



Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority

NET FISHING AROUND PIERS

CODE OF PRACTICE

Southern IFCA has introduced a new Code of Practice (CoP) for net fishing around piers. The Code **prevents the use of fishing nets, except landing and drop nets, from within 200m of nine piers** in the Southern IFC District. The piers affected are:

- **Sandown Pier**, Sandown, Isle of Wight;
 - **Ryde Pier Head**, Ryde, Isle of Wight;
- **South Parade Pier**, Portsmouth, Hampshire;
- **Yarmouth Pier**, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight;
- **Boscombe Pier**, Bournemouth, Dorset;
- **Bournemouth Pier**, Bournemouth, Dorset;
 - **Swanage Pier**, Swanage, Dorset;
- **Weymouth Stone Pier**, Weymouth, Dorset; and
- **Weymouth Pleasure Pier**, Weymouth, Dorset.

Visit the 'All Regulations' page on the Southern IFCA website www.southern-ifca.gov.uk to view the Code and maps of closure areas.



Recreational sea angling is a popular activity in the Southern IFC District and the pier locations in the Code provide important access for participants. These measures aim to balance the different needs of people fishing in the Southern IFC District, in line with the Authority's duties under the Marine and Coastal Access Act, 2009.

The Code was developed as a first alternative to a byelaw, in consultation with sector representatives from the Recreational Angling Sector Group (RASG) and the South Coast Fisherman's Council (SCFC).

This Code of Practice will be reviewed no later than 31st December 2022. Should the code prove ineffective, Southern IFCA will consider the introduction of regulatory measures.

If you would like to report information relating to the possible non-compliance of this code to the Authority you can complete the form on our website: www.southern-ifca.gov.uk/contact-us, or call 01202 721373. Please remember to include a description of the fishing gear and vessels.