

Dear Pontoon Users

I am writing to update you on the improvement works being undertaken to the floating pontoon on Coast Road, West Mersea.

The new gate and signage have been installed on the entrance way to the hammerhead restricting access to the hammerhead for boat users only.

The next phase will start on the 13 March to undertake the widening of the pontoon. The new section of pontoon is for additional area for crabbers, as part of the work there are going to install fencing either side of the main walkway, segregating the crabbing areas.

I would ask all boat users to remove their boats from the right-hand side of the pontoon (looking out from the shore) and the inside hammerhead of the pontoon by the evening of 12 March.

On the 13 March the contractor will remove the old fender skirts, cleats from the existing pontoon edge.

The next section will be the arrival of the new pontoon. I have sort permission from West Mersea Town Council to use the public hard slipway on the junction of Coast Road and Firs Road (opposite the old lifeboat shed)

The plan is for the truck will arrive on 14 March first thing in the morning, they will unload on the slipway that morning, using a forklift truck. This may take a couple of hours and restrict access to the slipway

Once unloaded the forklift can move things around the beach and the pontoon will be constructed here. The metal fendering and cleats will then re-installed on the new pontoon while the pontoon is on the beach.

The truck is coming from France and on another project recently the truck was delayed due to something out of their control, so they would like to allow for the 15 March as an unloading day at the slipway also. Either way it will only be 1 day, or 2 days that slipway maybe restricted.

The period the work will between the 13 –16 March, but could be longer due to weather conditions or the truck being delayed.

The pontoon will be closed for some of the time when works are being undertaken, for like when they join the new pontoon to the existing one.

I will be putting up signage as well with the dates explaining about the work, and if you could forward the email to anyone else please do so.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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