

Access statement – Lyme Bay RIB Charter (LBRC)

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West Bay is the harbour for Bridport, Dorset. For sat-nav directions, please use DT6 4EL. From the A35, follow signs for Bridport. At the Crown Inn Roundabout, take the B3157 towards West Bay. Use the large car park on your left, opposite Haddon House Hotel.

From the car park, exit left and walk towards the harbour, keeping the boats on your left. The LBRC pontoons are located on the bridge where the river flows into the harbour—approximately a 6–8 minute walk.



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 is solid under foot and whilst floating, is solid and stable.
- The second, giving access to the boat, is made from interlocking plastic blocks. These are buoyant and secure, but slightly softer underfoot and may require a little balance to cross.

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



Boarding the RIB involves stepping over the tube and sitting astride a jockey seat, similar to a motorbike. Seating is arranged as:

- Double seats (shared only by people from the same booking)
- Single seats in pairs

Each seat has a backrest and a front grab rail. For safety, children must sit in front of an accompanying adult. Please note the risk of head/face contact with the grab rail and take care to avoid leaning forward in rough conditions



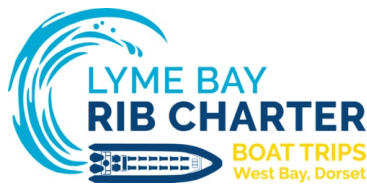
Seating towards the front of the boats is likely to be less comfortable than towards the rear of the boat and will therefore be more susceptible to increased shock and movement from the waves.

Your skipper will advise on the most suitable seating based on conditions and individual needs. In some cases, they may recommend standing over your seat to reduce shock and impact.. A full demonstration will be given before departure if this applies and any questions answered before you leave the quayside.

Safety & Physical Requirements

- Every passenger will be fitted with a lifejacket, which must be worn at all times. Your skipper or a team member will fit it for you and explain how it works during the safety briefing.
- A basic level of mobility and physical ability is required to board and disembark the RIB and pontoons safely.
- Our crew will always offer support, and if we believe it is not safe or suitable for someone to travel, we will advise them using discretion and courtesy





Age Policy

- Minimum age is 5 years, accompanied by an adult, providing the sea state is flat calm.
- The skipper may raise the minimum age if wind or wave conditions require it, or lower it again if the sea is calm.
- Suitability for older passengers may also be affected by conditions—your skipper will advise.
- Children are considered aged 5–11 inclusive.
- The skipper's decision is final.

This policy is in place to prevent against back injury, spinal compression injury, shaking injury to a child.

For full details, please see our [Terms and Conditions] or speak to a member of staff with any concerns.

Important Health & Safety Notes

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

- Anyone with neck, back, hip, knee, ankle, or foot problems
- Pregnant individuals
- Those who have consumed alcohol or drugs
- Those with medical conditions that could be worsened by shock or sudden movement
- Those of notable stature that may impact their comfort or safety onboard

Please also note that RIBs are open boats. You may be exposed to spray, wind, sun, or rain. We recommend dressing appropriately for the weather.

If you have any questions or concerns about travelling with us, please speak to a member of the team—we're always happy to help.

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