

Table 9: Moorings

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight Council (IWC) Ventnor Haven; Harbour Authorities;	Dockyard Port of Portsmouth (QHM); English Nature (EN); Wootton Creek Fairways Association	
Location	This activity takes place at Ventnor Haven, Bembridge Harbour, Wootton Creek and around Ryde. New moorings are usually only created with existing harbours and marinas.		
Frequency	The maintenance and use of moorings is a constant (mostly low-level) activity as whole, with the painting of all pile moorings every 3 to 4 years being the main operation.		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abrasion • Noise • Pollution • Removal • Smothering • Visual 		
Research undertaken	None		
Research required	None identified		
Ongoing management	<p>The use of moorings is an activity that is managed by the harbour authorities, sometimes with guidance from other bodies such as EN. Ongoing use of moorings and movement of moorings can be established within a Harbour Plan, and other local authority plans and various codes of conduct for mooring. The QHM has powers within the Dockyard Ports Act to restrict moorings, but does not approve individual moorings.</p> <p>Where planning permission has yet to be sought, the IWC are the planning authority and would be required to give planning permission for new moorings to be created at any of the harbours and marinas. The council also promotes a series of regattas and sailing weeks the majority of which are based in the SWMEMS area which increases the demand on mooring capacity. The IWC Unitary Development Plan (UDP) states that application for new moorings will be approved with defined settlements and developed coastlines and where there is no unacceptable impact on other water users, the ecological and archaeological value of the site, views, access, adjacent land and river hydrology. The UDP also states that new mooring will not be encouraged in areas of undeveloped coast.</p> <p>IWC is the statutory harbour authority for Ventnor Haven. The Council lets tender to Cheetah Marine to manage and control the mooring of the harbour. There are some regulations associated with the mooring in Ventnor Haven enforced by Cheetah Marine. In the summer three offshore moorings will be added.</p> <p>Wootton Creek Fairways Association regulates mooring within the Wootton Creek.</p> <p>Permission is required from EN for any operation likely to damage a SSSI. EN may consent, assist or advise on any operations listed as 'an operation requiring EN's consent (formerly Operations Likely to Damage, OLD). EN is able to prosecute anyone for damage to a SSSI under the CRoW Act 2000. EN is also able to make byelaws for the protection of a European marine site under Regulation 36 of the Conservation Regulations 1994 but this is considered a last resort in the management of this site.</p>		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	
No management action required.			