

The Poole Yacht Club

Studland Bay Marine Conservation Zone. Summary and update.

October 2021

Following various consultations on proposed measures to protect the conservation interests in Studland Bay, the Marine Maritime Organisation (MMO) are now firming up their ideas. These were announced in a meeting followed by document published on the 10th September called the Studland Bay Habitat Protection Strategy (Sept 2021). See link below

The key proposals are as follows.

1. The introduction of a voluntary no anchor zone (VNAZ) in two phases. Phase 1 from the 17th Dec and phase 2 from the 1st June. These two zones are shown below.

2 The MMO have signalled that they will be willing to consider licences up to 100 eco (Advanced Mooring Systems or AMS) moorings within the VNAZ to facilitate access, although they have stated that they prefer these outside of the VNAZ.

While these are welcome, there are still considerable concerns

- Phasing, monitoring and potential enforcement.
- Licensing conditions are really not detailed enough
- How will the historic rights to visit The Bay be protected?

All attendees were asked to provide further comments on this document by the 29th September.

Our reply is attached.

The RYA have responded in much greater depth with their concerns about the proposals. Their response is also attached

We are now awaiting a response from the MMO to the latest comments.

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Figure 3: The area where the interim voluntary no anchor zone applies in Studland Bay MCZ in phase 1 (2021).

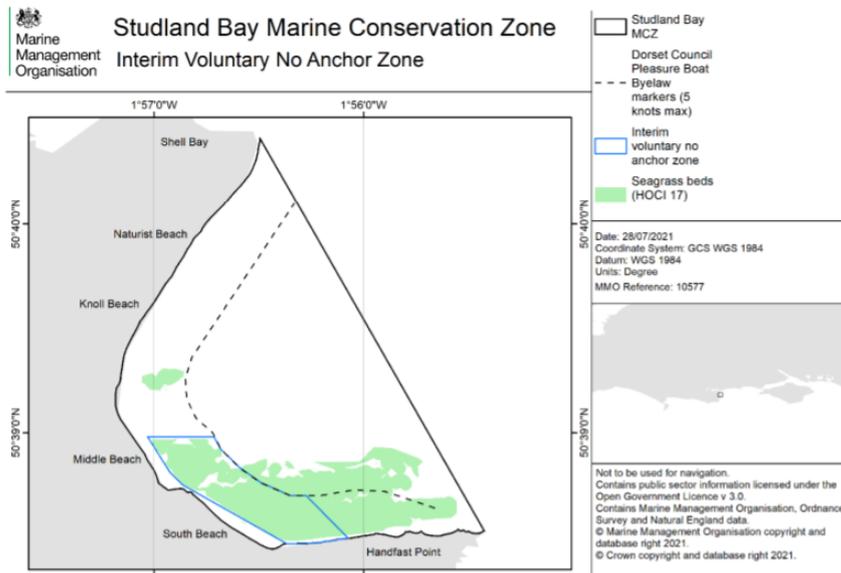
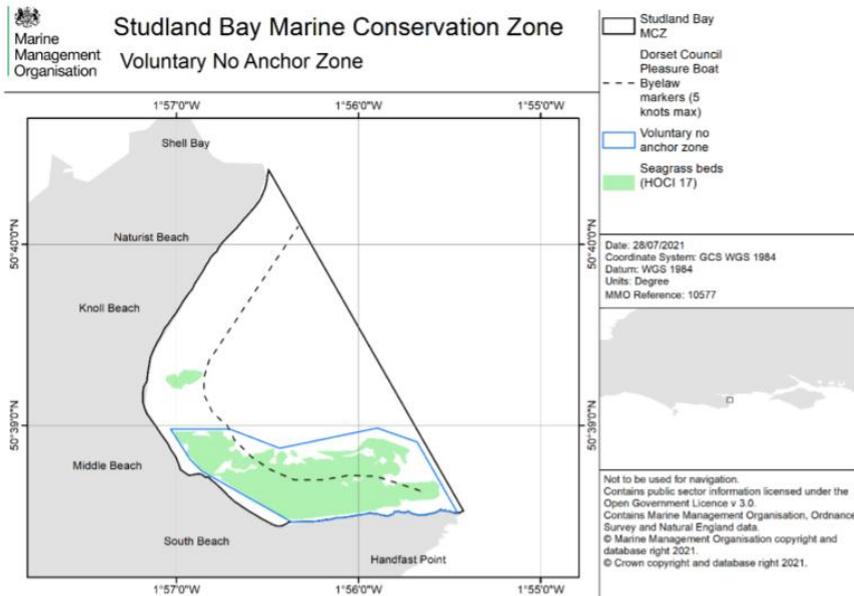


Figure 2: The area where the voluntary no anchor zone is likely to apply in Studland Bay MCZ in phase 2 (2022).



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MMO Document link-

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