation which must be giving you and the staff a more than usually busy time. After supporting your actions wholeheartedly over the past weeks my colleagues on the committee of the Hamble River Mooring Holders Association are starting to think about the future and how we could begin to access our boats on the river and under what constraints. We would urge you to put pressure, on behalf of the mid-stream mooring holders, on local MP's and key Government Ministers to formulate a strategy by which our members can gain access to their boats for the urgent task of maintaining them, repairing damage caused by the severe gales earlier in the year and ultimately to make sure that they do not sink.

The task of leaving the lockdown is not easy but we see the way forward as being in three parts:

- 1) Firstly, access for midstream mooring holders to the River Hamble for essential work to boats presently on their Crown Estates Moorings including tenders which may be kept in a Marina. Perhaps using a permission scheme run by the Harbour Office, if you thought that this was appropriate. The scheme could include similar safety measures as currently set out for those providing professional services on the river.
- 2) Secondly, a more general scheme aimed at utilising the exercise potential of small self-powered craft.
- 3) Lastly, a general scheme for all who wish to make use of the river Hamble later in the year.

We understand that presently professional work, of the kind mentioned in 1) above, is allowed to be carried out on the Hamble river.

Yours sincerely

Dave

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