

ST IVES HARBOUR

HARBOUR MASTER'S NOTICE

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Proper Use of VHF Radio Communication

All harbour users are reminded of the correct procedures and professional etiquette expected when using VHF radio communication. As a vital tool for maritime safety and operational efficiency, VHF radio use must comply with:

- **International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radio Regulations**
- **IMO SOLAS Convention, Chapter IV**
- **Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998 (UK law)**
- **Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006**

VHF transmissions must be concise, clear, and strictly relevant to safety of navigation, operational coordination, or emergency situations. Unnecessary transmissions or inappropriate language are prohibited and may lead to enforcement action by Ofcom, the UK's communications regulator.

Channel Usage:

- **Channel 12** St Ives Harbour port operations channel
- **Channel 14** remains the primary port operations channel for Hayle Harbour
- To reduce non-essential traffic on Channel 14, **Channel 15** is be used for St Ives commercial boat operations communication

Please note: Even on working channels, all communications must be conducted professionally, respectfully, and without informal or irrelevant exchanges. Improper use of VHF radio not only disrupts port operations but may compromise maritime safety and result in legal penalties.

We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring efficient and compliant radio communications.

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