



**BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR AUTHORITY**  
**Local Notice to Mariners**

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**Navigational Information**

There is a sand bar that extends between buoys 1, 2, 2a and 3 at the start of the main outer entrance channel as you approach Bembridge Harbour from seaward. An electronic live-feed tide height gauge, showing the height over the bar, is displayed on the Harbour website ([www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk](http://www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk)) with information updated every 60 seconds. (Please note that the "Tide Gauge" post situated NW of St Helen's Fort (topmark X Fl. Y2s) marking the outer Harbour limit no longer displays measurement numbers).

This outer channel is subject to slight changes in position and the buoys may be moved to reflect any such changes. Attention is drawn to the varying width of the channel and caution is recommended especially when passing No 11 buoy where the channel narrows. **It is important to stay within the marked channel at all times.**

Information on current and expected depths in the channel can be obtained by contacting the Harbour Office on 01983 872828 or on VHF channel 80, call sign "Bembridge Harbour". **Further detailed navigational information**, including pictorial and video guides, is available on the Harbour website.

Please note there is no pilotage service or VTS. All mariners are advised to carefully assess risks associated with navigating the entrance channel and captains of any visiting vessels may contact the Harbour Staff as above for advice.

Low level amber flashing beacon lights, activated by dusk/poor light conditions, are attached to all main pontoons and finger pontoons as an additional aid to safe navigation.

Vessel owners are advised that the Duver Marina pontoon is dredged to an average depth of 2.0m MLWS.

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