

MALDON HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSIONERS

Consultation on Harbour Dues May/July 2022

To date, harbour dues are levied on commercial vessels only. Owing to recent pressures on expenditure and problems of collection, the MHIC will be once again considering the possibilities of widening the collection to include other river users.

The MHIC is responsible for the stretch of river from Fullbridge to Heybridge Basin where two buoys mark the outer limit. The Commissioners are all volunteers providing their services free of charge, including the positioning and maintenance on buoys, inspection of the river, removal of obstacles and consultations with Trinity House, Maldon District Council and other authorities.

The major consideration for the MHIC is to provide the funds to enable these duties to be carried out. In the past it was estimated that the cost of collecting harbour dues from non commercial river users outweighed the income. Nonetheless the whole process of funding needs to be re-examined.

If you would like to be consulted on this change or have any views/ideas you wish to make please email clerk@mhic.org.uk including your name, contact number and, if appropriate, boat name, mooring location, organisation, club etc. All submissions by Sunday, 26 June 2022.

The Commissioners hope to reach as many interested parties as possible; please pass the information of the impending change on to other river users.

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Yours sincerely, Julie Stuchbery, Clerk,
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