



## Peel Ports Great Yarmouth

### **Pilotage Information (River Port and Outer Harbour)**

#### Telephone Contacts

Pilots	01493 335515
Port Marine Services (24 Hours)	01493 335511
Harbour Office	01493 335501

Port Marine Services (Yarmouth Radio) & Yarmouth Pilots  
VHF Radio – Channel 12

*VHF and telephone communications are recorded*

#### E-Mail and Internet

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[www.peelports.com/ports/great-yarmouth](http://www.peelports.com/ports/great-yarmouth)

Vanguard House, South Beach Parade, Great Yarmouth NR30 3GY

#### **Fax Lines**

Port Marine Services and Harbour Office 01493 852659

The information in this sheet should be read in conjunction with the Admiralty Sailing Directions: North Sea (West) Pilot NP54 and P16 General Port – Pilotage Information.

## Pilotage

Pilotage is compulsory for vessels over 40m LOA for entry and departure. Pilotage is not compulsory for vessels that are shifting within the river and also in the Outer Harbour provided ropes are kept ashore but Masters must be familiar with the Harbour. ETA for pilotage is 8 hours or departure from last port; confirmed at 2 hours. Notice of departure at least 1 hour. (If towage is required see below).

Because of the strong tides it is a customary local practice for Pilots to steer vessels, particularly in the River Port. Anchors should be made ready for immediate use.

## Communications/Reporting

Pilots	Channel 12 (Call Sign: Yarmouth Pilots)
Port Marine Services:	Channel 12 (Call Sign: Yarmouth Radio)

Vessels must report prior to passing through the Port entrances, prior to letting go or when all fast alongside, when swinging on and off the berth and in the river when passing Berth 13 (Atlas), Berth 7 (Ocean) and Haven Bridge.

International IALA Port traffic entry/exit signals are displayed in both the River Port and Outer Harbour (see below).

## Tides and Depths

Tidal flows in the River can be very swift particularly during spring tides when rates in excess of 3 knots may be achieved. Mariners should be aware that during certain wind & meteorological conditions tidal flow rates can reach 5/6 knots; these conditions usually occur during the winter months.

Range: 2 metres on springs and 1 metre on neaps

Slack water is approximately 90 minutes after HW/LW but this may vary with weather conditions.

The Harbour Office, Port Marine Services and Pilots hold copies of the latest sounding sheets.

## Designated Swinging Areas

Atlas: Maximum: 85 metres

Berth 3: Maximum: 92 metres

Brush Bend: Maximum: 100 metres

Vessels may be swung in other areas dependent on vessel length, draft and other traffic movements. In certain conditions the bow or stern may have to be held against the quay during a swing. Advise Port Marine Services prior to any swing.

In the Outer Harbour vessels may swing within the Harbour basin (Pilot required).

## Speed in the Harbour

All vessels should maintain a slow speed in the Harbour. 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 take particular care when passing small or vulnerable craft.

Thrusters and main engines must not be run excessively when alongside as this seriously affects the river bed depths in way of quay piling.

## Towage

Ships Masters are directly responsible for procuring towage (if required) for their vessels but towage requirements should be agreed in consultation with the Harbour Master.

## Fendering

In the River Port most berths have fixed fenders (timber and rubber tyres) but crew should have ship's fenders available for berthing/swinging and as additional protection when alongside.

The Outer Harbour berths are protected by both pneumatic fenders (Berths NT2, WT3 & WT4) and energy absorption rubber cones with low friction frontal pads (NT1 and WT5).

## Mooring and Boat Services

For safety reasons it is recommended that mooring men are deployed from ashore. Pilot boat crews are available for all mooring work and may be ordered through Yarmouth Pilots or Port Marine Services (Yarmouth Radio). Please give as much notice as possible and confirm requirement 1 hour prior

The pilot boats operate a shipping on/off service in Yarmouth Roads. Contact Pilots or Harbour Office for details.

## Anchorage

Mariners should consult the Admiralty Sailing Directions, North Sea (West) Pilot NP54 for anchorage areas in the offshore area. During Easterly winds it is best to anchor near the offlying banks in particular close west of the south part of Scroby Sands. Gorleston Roads, South-East of the entrance to the river provides good anchorage in depth 10 to 20 metres. Masters should ensure that they do not anchor in the Port Area, the approaches to the River Port or Outer Harbour entrances and be aware of charted obstructions.

There are three prohibited anchorages in the River Yare within the Port's jurisdiction (see Chart 1534).

## Local Byelaws

The Port has Byelaws that are available for inspection at any time.

## Outer Harbour Breakwaters

The entrance to the Outer Harbour is formed by two breakwater arms terminated with circular caissons. The entrance to the Outer Harbour is marked by lateral lights on lighthouses close to the extremities of the breakwaters. The breakwaters arms are protected by wave walls which are painted white and illuminated on the outside.

**Incident**

**GREAT YARMOUTH RIVER PORT AND OUTER HARBOUR**  
 number 11204-043

Haven Bridge

South Quay

Atlas Reporting Point

Atlas Terminal

**RIVER PORT**

Ocean Terminal Reporting Point

East Quay

Harbour Offices & Port Marine Services (Yarmouth Radio)

Pilots

North Breakwater - International Traffic Signals

Berth 3 Swinging area

Lifeboat station

Brush Bend swinging area

Brush Bend - International Traffic Signals

North Wall - International Traffic Signals

River Widths (approx.)			
Berth	Name	Port Mark	Metres
21H	Town Hall	7	67
21G to C	South Quay	19	67
21B to A	Barge Berth	28	73
20	Bryants	31	73
19	Whipstock	33	73
18	King's Wharf	35	73
17	ABC (Priors)	39	71
16	Trinity	43	71
15	Atlas Terminal	48A	90
14	Atlas North/Layby	53	80
13	Atlas South/MID	58	83
12	ASCO	67	78
11	Milpark	73	83
10	Lower Ferry East	76	76
9	Berth 9	80	76
8	Berth 8	84	76
7	Ocean Terminal	89	77
6	Berth 6	93	77
5C - 5B	East Quay	98	77
5A	Berth 5A	103	81
4	North Discharge	109	83
3	South Discharge	108	83
2B	Bunker Berth	115	89
2A	Discharge Terminal	117	89
1	South Denes Marine Base	124	89

