

GRIMSBY ROYAL & ALEXANDRA DOCKS

OPERATING RULES AND GUIDANCE FOR SMALL CRAFT

OPERATING TIMES – ROYAL DOCK

Level period between 1 ½ hours before H.W. and the end of level 10 minutes before H.W. Outside of level periods pens will be available on an hourly basis: On the hour for departure and approximately half past every hour for the subsequent return pen. All craft should endeavour to give 20 mins notice to the ADM should they wish to utilise one of these pens. These timings may be varied at the ADM'S discretion.
During very high H.W. and for operational purposes the floodgates may be closed, shortening the level period and closing the dock for a period of time.

COMMUNICATIONS – ROYAL DOCK

VHF radio channel 74. Call sign Grimsby Royal Dock.
Telephone: 01472-246233
Mobile: 07970-245677

INBOUND VESSELS ARE NOT TO ENTER THE GRIMSBY BASIN UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. They can wait just to the NE of the Grimsby River Terminal until called.

SIGNAL LIGHTS – ROYAL DOCK

3 fixed lights (Red) -Entry prohibited
3 fixed lights (Green, White, Green) -Vessels may enter

Verbal instruction should be obtained before entering or leaving, as the lights may not be being shown for your vessel

DOCK BY-LAWS RELEVANT TO SMALL CRAFT

(The following are for guidance only and are published in a shortened form)

- a) No craft shall move into or out of the dock, lock or basin without the Dock Masters permission.
- b) Small craft shall only moor at the appropriate marina except with the permission of the Dock Master
- c) Small craft shall exhibit the correct lights (as per Collision Regulations) for the vessel of that type.
- d) All small craft shall be kept afloat, if any vessel sinks or appears to be sinking then the Dock Master should be informed with all possible speed.
- e) Any pollution within the dock should be reported to the Dock Master immediately.
- f) All craft should limit their speed to 4 knots (Exemptions apply for fast craft training in agreed areas)

OTHER MATTERS

- 1) All small craft should navigate with care within dock waters as they are commercial docks and although care is taken, rubbish enters the dock waters, which may present a hazard to small craft. This rubbish may float or lay just below the surface.
- 2) Commercial shipping is handled before small craft traffic.
- 3) All small craft sailing to the river and beyond should carry at least the safety equipment recommended by Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) and the Humber Associated Clubs.
- 4) All small craft should carry sufficient number and lengths of mooring lines to safely moor in the locks at the lowest operating depth. All small craft shall make fast in the lock when locking in or out with two line on a bight unless given permission not to do so by the Lock head Supervisor.
- 5) Yachts shall not raise their sails nor have their sails raised within the dock, lock or basin unless permission is granted.
- 6) Small craft wishing to wait in Royal Dock Basin for the docks to pen shall contact Royal Dock before entering the basin and obtain advice where to moor.
- 7) Small craft should have their name exhibited clearly.
- 8) All craft must contact Royal Dock before transiting the Union Dock Cutting.
- 9) Any yacht with crew staying on-board overnight in GCYC mooring must contact Royal Dock.

MARINA'S WITHIN GRIMSBY DOCKS

Royal / Alex Docks

- Grimsby and Cleethorpes Yacht Club, Union Dock. Telephone 01472-356678 (moorings only available by prior arrangement)
www.gcyc.co.uk
- Alexandra Marine & Leisure, Alexandra Dock, Corporation Road. Tel :075355002984
www.alexandramarineleisure.co.uk

Fish Dock

- Humber Cruising Association, No 2 Fish Dock. Telephone 01472-268424
www.hcagrimbsby.co.uk

WEATHER & TIDE

A marine and safety information broadcast, comprising weather reports, tidal information and navigational warnings is made by VTS Humber on VHF Ch 12/14 at every odd hour + 3 mins local time.
BBC radio 4 198 kHz LW 0048, 0535, 1200, 1754