



BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Local Notice to Mariners

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Navigational Information

A sand bar 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, with information updated every 60 seconds. The Tide Gauge post situated NW of St Helen's Fort (topmark X Fl. Y2s) marking the outer Harbour limit also has a height measurement to indicate the water level over the bar (refurbished measurement numbers will be reinstated in early 2019).

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 the captain of any vessel may contact the Harbour Staff as above for advice.

Low level amber flashing lights, activated by dusk/poor light conditions, are attached to all main pontoons, 7 x mid-Harbour pontoons located to the south of Channel marker buoys 12 and 12a, and finger pontoons as an additional aid (only) to safe navigation.

There are 3 x yellow and black (South Cardinal style) marker buoys located on the inner north side of the Duver pontoon, which act as an aid (only) to identifying the dredged line of the inner Duver pontoon mooring area.

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

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