PORT OF LIVERPOOL LEISURE GUIDE

PEEL PORTS GROUP

Information for recreational water users of the Mersey and approaches

DISCLAIMER

NOT FOR NAVIGATION

This guide is provided for general awareness only. It does not replace official Admiralty charts, Notices to Mariners, or the Collision Regulations.
Mariners remain responsible for safe navigation at all times.

PROTECTED SITES

There are protected areas where disturbance should be avoided, for example when berthing or mooring.
Scan the QR code to find out more and how you can help take care of our marine environment.

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MAIN COMMERCIAL CHANNELS

For the application of Rule 9 of the ColRegs, the fairways of the River Mersey and the sea channels and approaches thereto that are buoyed or marked on both sides (i.e. the main commercial channels) are considered to be narrow channels.

Commercial vessels are constrained to using the main commercial channels and may be restricted in their ability to manoeuvre. Leisure users must not impede vessels that are constrained to navigating within the main commercial channels.

Main Commercial Channel (for illustrative purposes only)

BUOYS AND NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS

Lateral marks indicate the limits of navigable channels.
Cardinal marks indicate the safest water relative to the mark.
Mariners should understand buoyage before navigating within the Port.

- Starboard Lateral Buoy
- Port Lateral Buoy
- North Cardinal Mark
- South Cardinal Mark
- Safe Water Marks
- Outfall Marker
- Marine Beacon
- Starboard Navigational Light
- Port Navigational Light
- East Cardinal Mark
- West Cardinal Mark
- Docking Light
- Traffic Fog Signal
- Radar Beacon

OTHER MAP SYMBOLS

- Marina
- Club
- Ferry Route
- Windfarm Site & Wind Turbine Location
- Beach
- Marine Rescue or Lifeboat Unit
- Lifeguard

VHF

Leisure users should monitor Mersey VTS VHF Ch. 12 when within the Port limits.
Follow instructions or advisories issued by Mersey VTS where applicable and always maintain a proper lookout.

SHALLOW BANKS AND DRYING AREAS

Certain charted areas may dry at low tide or present reduced under-keel clearance.
Tidal conditions can significantly affect navigable depth.
Always use the latest chart to monitor depths.

Foreshore - Drying Area

PROHIBITED ANCHORING ZONES

No anchorage zones are designated areas where vessels are not allowed to drop anchor.
Leisure users must not anchor in designated no anchorage zones, as these areas are designated to protect infrastructure, sensitive environments, or safe navigation.

No-anchorage Zone

PRECAUTIONARY AREAS

When arriving at or departing from berths and locks, commercial vessels will undertake a series of complex manoeuvres that take up additional sea room, and which may involve tugs.

Such precautionary areas are off the Liverpool Container Terminal 2, City of Liverpool CruiseTerminal, Twelve Quays RoRo Terminal, Balaena Birkenhead Shipyard, Tranmere Oil Terminal, Mersey Wharf, the Mersey Ferries Landing Stages, and the river entrance locks at Gladstone, Langton, Alfred, Eastham, and Garston.

Leisure users must avoid entering these areas when commercial vessel movements are taking place.

Precautionary Area

TIDAL LEVELS

Liverpool (Gladstone)

HAT– 10.4m above CD
MHWS– 9.4m above CD
MHWN– 7.6m above CD
MLWN– 3.2m above CD
MLWS– 1.3m above CD

Average flood time – 5h 37m
Average ebb time – 6h 48m

FACILITIES - CLUBS

Blundellsands Sailing Club (1)
blundellsandssailingclub.co.uk
0151 929 2101

Crosby Sailing Club (2)
crosbysailingclub.com
0151 287 9116

Fidlers Ferry Sailing Club (3)
fidlersferrysailing.org.uk
07503 096 471

Liverpool Marina (4)
liverpoolmarina.com
0151 707 6777

Liverpool Sailing Club (5)
liverpoolsailingclub.org

Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club (6)
lvrc.co.uk
0151 639 0354

Liverpool Yacht Club (7)
https://www.lyc.org.uk/

Royal Mersey Yacht Club (8)
royalmersey-yc.co.uk
0151 645 3204

West Cheshire Sailing Club (9)
wallaseybeach.org.uk/west-cheshire-sailing-club/
07949135955

Tranmere Sailing Club (10)
tranmeresailingclub.com

Wallasey Yacht Club (11)
wallaseyyachtclub.co.uk
0151 639 1427

Warrington Anglers Association (12)
warrington-anglers.org.uk
07384 564140

Warrington Rowing Club (13)
warringtonrowing.org.uk

West Bank Sailing Club (14)
westbankboatclub.com

West Kirby Sailing Club (15)
members.wksc.org.uk
0151 625 5579

Merseyside Scuba Aqua Club (16)
merseydivers.com

Mersey Rowing Club (17)
merseyrc.com

WATERCRAFT INFORMATION

A watercraft is any type of craft that is:

- capable of moving under its own mechanical power;
- used, navigated, or situated wholly or partly in or on water; or
- capable of being used to carry one or more persons.

(Jet skis and similar craft are classed as watercraft)

Watercraft must comply with the ColRegs, but particular attention must be given to:

- Rule 6 – Safe speed
- Rule 8 – Action to avoid collision
- Rule 9 – Narrow channel

Watercraft must always proceed at a safe speed and be aware of the wash generated, especially when operating close to the shore, and its effect on other river users (e.g. swimmers, kayaks, dinghies).

Watercraft must keep clear of commercial vessels.

Watercraft must not be secured to navigation buoys.

Users of watercraft are encouraged to attend appropriate RYA courses and to join local water sports clubs.