



Great Yarmouth Port Company

(As Agent for Great Yarmouth Port Authority)

Visiting Small Craft Information

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Charges

Vessels are liable for tolls but certain waivers are in place for vessels visiting the Norfolk Broads.

Berths

Small craft moorings are available on Town Hall Quay just south of Haven Bridge on the east side of the river (opposite the red brick Town Hall). Mooring tails are in place to aid mooring from the vessel. Vessels should moor adjacent to the access ladders.

The small craft mooring berths on Town Hall Quay have an alongside depth of at least 3 metres at MLWS. The berth has vertical wooden fenders but small craft must deploy their own fenders as required.

When you are on board, for the safety of your own craft and personnel, you should maintain a visual or listening watch on VHF Channel 12 for shipping movements in the vicinity of your vessel.

When mooring at Town Hall Quay make adequate allowance for the tide when arriving on the flood and ensure that you are not set up river towards the Haven Bridge.

The Town Hall Quay berths are close to the Town Centre, a five minute walk along Regent Road will bring you to the Market Place.

Haven Bridge

Bridge bookings can be made during office hours on 01493 335522. Lifts for weekends should be booked by 16:00 on Friday or on the previous working day in the case of Public Holidays.

Vessels will be grouped together on lifts whenever possible. When craft are to transit the bridge in opposite directions, those vessels going 'with the tide' will be given priority. The Bridge is manned ten minutes before a lift and vessels waiting for a lift should seek advice from the Bridge Master if in any doubt ("Haven Bridge" VHF Channel 12).

The Norfolk Broads

The Broads can be accessed via Mutford Lock at Lowestoft or by transiting the Haven and Breydon Bridges at Great Yarmouth.

Outer Harbour

Vessels should be aware that there are no small craft moorings in the Outer Harbour and small craft should not enter the Outer Harbour.

Communications/Reporting

Port Marine Services (PMS) operates on VHF Channel 12 with call sign “ Yarmouth Radio”. Contact should be made with PMS prior to entry or departure, before letting go from a berth and when outward bound, when passing through Haven Bridge. Small craft must comply with the Port Traffic Signals displayed at the entrance (see the information below).

Passage through the River

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (Colregs) apply in the port along with local byelaws. The Haven is a busy commercial port and small craft should not hamper large ships manoeuvring in the river (see Rule 9(b) of the Colregs). Maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 for any communication from Port Marine Services (Yarmouth Radio) or ships underway and keep to the starboard side of the channel unless advised otherwise. Keep clear of ships propellers, bow thrusters and wash and be aware that ships may swing anywhere within the river. Small craft must not anchor in the river except in an emergency.

Speed in the Harbour

All vessels should maintain a slow speed in the river. Mariners are reminded that the maximum speed of 7 knots is not necessarily a safe speed and a slower speed may be appropriate. Take care with vessel wash and avoid causing a nuisance to other vessels either moored or underway and pay particular attention to small craft moored in the river.

Tide and Wind

There is a rise and fall of tide of approximately 1 metre on neap tides and 2 metres on springs within the river. Tidal flows within the river can be very swift particularly during spring tides when in excess of 3 knots may be achieved. Mariners should be aware that during certain wind and meteorological conditions, tidal flow rates can reach 5/6 knots. These conditions usually occur during the winter months. Tides at Haven Bridge are accelerated where the tide flows between the buttresses of the bridge.

Slack water at the river entrance is approximately 90 minutes after high or low water but this may vary with weather conditions.

At the entrance to the river, sea conditions can become confused with wind over tide, particularly on the ebb or with wave reflection from the pier and breakwater structures.

Inside the river, there is generally good shelter however wind over tide with Northerly or Southerly winds can cause uncomfortable conditions on the berths at Hall Quay and fenders should be carefully adjusted during these circumstances. This information should be read in conjunction with the Admiralty Sailing Directions, North Sea (West) Pilot NP54.

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River Port**

Haven Bridge - Reporting Point

The bridge is manned 10 minutes before lifting when the traffic control lights are activated and Channel 12 VHF is manned. The Bridge Master will contact vessels booked to transit. Users can book a Breydon Bridge lift at the same time as a Haven Bridge lift. Vessels with a low air draft should pass under the bridges if there is sufficient clearance.

Town Hall Quay

Visiting Small Craft. Layby area for vessels awaiting a bridge lift.

River Port Entrance

Small craft to contact Yarmouth Radio on VHF Channel 12 prior to entry or departure, before departing the berth or prior to transit.

Traffic Signals Inbound

Traffic signals are displayed from a tower on the North Wall. See the information below.

Traffic Signals Outbound

Traffic signals are displayed upriver from a tower on Brush Bend. See the information below. There is a sign on the Gorleston (west) bank indicating a point where vessels must not pass when waiting for clearance to sail.

Atlas Reporting Point & Swinging Area

Small Craft Moorings in this Locality

Ocean Reporting Point

Pilot Station

Outer Harbour Traffic Control Signals

Traffic Stopping Point Outbound. 

Outer Harbour
No entry to small craft 

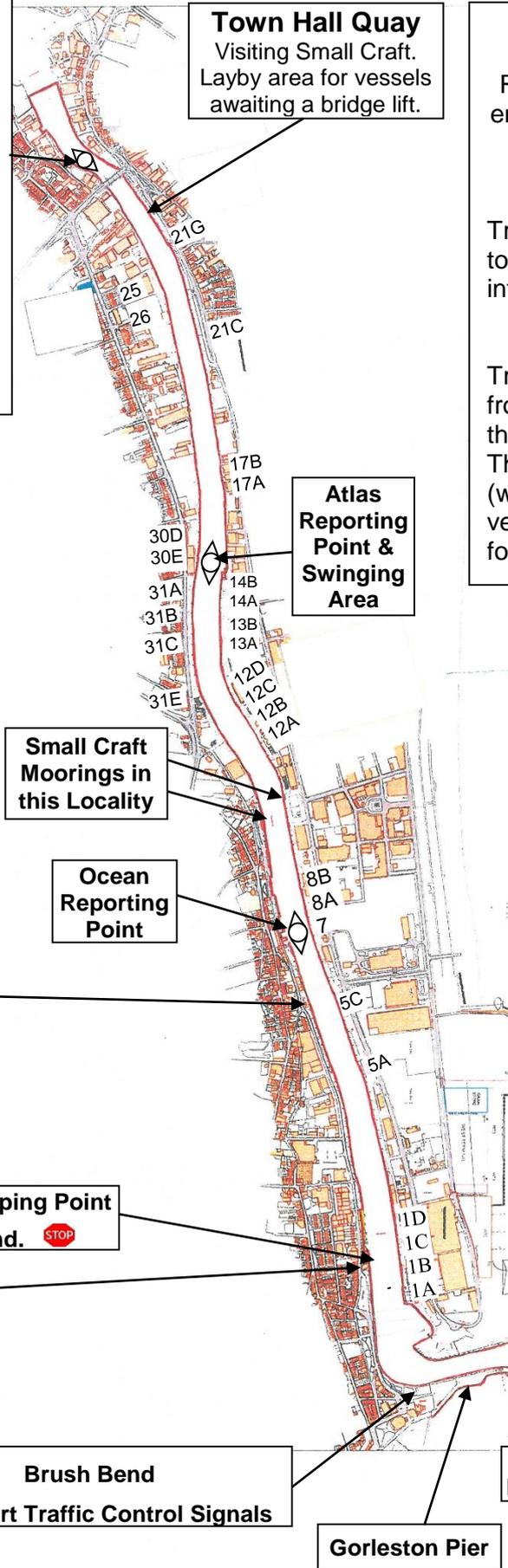
Lifeboat

River Port Entrance

Brush Bend
River Port Traffic Control Signals

North Wall
River Port Traffic Control Signals

Gorleston Pier



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RIVER PORT TRAFFIC SIGNALS	
INBOUND VESSELS <small>(Exhibited from the tower on the North Wall)</small>	OUTBOUND VESSELS <small>(Exhibited from a tower in Brush Bend – Gorleston side)</small>
OCCULTING LIGHTS SHOWING TO SEAWARD	OCCULTING LIGHTS SHOWING UPRIVER
<p>Vessels may only approach the entrance and proceed inward when specific advice to do so has been received. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	<p>Vessels may proceed outward only when specific advice to do so has been received. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>
<p>Vessels not to approach entrance. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	<p>Vessels not to approach Brush Bend or entrance. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>
<p>Vessels may proceed if safe to do so. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	<p>Vessels may proceed outwards if safe to do so. (Occulting 12 secs)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>
FLASHING LIGHTS SHOWING TO SEAWARD	FLASHING LIGHTS SHOWING UPRIVER
<p>Emergency Port Closed. (Flashing 2 seconds)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>	<p>Emergency Port Closed. (Flashing 2 seconds)</p> <div style="text-align: center;">    </div>