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**Subject:** 4 Piles driven to accommodate installation of some 160sq m. of pontoon Bembridge Harbour

Dear Chris,

You helpfully gave useful answers to general questions back in February 2022. We would be grateful of clarification on another issue.

There have been some new piles and pontoons installed by the SHA for itself and for Bembridge Boat Storage a separate company controlled by the same directors. I set out the broad details with photos below.

Our own research suggests that MMO should have been notified prior and/or that a licence may be required for the pontoons attached to new piles. This is on the basis that the MMO exemption ( [see exceptions here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-licensing-exempted-activities/marine-licensing-exempted-activities)) on installing “pile moorings” may not apply to works for pontoon installation as  “This  exemption does not apply to the [deposit](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deposits) or [construction](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/construction-alteration-or-improvement-of-works) of [pontoons](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-licensing-exempted-activities/marine-licensing-exempted-activities#pontoons).”   Also, beyond the installation of a 30 square meter pontoons an MMO notification or  licence appears to be  required ( [see Pontoons section here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/marine-licensing-exempted-activities/marine-licensing-exempted-activities)).

We have tried to clear this up by asking the directors of the SHA if they had applied to MMO, who wrote declining to provide any information.

Would an application (or notification) be required prior to carrying out this type of work? Was anything received?

Best Regards Jeremy Gully