

General Warning to Masters of All Vessels Berthing at Newhaven Harbour

All berths are subject to periods of adverse weather conditions causing “run” or “ranging” alongside. Disturbance of vessels alongside can also be caused by passing Car Ferry and other larger vessels – **in particular at or about times of low water**. The attention of all Masters, berthed in Newhaven Harbour is drawn to the Newhaven Harbour Bye-Laws and specifically number 15 – which reads as follows:

Bye-Law No 15

“The owner or Master of any vessel in the Harbour shall not absent himself from such vessel, unless he shall leave in charge thereof some person who shall continue in attendance of her while she shall be afloat, and shall be qualified and competent to shift or move her and attend to her moorings as the Harbour Master shall direct or as may be necessary. Such person shall carefully attend to the moorings of such vessel and to this sufficiency thereof, and cause them to be hove in or slackened from time to time as may be necessary on the rise or fall of the water – to prevent damage being done to her, or any other vessel, or to the Harbour”.

In view of the foregoing, it is incumbent upon Masters of all vessels moored at any berth to ensure that **moorings** are properly tended and that sufficient moorings are deployed to ensure the safety of their respective vessel. The sailing schedule’s and ETA of Car Ferry and other larger vessels is available from the Port Authority via – **Newhaven Radio – VHF ch.12 or phone 01273 612926**. Masters are advised that particular care should be taken at times of arrival or departure of Car Ferry and other larger vessels to ensure mooring ropes are not slack and that there is sufficient drift on forward and after moorings in order that the strain is taken evenly.

In situations of **high wind speeds**, any vessel berthed on East Quay may be required to shift to another berth or go out to sea during the arrival or departure of a Car Ferry. To this end all vessels must be maintained in a state of readiness for sea at one hours’ notice. Cargo vessels must ensure they have sufficient displacement and reasonable trim at all times to be able to safely shift. Under no circumstances may any vessel be immobilised without specific permission of the Harbour Master.

Vessels berthed on East Quay must not **shift ship** (no matter what the distance) without permission, and Port Authority linesmen must be in attendance.

All vessels must provide a 24/7 mobile phone number in order that Port Control can contact the Master/Duty Mate at any time.

All use of the Port is subject to Newhaven Port & Properties Ltd Terms & Conditions which can be found on our website www.newhavenport.com or requested from the Harbour Office.

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Please acknowledge having received this General Warning and General Information sheet either by email to: vts@newhavenport.com including a Contact Number for the vessel or by completing the sign off below.

Signed: _____ **Name:** _____

Vessel: _____ **Date:** _____

24/7 Contact Number for the Vessel: _____

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General Information for Users of Newhaven Harbour

Newhaven Port has a regular Car Ferry service to Dieppe; in addition there is frequent cargo ship activity at East Quay and regular cargo ship movements to the North Quay, because of this, all Masters and owners/users of vessels are required to take note of the following:

Port Signals and VHF Radio:

Vessel movement within the Newhaven Harbour limits is controlled by Newhaven Port Authority – call sign “**Newhaven Radio**” on VHF channel 12. Entry to, and exit of, Newhaven Harbour is controlled by a system of signal lights located at the West Pier corner, opposite Newhaven Marina, No2 Ro Ro Pontoon and at the southern side of the A259 Swingbridge. These entry and exit signals **must be obeyed by all vessels and craft, irrespective of size and without exception**. A laminated reference card detailing all the signals is available free of charge on request from the Port Authority and all Marina’s. Fishing boats, small vessels and yachts in particular, are advised to check with Newhaven Radio that it is clear to proceed to sea, prior to leaving any berth, mooring or slipway.

Commercial Vessels - (Ferry, Cargo, Tugs, Dredgers, Survey/Supply, Workboats, Large MFV’s)

Vessels of this type must be given the right of way in Newhaven Harbour and its limits. Small vessels and yachts in particular must not impede or attempt to pass any commercial vessel that is under way or manoeuvring in Newhaven Harbour. At time of the Car Ferry arrival and departure there is a serious danger to users of yachts and smaller craft who choose to ignore the Newhaven Harbour Bye-Laws, Directions, signals and associated notices. Small craft navigating further upstream on the River Ouse are advised to familiarise themselves with the Port Authority and East Sussex County Council requirements for safe passage through the Newhaven Swingbridge at or around times of high water.

Speed Limit:

A speed restriction of 8 knots is in force from the Breakwater end to the West Pier corner. In the Harbour area north of the West Pier corner and the River Ouse beyond, the speed restriction is a **maximum of 5 knots**. These restrictions are in place primarily to prevent damage to the river bank and small vessel moorings, but more importantly, for the safety of all Harbour users.

Shore Leave:

There are no restrictions on shore leave within Newhaven Port, seafarers may travel in the local area uninhibited, please carry some form of Identification. All pedestrians are to enter and leave the East Quay area via South Gate, Railway Road which has 24-hour pedestrian access. There is no access for pedestrians via Gate 4, McKinlay Way. **Whilst walking around the port area, pedestrians must wear a hi-vis jacket or vest.**

General Matters:

Masters and others in charge of vessels are requested to report to Newhaven Radio on VHF channel 12 the location/position of any floating **objects/debris** seen in or around the Harbour area, which may constitute a danger to safe navigation. Instances of **Oil Pollution** must be reported immediately. **Nothing is allowed to be dumped/abandoned in the river/on the quayside (legislation applies).**

Crew members/pedestrian visitors walking around the East Quay area of Newhaven Port are advised to **be aware** of moving plant, vehicles and forklift trucks. **Lifejackets** must be worn when near the quay edges of Newhaven Port.

Pre-notified ship’s domestic **waste** for landing must be double bagged and will be collected by Port staff for disposal to the correct ICW Skip. Any bulky items must be notified for special collection.

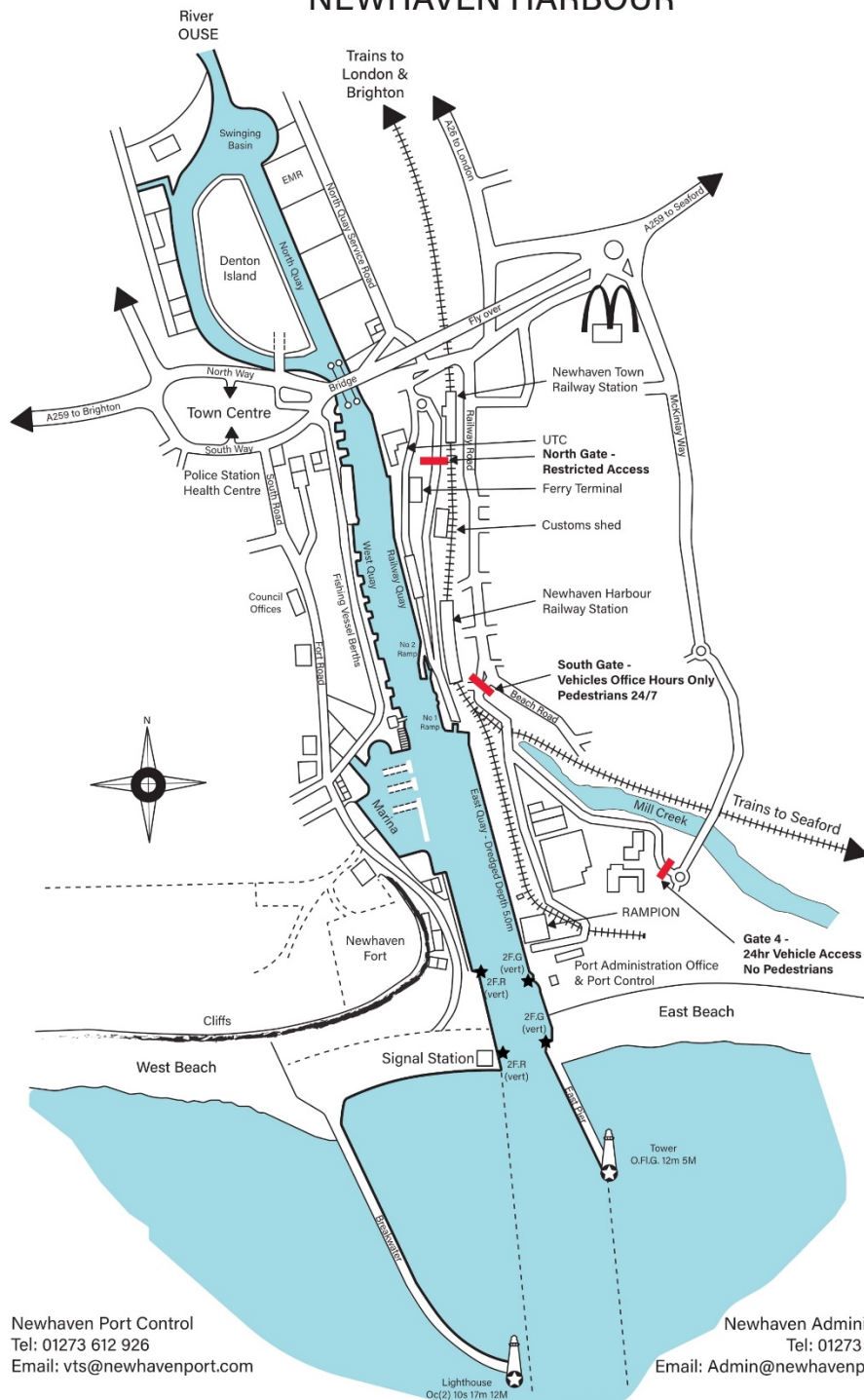
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The Port Authority has **procedures** in place and so must be informed and permission given before any of the following operations take place within the Harbour:-

Bunkering, sludge discharge, fresh-watering, diving, hotwork, shifting, emergency drills, immobilisation, shifting ship, landing of waste, cranework, any quayside activities, overside maintenance.

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