

The following conditions are applicable to winches and capstans on the Council's beaches:-

1. This licence is personal to the applicant only, who must be aged 18 or over.
2. **Wire ropes or hawsers shall not be taut when not being used.**
3. When a winch/capstan is being operated, two persons shall be present - one at the winch/capstan end and the other near the boat.
4. In the interests of safety, the winch/capstan shall be fully enclosed in a box designed to remain in place whilst the winch/capstan is in operation, thereby ensuring that all dangerous moving parts are securely guarded. If it is considered that the winch/capstan is of an unsuitable size to be fully enclosed in a box, permission may be sought from the Council for exemption provided all moving parts are guarded to the satisfaction of the Council's Safety Adviser or other nominated body.
5. The box covering the winch/capstan shall be secured to prevent use by unauthorised persons. The winch/capstan and enclosure box shall be maintained in good repair and condition.
6. Unidentified/unused/dilapidated/unsafe or unregistered winches will not be allowed to remain on the beach and will be removed by the Council at the owner's expense.
7. A numbered identification tag, supplied by the Council shall be affixed to the winch/capstan and any ancillary equipment. If a tag is not available the number must be clearly painted on the winch box.
8. A Public Liability Insurance Policy must be taken out in respect of claims by third parties for injury or damage, with a sum insured of not less than £3 million. The insurance company shall be notified of any persons in addition to the owner, who is authorised to use the winch/capstan. Proof of public liability insurance must be submitted annually to the Council.
9. Where a winch is shared and the additional user is not a named person on the owner's Public Liability insurance policy, then the shared user must obtain his own Public Liability insurance in the minimum sum assured of £3 million and the policy document/confirmation of renewal sent to the Council annually.
10. Winch owners may not sub-let their winch site.
11. The winch owner will be responsible for an annual engineer's inspection of the winch, winch box and associated equipment plus an electrical inspection if applicable. The winch owner must ensure that the above conditions are complied with, and any defects found must be rectified immediately by the winch owner at his own expense. Particular attention will be paid to cables and hawsers. A Safety Certificate must be produced to the Council with this application.
12. In the event of a breach of any of the aforesaid conditions then the allocation of the site may be determined by the Council forthwith, in which case the winch shall be removed from the site by the owner within 7 days of such determination. If the owner fails to remove the winch, the Council reserves its right to remove the winch in accordance with its adopted procedures.
13. Where winches are powered by electricity, annual safety checks are to be carried out and all appropriate certification is to be submitted by the applicant with this application. Initial electrical installation certificates will also be required.