ANNUAL RENTCHARGE
Payable to the SHT/CIC (Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company Ltd.)
by each residential unit. £247 per unit in 2016.

“SW CHARGE”
Imposed by Environment Agency (EA)
Paid by the CIC to EA. £192 per unit in 2016.
Fixed at £75 in Dec. 1987 and linked to changes in Retail Price Index so has annually increased.
Less administration & collection costs incurred by the CIC (variable).
Less Littoral Drift Obligation costs paid to Environment Agency.
(£35,000 index linked from November 2002). Varies slightly each year, not a specific portion but now about 10% of the SW Charge.

SW Charge balance is then split 50-50 between Sea Defence and Harbour Maintenance.

“Sea Defence”
A variable amount (50% of the SW Charge balance) paid to EA - for ‘defence work’ on the North-East Beach - as defined in the 2001 Sovereign Harbour Beaches Deed and identical to the “prescribed foreshore” in the 1988 Southern Water Agreement (the Sovereign Harbour North beach, as far as the EBC boundary).

“Marina Charge”
Imposed by the Harbour Company. Paid by the CIC to the Harbour Company. £55 per unit in 2016.
Variable amount, depending on net Marina Costs after allowing for contribution from SW Charge via Harbour Maintenance (see below).

“Harbour Maintenance”
£221,664 in 2016 (equates to £71.71 each residential unit).
A variable amount (50% of the SW Charge balance) paid to the Harbour Company - now Premier Marinas. “Harbour Maintenance” is not defined in 1988 Southern Water agreement. Defined in the 2001 Sovereign Harbour Beaches Deed as “such works considered necessary [by Premier] for maintenance of Harbours”. (‘Harbours’ includes locks, walls, bridges and associated structures and all connecting waterways).

“Sea Defence” is then split 50-50 between Sea Defence and Harbour Maintenance.

“Marina Costs”
Incurred by the Harbour Company for cleaning, repair and maintenance of the harbour and waterways.
The gross costs in 2016 were £393.3k. The Marina Costs are wholly funded through the Harbour Maintenance contribution and the Marina Charge. If ever there were no SW Charge balance there would be no such contribution and the Marina Charge would increase.