

The Formentera Office of Environment reports that the deadline for applications to moor in S'Estany des Peix has passed. Requests will now be reviewed and the provisional list of recipients will be published on the bulletin board of the Consell de Formentera as soon as scoring criteria are applied, in approximately June.

An initial tally registered roughly 480 applications; some are repeats, and some, like those on list 6, present characteristics that make the applicant ineligible for mooring, as set out in the rules on mooring and the legal rubric for mooring equipment. The scheme to regulate moorage in S'Estany des Peix envisions the installation of mooring points on floating pontoons and 207 anchoring points, which will be distributed across low-impact buoys.

Antoni Tur, Councillor of Environment, said the first review of applications was still pending, but asserted that the number of requests was in line with expectations, "given the large number of boats that anchor in summer in this protected site". He also remarked that the Consell "will comply with the objective of preserving this space". Tur pointed out that the regulations approved in plenary prioritise "traditional boats of limited length and engine power", and that the number of years a boat has been anchored will also be taken into account. The rules also offer a bonus for traditional boats, retired individuals and large families.

People who wish to receive information on the procedure can contact the Formentera Office of Environment in Sant Ferran. From 2 May, the office is open from 10.00am to 12 noon.

300-plus deadweight anchors pulled from lake bottom

Crews continue to remove deadweight anchors and install pontoons and environmentally-friendly buoys at S'Estany des Peix. Since the start of the work, more than three hundred moorings and two hundred kilogrammes of waste have been removed from the floor of the lake, and there is still a large area to be cleaned.

Councillor Tur highlighted the cooperation of seafarers and people whose boats are anchored at the lake while work is under way.

Soon the Consell de Formentera will start hiring staff to control the regulated anchorage scheme and to assist users.

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