



## THE LOCAL MOORINGS

*A Mooring is a permanent or semi- permanent means of attachment to the sea bed*

5.1 The THA holds the exclusive right to lay and maintain moorings in the areas marked on Plan 1. No other moorings except those belonging to the RNLI and Caledonian MacBrayne will be allowed in the Association's Mooring Area unless agreed between the THA and the Crown Estate.

5.2 The THA owns, maintains and insures a grid of mooring blocks, surge chains and ground chains. Each anchor point is known as a '**Mooring Block**'. Boat owners wishing to lease a Mooring Block, onto which they will be given permission to attach their own riser, should apply to the Business Manager. Preference will be given to residents of Mull (Note 7.1).

5.3 All mooring holders must be members of the THA

5.4 Mooring Blocks are arranged in rows and groups of rows. Mooring Blocks for small boats are inshore, mooring Blocks for large boats offshore. Each group of Mooring Blocks is suitable for the following sizes of boats.

Row <b>A, L</b>	up to <b>20</b> feet
Row <b>B, C, M</b>	up to <b>25</b> feet,
Row <b>D, E, F</b>	up to <b>35</b> feet
Row <b>G, H</b>	up to <b>50</b> feet
Row <b>I, J, K, N</b>	up to <b>75</b> feet

The ratio of boat length to anchor size may be modified for boats with excessive tonnage to length and vice versa.

5.5 The THA have discretion to specify the appropriate Mooring Block taking into consideration the vessels size. In exceptional circumstances and after full consultation the THA may ask a lease holder to move to an alternative mooring position to accommodate differing sizes and types of vessels into the grid. The expense of moving existing Mooring Block holder(s), under these circumstances, would be met by the THA and/or the new mooring holder.

5.6 The design and type of riser used by the Mooring Block holder is at the Mooring Block holder's discretion. However the length and 'scope' of the riser for each Mooring Block has been specified by the THA Mooring Consultant (Note 7.2).

5.7 Members are responsible for annual insurance, inspection and maintenance of their riser and associated mooring tackle. The THA Mooring Blocks and Surge Chains are inspected annually by the professional contractors arranged by the THA.



- 5.8 Members are responsible for obtaining at least third party insurance for the vessel for which they lease the mooring. Members sub-leasing a mooring (5.12) are responsible for ensuring that the sub leaser has third party insurance for their vessel
- 5.9 THA Mooring Block Holders will be given a mooring tag, issued by the Crown Estate, which must be clearly attached to the mooring pick up chain or buoy. A visible link from the surface to the THA mooring block must be maintained at all times. Members who fail to mark their mooring block(s) will be notified in writing and given one month to comply. If this mooring block remains unmarked the block will revert to the THA. Mooring Block holders should also clearly mark their mooring buoy with the appropriate mooring reference number from the THA.
- 5.10 Boats passing through the Mooring Areas should reduce speed and show consideration to other users. The THA recommends 4 Knots as the maximum speed. Complaints about excessive speed will be referred to the appropriate authority.
- 5.11 The right to a Mooring Block is not transferable except at the discretion of the THA.
- 5.12 If a member leases a Mooring Block which is unused or sub-leased by the Mooring Block Holder for two full years, then that lease may be terminated and the Mooring Block offered to the next suitable vessel, on the Waiting List.
- 5.13 A Mooring Block Holder may sub-lease his mooring for a maximum of two years.
- 5.14 Mooring Block leases are only granted to boat owners or persons in the process of obtaining a boat, the maximum period of grace for obtaining a boat is two years. Priority will be given to persons on the waiting list with boats.

### **MOORING FEES AND DUES.**

*The THA is a not-for-profit Community Company, any surplus monies will be used to maintain or improve facilities in and around Tobermory Harbour.*

- 6.1 Mooring Block holders must pay their fees in advance. Fees include dues to the CE, the annual insurance on the Mooring Block and the monies due to the THA for leasing a Mooring Block.
- 6.2 If any Mooring Block holder fails to pay, or can give no valid reason for omitting to pay the fees, the mooring block will be offered to the next suitable vessel on the waiting list. Mooring holders who fail to pay their CE fees will be referred to the Crown Estate Marine Manager.

### **NOTES**

- 7.1 *If the committee unfairly refuses an application for a mooring position, the applicant has the right of appeal to the Crown Estate Commissioners, 6 Bell's Brae, Edinburgh EH4 3BJ. Their decision shall be binding on both parties.*
- 7.2 *The THA Mooring Consultants are North West Marine, Oban [www.northwestmarine.co.uk](http://www.northwestmarine.co.uk)*