

STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS

SNTM 15



SMALL BOAT PONTOONS – GOVAN & YORKHILL

Mariners are advised that Glasgow City Council (GCC) operate pontoons at Water Row Quay, (Govan) & Yorkhill Quay, which complement the other current GCC pontoon at Plantation Quay (located at the Riverside Museum). Note that the pontoon at the Broomielaw is closed until further notice.

These pontoons are provided to support the ferry from Govan to the Riverside Museum. Berthing for other types of craft will be considered on a case by case basis.

Berthing is free for visiting vessels but must be pre-booked. A booking form can be downloaded at www.glasgow.gov.uk/pontoon, or by contacting GCC, Land & Environmental Services Pontoon Booking Service on 08:00–17:00 – 0141 287 9225 or outside of these hours on 0141 276 1585. This number is also for out of hours operational matters. Pontoon Services refer to GCC website www.glasgow.gov.uk/pontoon. There is no provision for disposal of waste at Glasgow City council pontoons.

The exit/entrance from/to the pontoons is controlled by electronic security gates. A remote switch allows visitors to exit onto the quayside and a 'visitors' access code is required to re-enter the pontoon. The code will be provided on receipt of the booking form.

A strict policy of a maximum stay of 3 nights (except by prior arrangement with GCC) is in place and boats are required to vacate the pontoon by 1100 hrs on the morning of departure.

The following daylight arrival periods are to be adhered to:-

- April 1st–September 30th 11:00–20:00 hours
- October 1st–March 31st 10:00–16:00 hours

Navigating under the Bells & Millennium Bridges

Refer to Port Information Notice 05/19 for further information on the Bells and Millennium bridges. With respect to air draft at Science Centre/Millennium Bridge:

- Visitors can check the height of the tide from the tideboard at the east end of Meadowside Quay. This board gives the height of the tide at that moment above chart datum. Subtract this reading from the bridge heights (8.36m above Chart Datum) to give the clearance height (water line to the bridge) at that moment in time for the bridge centre line. Tide height information is also available from Estuary Radio.
- If navigating beyond the Bells Swing Bridge, the best centre point of passage (Day Mark) heights of the Clyde Arc (Finnieston Bridge) is 10.01m above Chart Datum and the Tradeston Bridge is 10.10m above Chart Datum.

Pontoon Depths;

- At Plantation Quay Pontoon the average depth is 3.0m below chart datum (as of October 2013 Clydeport Bathymetric Survey).
- At the Govan Pontoon, the average depth is 2.1m below chart datum (as of October 2013 Clydeport Bathymetric Survey).
- At the Yorkhill Pontoon, the average depth is 2.3m below chart datum (as of October 2013 Clydeport Bathymetric Survey).

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Mariners are requested to pass all pontoons at Dead Slow speeds so as to minimise the effect of their wash on vessels lying alongside the pontoons.

Any person using the pontoon does so at their own risk: GCC does not accept any liability whatsoever in respect of any loss, damage or injury sustained by any person using the pontoons.

Vessels are reminded that, prior to navigating to/from the Pontoons, they must inform Estuary Radio on VHF channel 12 or by telephone on 0151-949 6651 and should have up-to-date nautical publications, Almanacs etc for the River Clyde between Greenock and Glasgow.