

2024 Information & Terms and Conditions for Annual Mooring Licences, River Exe Estuary.

1. **GENERAL** - The Powderham Estate permits moorings in allocated positions on the River Exe if an annual mooring licence is obtained from the Estate. Licences are available on application to the Estate Office, and are subject to contract between the Powderham Estate and individual licensee, and the following terms and conditions:

2. LICENCING & FEES

a. **LICENCE PERIOD** - From 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025.

b. **Winter** - Whilst the licence fee covers the placement of your mooring for the year, we require all vessels to be removed from the estuary by 1st November and to remain off the mooring over winter. If you plan to moor your vessel beyond this date, written permission must be sought from the Steward of the Dues. Permission will only be considered for those with well-maintained moorings and vessels. Each request will be considered on an individual case basis. The Steward of the Dues decision is final. Your marine insurance cover must be valid through winter to obtain permission. Check your insurance covers use after 1st November as many don't. Afloat on the Exe is not a suitable winter storage solution.

FEES -

c. **Registration Fee** - New moorers pay a one-off registration fee of £180.00 (all prices quoted here on in are subject to VAT @ 20%).

d. **Licence Fee** - The annual licence fee for 2024 is set at £12.45 per ft LOA and is reviewed annually.

e. **Unoccupied Fee** - If you do not occupy your mooring for any reason you must pay the standard unoccupied rate which is equivalent to the 19' rate.

f. **Minimum Fee** - For vessels smaller than 19' the minimum 19' rate applies.

g. **Late Payment** - Mooring licence fees must be paid before 1st April to avoid a late payment penalty fee of £85.00. **If your payment has not been made by this date you will receive a late payment invoice, which will include the mooring fee and the penalty charge. No reminders are sent out and on time payment keeps costs down for everyone.**

h. **REFUNDS & TRANSFERS** – Mooring licences are not transferable. Refunds will be considered on an individual case basis if you sell/hand back a mooring (see clause 3.k). Refunds will not be granted if a licence is revoked due to non-compliance with the terms & conditions set here in. The decision of Powderham Estate or its appointed representatives will be final in all matters.

i. **INSURANCE** – Licences will not be granted without evidence of valid marine insurance (minimum Third party). A copy of your current and correct marine insurance certificate must be sent to the Estate Office. Please ensure that renewal insurance certificates are also sent to the Estate Office.

j. **LICENCE ISSUE** – Upon receipt & full processing of the mooring licence registration/renewal form, correct payment and proof of insurance, the mooring licence and transom sticker will be sent to the moorer by return of post.

k. Vessels should clearly display the supplied mooring licence transom sticker.

l. **NEW MOORERS** - New moorers can register for a licence at any time of year. If a new moorer registers after 1st August, the Estate, at its discretion will charge mooring licence fees at 50% of the standard rate,

and after 1st September will normally waive the licence fee for the remainder season. Registration fees however are payable in full on application. Please contact the Estate Office for clarification on an individual basis.

- m. **SUB LETTING or LOANING** - Licences may not be sub-let or loaned to third parties without the express written permission of The Steward of the Dues.
- n. **RENEWAL** - Mooring licence renewal invitations are sent out in early February each year.
- o. **VESSEL CHANGE** – Mooring licences are vessel specific. In the event of a change of vessel, or if you change your plans and subsequently occupy a mooring for which you have paid the unoccupied rate, you should inform the office so that your mooring licence and required payment can be updated. Proof of correct & current marine insurance must also be provided.

3. MOORINGS

- a. Laying of mooring tackle, it's suitability, on-going maintenance and associated costs are the responsibility of the moorer.
- b. Moorers are responsible for maintenance, safety and condition of their mooring.
- c. Occupied moorings should be serviced annually. Powderham Estate reserves the right to inspect any mooring. If found to be defective or considered unsafe for occupation, the licensee will be contacted and the licence suspended. Powderham Estate reserves the right to remove any unmarked or unsafe mooring.
- d. All mooring positions are to be agreed in advance by the Steward of the Dues.
- e. Mooring buoys must be indelibly marked with the PC licence number.
- f. Mooring positions may only be altered with the agreement of the Steward of the Dues. This will not be permitted if such a move impacts negatively on a neighbouring licenced mooring.
- g. Moorings may not be occupied by larger vessels than for which the mooring is licenced.
- h. The Estate's approved mooring contractor is Turlbuoys Mooring Services. Chris Turl's contact details are: Telephone 07592 996879, email turlbuoymooringservices@gmail.com
- i. If you wish to use an alternative mooring contractor, they will need to liaise with ourselves and Chris Turl with regard to any new or adjusted positioning.
- j. **MOORING TACKLE SPECIFICATION** - All Mooring tackle is to be supplied by the mooring owner. It should be maintained/ serviced regularly. It should be of suitable strength for the size of the vessel. We suggest for a standard Mooring, a Ground chain of 42- 50mm in thickness, connected to a riser of 16mm. A swivel will then be connected to a clearly marked A4 buoy, where a 9.5mm chain strop will be connected to your vessel.

Further advice on mooring specification is available from Turlbuoys Mooring Services.

Our Approved mooring contractor is-

TURLBUOYS MOORING SERVICES

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BUYING & SELLING A MOORING

- k. **Buying** – Availability & suitability of a new or existing mooring can be established by contacting Turlbuoys Mooring Services to discuss (see 3.j for contact details).
- l. If you wish to purchase an existing mooring, we strongly advise you contact the Estate office before agreeing to the purchase to check the current status of the mooring. Please note that any outstanding fees will need to be settled before a mooring licence can be granted.
- m. **Selling** - If you decide to sell your existing mooring, we offer a free listing service for second-hand moorings to help you find a buyer. If you intend to give up or sell your mooring, you should inform the Estate Office. An unoccupied fee should be paid (see note 2.d) if the mooring is vacant whilst for sale. Any licence fee paid will not be transferable to the new owner. Powderham Estate will consider a partial refund of the mooring licence fee on an individual case basis if the mooring is sold before 1st August of the licence year. Please contact the Estate Office to discuss.

- n. In the event of selling your mooring you are responsible for informing the Estate Office and supplying the contact details for the new owner of the mooring tackle. The new owner must contact Powderham Estate to register for their own licence (see clause 2.I).

4. VESSELS

- a. Moorers are responsible for maintenance, safety and condition of their vessel.
- b. Any vessel requiring rescue/movement/removal if at risk, or before, or on stranding, will incur fees for the owner as detailed on receipt of our invoice.
- c. Powderham Estate reserves the right, after 10 working days, to detain/remove any unlicensed, uninsured or abandoned vessels, as well as any vessels with outstanding licence fees. Such vessels will be sold without further delay and the Estate will recover its full costs including time expended.

5. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

- a. Powderham Estate will not accept liability for accident or loss of any kind, however caused; including and in particular, will not be liable for any legal claims arising directly or indirectly from the third-party installation of vessel mooring tackle.
- b. All moorers will need to obey Harbour Regulations (Exeter Harbour Master 01392 265791) and show due consideration for the beautiful and unspoilt environment of the Exe Estuary.
- c. Moorers are deemed to have accepted and be bound by these terms and conditions, as a condition of the grant and acceptance of a mooring licence. Failure to abide by the terms and conditions may result in a licence being refused or revoked.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- a. Powderham Estate operate a regular mooring patrol for licenced moorers and can be contacted for advice and assistance on 01626 890243.
- a. Moorers are encouraged to join The Starcross Fishing and Cruising Club from the Brunel Tower, which provides very good facilities and services. Contact on: 01626 891996 / www.starcross-fcc.com / bruneltower@aol.com.
- b. Starcross Yacht Club (near Powderham Church) has good shore-side facilities, and occasionally has space for new moorers with sailing craft. Please contact the Cruiser Secretary Julian Parlett, either via the clubhouse on 01626 890470 or 01392 431578 or at www.starcrossyc.org.uk.
- d. Licenced moorers are entitled to 20% discount on Powderham membership offering unlimited general admission to the castle & grounds (excluding events) along with exclusive members discounts & benefits. Please see <https://www.powderham.co.uk/product/membership/> for more details. Please apply in person bringing your mooring licence letter & photographic proof of ID.

The Steward of the Dues

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