

Waste Management Plan 2024



Introduction

The primary purpose of the Waste Management Plan (WMP) is to encourage vessel generated waste to be recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way, and to avoid the dumping of waste at sea. This plan advises users of the facilities available onsite at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH).

“Every harbour authority and terminal operator is required by the regulations to provide waste reception facilities adequate to meet the needs of the ships normally using the harbour or terminal in question” - Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/NO:1809)

This WMP applies to CYH and refers to the overarching Port Waste Management Plan written by Cowes Harbour Commissioners which is available online:

<https://www.cowes.co.uk/harbour-information/waste-recycling/>

Background to CYH

CYH is located on western side and near the mouth of the River Medina and caters for small and medium size vessels up to 30m in length. The CYH site consists of the marina, boatyard, event centre, hospitality areas and some onsite property tenants.

Legislation

The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 applies to any marina within a harbour as well as all ships calling at the harbour facility. Through this all operators of shore-side facilities have a responsibility to provide amenities to enable vessels to offload waste for disposal to avoid the dumping of waste at sea. All vessels have a legal obligation to dispose of waste before proceeding to sea, unless they can prove there is adequate waste storage on-board to reach their next port.

Users

CYH is predominantly a visitor marina with over 15,000 visiting vessels per annum. It also caters for a variety of yachts on a dry-sailing basis (stored ashore and launched when required) along with a small section of the marina for annual berth holders.

As well as visitors to the marina the Event Centre onsite hosts a variety of different events ranging from, exhibitions, gala dinners, and conferences to winter boat storage with guests arriving by sea, vehicle or on foot. The onsite hospitality areas (bar and food outlets) attract both locals on foot and visiting yacht crews. Property tenants also make use of the waste and recycling facilities.

All users have open access to use the waste and recycling facilities onsite without the need to inform the Marina Office.

Consultation & Responsibilities

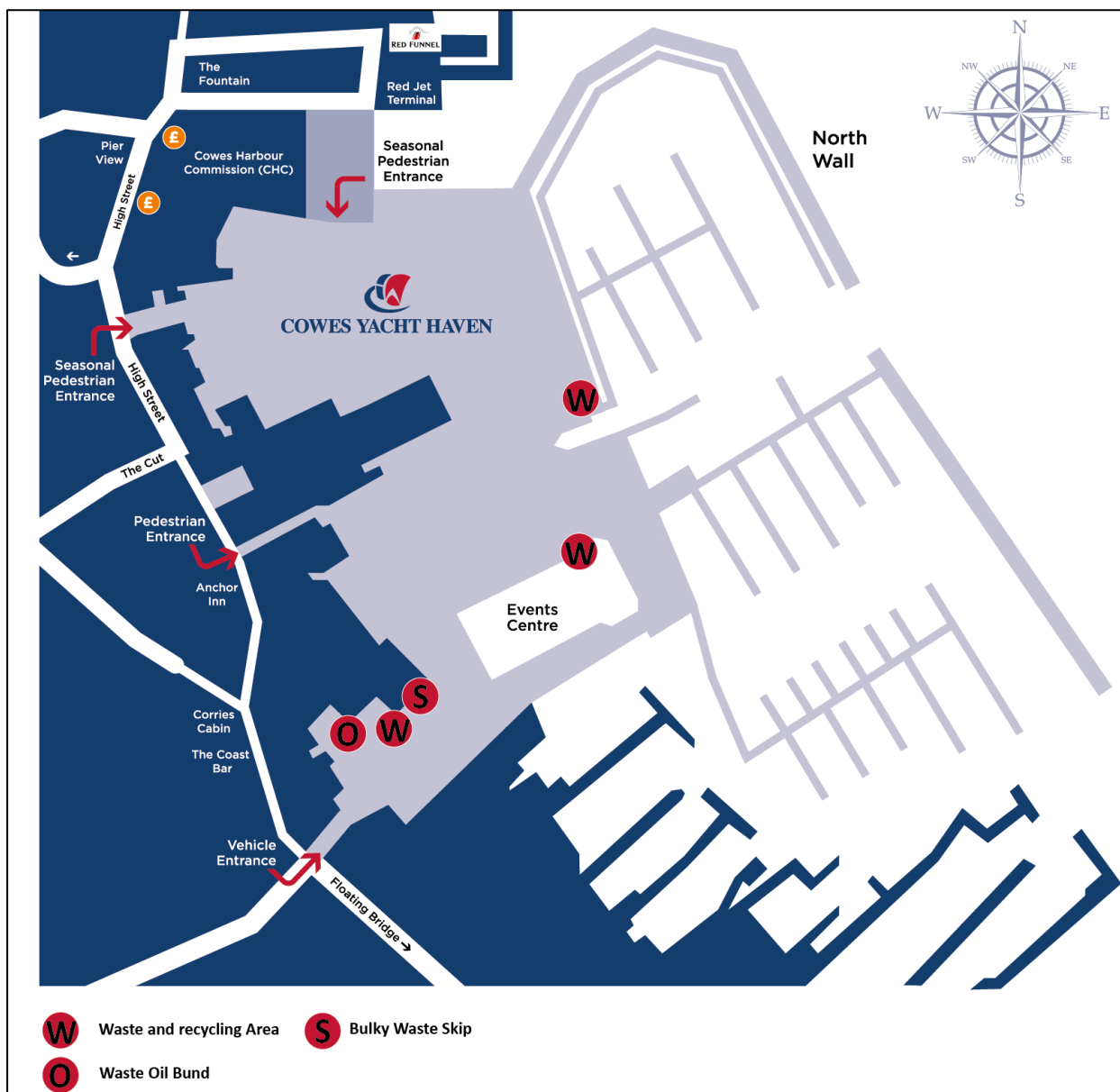
Anyone visiting the marina and its facilities has access to this **CYH Waste Management Plan** along with a link to the overarching **Port Waste Management Plan** for the general harbour of Cowes via Cowes Harbour Commission www.cowes.co.uk/harbour-information/waste-recycling/. All visitors are encouraged to provide feedback / recommendations which are then reviewed and taken forward where applicable.



Location of facilities

Two waste and recycling areas are located as close to the top of the ramps to both the North & South basins as possible to assist the yacht crews as they exit the pontoons, providing a minimal distance to transport the waste. Both areas are well lit and are accessible 24hrs a day. Signage around the site clearly marks the waste and recycling locations as well as the areas themselves.

The third area is in the car park and includes a skip for more bulky waste. This area is also where the empty bins stored and full bins are removed to, before being emptied by the licenced contractor.



Types of Waste

- **Waste Oil** – A waste oil bund is located in the car park at the rear of the site. Customers with small volumes of waste oil to dispose of may request the Oil bund key from Marina Reception. In some cases they may be escorted to the oil bund where a member of staff will unlock the bund. When full, the bund is emptied by a licensed contractor.
- **General and Dry mixed recyclable waste** – The two bin compounds at the North & South Basin bridgeheads each hold a number of large 1100L bins. There are three general waste bins & three dry mixed recycling bins located in the North Basin Compound. There are two general waste bins & two dry mixed recycling bins located in the South Basin Compound.
- **Glass** – Each compound has one 240L glass bin, another 240L glass bin is located near the hospitality areas.
- **Category 1 - International Catering Waste (ICW) (Non-UK Waste)** - All vessels arriving from outside of the UK must report to the Marina Office upon arrival and inform the office if they have any waste that requires disposal. Waste is considered ICW if a vessel travels outside the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man, even if stocked up for the entire journey in the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man. A separate bin (clearly identified as containing 'Category 1 By-Product for Disposal Only') is available and provided. A Licensed contractor (BIFFA Waste services) is called to come and remove from site for immediate disposal.
- **Sewage** – There is no pump-out facility at CYH. Customers requiring disposal of sewage will be directed to Shepards Wharf Marina where this facility can be used free of charge.
- **Hazardous Substances** – There is no permanent facility for hazardous waste at CYH. Should this be required a Licensed contractor will be contacted and the necessary arrangements made.

Charges for disposal

Charges for waste disposal for the users of CYH are generally included within the berthing fees.

Vessels in the wider Cowes Harbour, too large to berth in CYH, may request a waste disposal service. A charge is applied for this service and is calculated based upon the amount and type of waste being disposed.

All other costs incurred for the provision of the waste facilities are borne by CYH as the operator.

Charges are also applied to customers disposing of ICW.

Pollution and prevention

CYH takes pollution prevention very seriously and has published a separate Environmental policy that covers this subject in more detail.

Pollution can be caused by a number of different things. Customers are requested to report a pollution incident to the Environment Agency on their incident line **0800 807060**.