

### Studland Bay Voluntary No Anchoring Zone

**This notice is issued on behalf of the  
Marine Management Organisation.**

Mariners are reminded of Voluntary No Anchoring Zone (VNAZ) established in June 2022 within the Studland Bay Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) to protect the seagrass beds from the dropping and weighing of anchors.

#### **Studland's hidden ecosystem**

Seagrass is a vital part of the local ecosystem.

- It is home to protected species of seahorse, pipefish and rays.
- It serves as a nursery ground for commercially important fish species.
- It helps protect the coastline from erosion.
- It traps carbon and has a role to play in mitigating the impacts of climate change.

Anchors can drag along the seabed, expose the roots and fragment seagrass habitats. This damage is often hard to see and measure. The extent of the seagrass is not an indication of the health or vitality of the habitat, which is why we need your help.

#### **Safety at sea**

Safety of life at sea will always come first – Studland is an important refuge area and the right to anchor under emergency conditions or to avoid a genuine emergency situation continues.

#### **Ecomoorings**

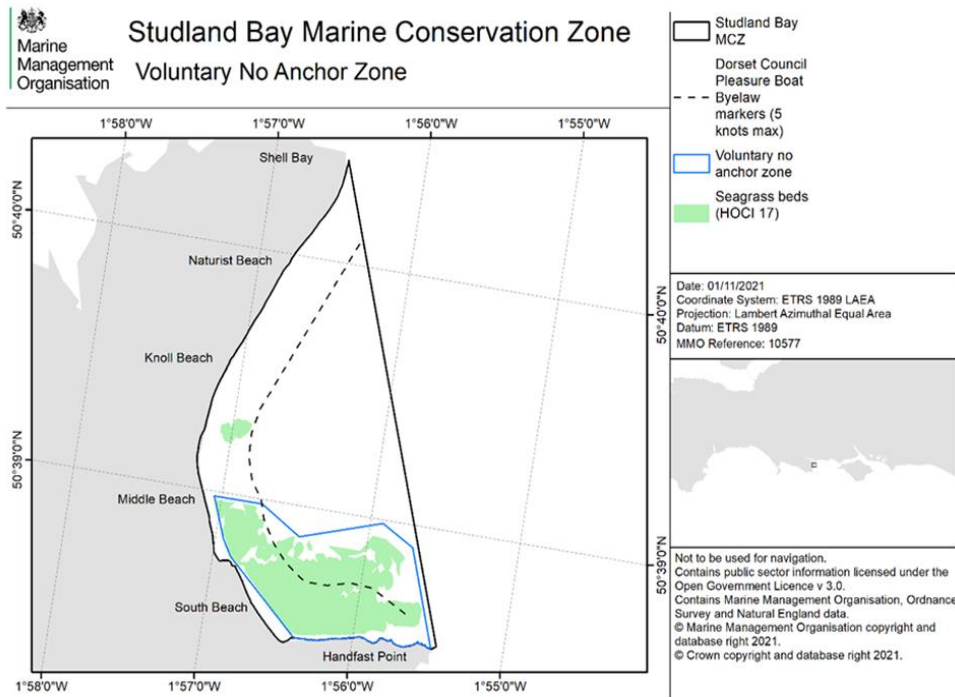
Information on ecomoorings and the role the local community is playing to protect the seagrass for the future can be found via the [Studland Bay Marine Partnership \(SMBP\)](#).

#### **VNAZ coordinates**

The voluntary area is in the South of the Studland Bay Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) enclosed by a series of geodesic lines drawn from:

- Point 1 - 50°38.9814'N 01°57.0306'W; to
- Point 2 - 50°38.9814'N 01°56.7072'W; to
- Point 3 - 50°38.8752'N 01°56.4324'W; to
- Point 4 - 50°38.9868'N 01°55.8966'W; to
- Point 5 - 50°38.9094'N 01°55.6782'W; to the boundary of the MCZ at
- Point 6 - 50°38.5188'N 01°55.4568'W; following the boundary of the MCZ to
- Point 7 - 50°38.4690'N 01°56.3676'W; to
- Point 8 - 50°38.7504'N 01°56.8620'W; to
- Point 9 - 50°38.8146'N 01°56.9256'W; and returning to point 1.

Please find further information about the VNAZ [available here](#).



In addition to the available ecomoorings, the Voluntary No Anchoring Zone is marked in 2024 by yellow marker buoys in the approximate positions shown on the chartlet below.



**Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7**

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft. Local Notice 08 of 2024 is hereby superseded by this notice.

**HARRY GREGORY  
HARBOUR MASTER**

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