



Access statement

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West Bay is the harbour at Bridport Dorset. Use the postcode **DT6 4EL** in your sat-nav. Follow the A35 towards Bridport. At the *Crown Inn* Roundabout take the B3157 towards West Bay. Use the large car park on your left opposite Haddon House Hotel. Exit the car park **left** and follow the road towards the harbour. Keeping the boats on your left. The LBRC pontoons are located on the bridge where the river flows into the harbour (6-8 minutes from the car park).



Access to the LBRC pontoon is via a metal staircase with a single hand rail on the left hand side.

There are two pontoon types.

The first solid under foot and whilst floating, is solid and stable.

Access to the boat is via the second pontoon which is made up of a series of interlocking blocks

These plastic blocks provide excellent buoyancy but are softer underfoot and require a small amount of balance to negotiate.

(see <http://www.versadock.com>)



Entry to the RIB is over the tube with seating astride a jockey seat akin to a motorcycle.

Seating is either two people sharing 1 double seat (image 1) or, single seats arranged in pairs. (image2)

You will never be asked to share a double seat with someone you do not know.



Seats have a back rest at the rear and a grab rail at the front.

It is asked that children sit in front of an adult/guardian for safety reasons. Attention is drawn towards the danger of impact between the passengers head/face and the hand rail in front of them.

Seating towards the front of the boats is likely to be less comfortable than towards the rear of the boat and will therefore be more susceptible to increased shock and movement from the waves.

Your skipper will advise you of the preferred place for you to sit if he/she or you have any concerns.

Your skipper may also advise you to stand over your seat to reduced shock and impact.

If this is the case, a full demonstration will be given and any questions answered before you leave the quayside.

Each passenger will be given a suitable lifejacket which must be worn at all times. Lifejackets are fitted by your skipper or a team member and instructions of to operate it will be given during your safety briefing.

Mobility & a certain degree of physical ability is necessary to embark/disembark the RIBs & pontoons. Staff & skipper will advise customers using discretion & curtesy if they feel it would not be suitable to travel at sea with us.



LBRC has a minimum age policy of 5 years old accompanied by an adult providing the sea state is flat calm.

- • €This age is raised at the skippers discretion as the wind speed/wave size increases and decreased (to minimum of 5yrs) should the wind sea state permit.
- Wind/wave height/sea state may also effect upper age range suitability and your skipper will advise.
- • €Passengers are made aware of this rule from the outset
- • €The skippers word is final
- • €Child age range 5-11 years inclusive

LBRC adopt this policy to prevent against back injury, spinal compression injury, shaking injury to a child. Please see our terms and conditions on our website or contact a member of staff should you have any queries.

Whilst LBRC staff and employees will try to be as inclusive as possible in taking people to sea if suitable to do so, we will remain honest and sensible and if it is not suitable for passengers to travel, they will be advised and refused until such a time that it is.

Caution: RIBS are likely to be subjected to significant shock loads, our trips are not suitable for

- • €Those with neck, back, hip, knee, ankle or foot problems or any other medical conditions made worse by shock loads
- • €Those who are either pregnant or are of notable stature
- • €Those who have consumed alcohol or intoxicating drugs

The RIBs are open boats and you may be subjected to spray or any other weather elements such as rain, wind and sun. Suitable protection is recommended.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OF WORRIES ABOUT TRAVELLING ON A RIB – PLEASE SPEAK TO ONE OF THE TEAM WHO WILL BE MORE THAT HAPPY TO HELP

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