



Visiting Small Craft Information

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Breydon Bridge Booking 01493 651275

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Port Marine Services are recorded*

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Charges

Vessels are liable for Port Charges, 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 (Mean Low Water Springs). 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 Street will bring you to the Market Place.

Bridges

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.

Haven Bridge

Bookings 01493 335522

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Call sign "Haven Bridge" VHF Channel 12

The Bridge is only manned ten minutes before a lift and vessels waiting for a lift should seek advice from the Bridge Master if in any doubt.

Breydon Bridge

Bookings 01493 651275

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Call sign "Breydon Bridge" VHF Channel 12

Lifts for weekends should be booked by 16:00 on Friday or on the previous working day in the case of Public Holidays.

The Norfolk Broads

After transiting inland through the Haven Bridge there is a short reach before vessels enter the Norfolk Broads.

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

A wealth of information can be found at www.broads-authority.gov.uk.

Outer Harbour

Vessels should be aware that there are no small craft moorings in the Outer Harbour. Small craft should not enter the Outer Harbour except in an Emergency from the Port.

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.

Local Byelaws

The Port has Byelaws that are available for inspection at any time. Below is a short summary of some of those byelaws which may be of importance to small craft owners:

- 15 Vessels passing through the outer limits shall give priority to a vessel entering or leaving the port.
- 16 Vessels must comply with the Port's traffic signals.
- 17 Vessels not confined to the main channel shall not hamper other vessels using the channel.
- 20 Vessels may only be launched with permission from Port Marine Services.
- 39 Vessels shall be kept in a moveable condition.

- 47 No person shall lay down any buoy or similar tackle within the port area.
- 48 No person shall throw rubbish into the water or place it in such a position that it can be blown into the water.
- 49 No person shall cast, place or use any drift, trawl, or other net in the port area.
- 54 No aquaplaning, water-skiing or towing of persons through the water is allowed.
- 55 No sailboards are allowed within the harbour.
- 56 No diving within the port area.
- 57 No swimming within the Haven.

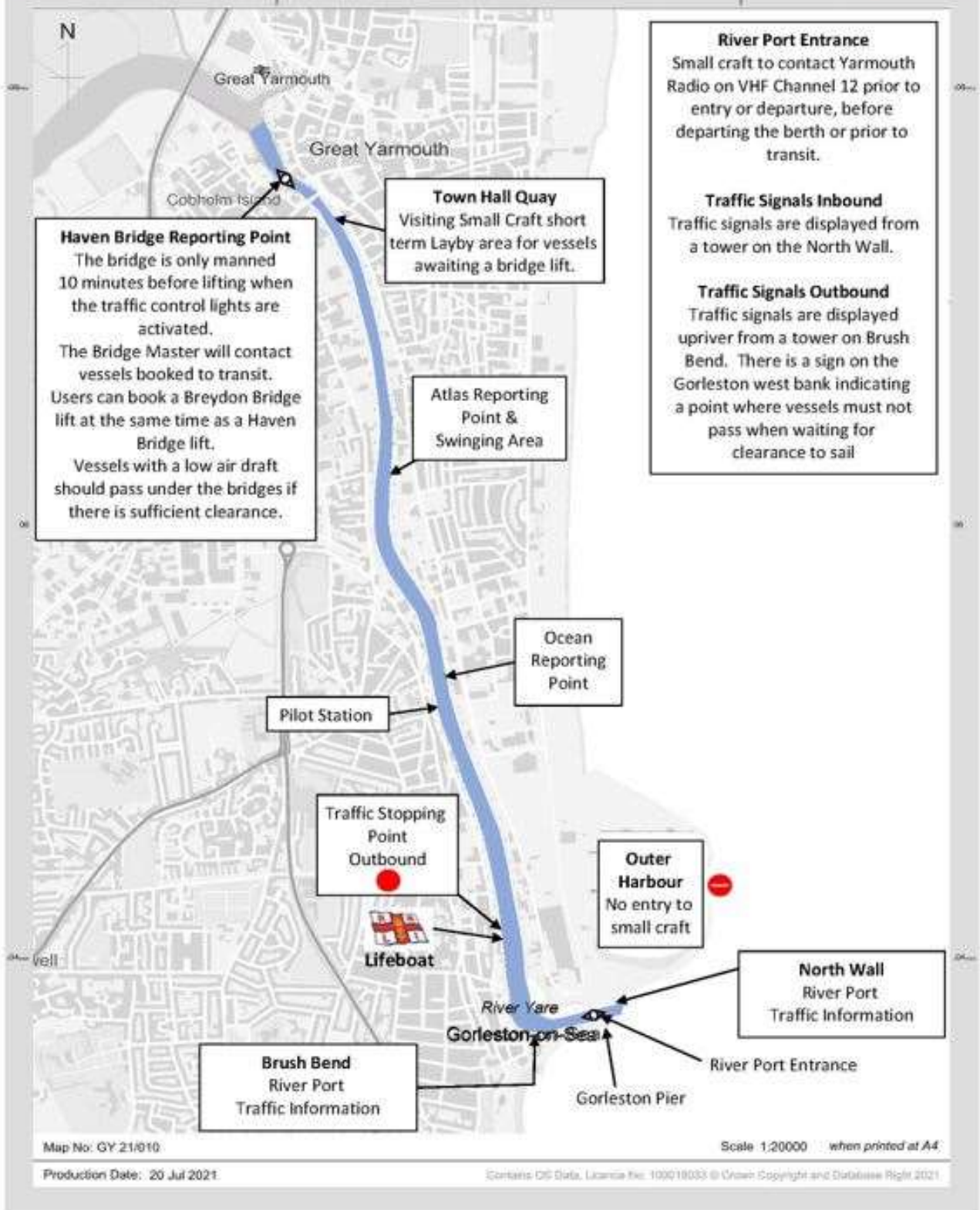
Tide and Wind

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.

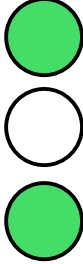
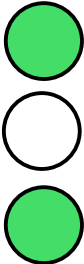
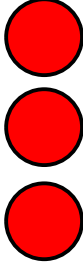

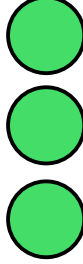

Slack water at the river entrance is approximately 90 minutes after high or low water but this may vary with weather conditions.

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.



RIVER PORT TRAFFIC SIGNALS

INBOUND VESSELS (Exhibited from the tower on the North Wall)	OUTBOUND VESSELS (Exhibited from tower in Brush Bend – Gorleston Side)
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>	<p>Vessels may proceed outward only when the specific advice to do so has been received (Occulting 12 secs)</p>
	
<p>Vessels not to approach entrance (Occulting 12 seconds)</p>	<p>Vessels not to approach Brush Bend or entrance (Occulting 12 secs)</p>
	
<p>Vessels may proceed if safe to do so (Occulting 12 secs)</p>	<p>Vessels may proceed outwards if safe to do so (Occulting 12 secs)</p>
	
FLASHING LIGHTS SHOWING TO SEAWARD	FLASHING LIGHTS SHOWING UPRIVER
<p>Emergency Port Closed (Flashing 2 seconds)</p>	<p>Emergency Port Closed (Flashing 2 seconds)</p>
