

## No. 2 (2025) Rev. 1

# DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR NOTICE TO MARINERS

## **STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Dun Laoghaire Harbour  
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council  
Dun Laoghaire  
Co Dublin

Date: 06 July 2025

**Previous Notice No. 2 of 2025 is hereby cancelled and replaced by Notice No 2 – Rev.1**

This notice should be read by all vessels entering, shifting within and departing from Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

This notice should also be read in conjunction with separate Notices to Mariners that have been issued in relation to Fairway Priorities (NtoM No. 3), Small Craft (NtoM No. 5) and Passenger Ship Tendering (NtoM No. 9)

### **LIMITS OF PORT:**

The harbour limits consist of the areas contained within and including the East and West piers of Dun Laoghaire Harbour and a semi-circular area to seaward of 600 metres radius centred on the West and East pierheads

Dun Laoghaire Harbour lies within Dublin Port Pilotage, a compulsory pilotage area.

### **TIDAL RANGE**

Springs: MHWS 4.1, MLWS 0.8, Range 3.3 metres

Neaps: MHWN 3.4, MLWN 1.5, Range 2.9 metres

## SHIP PARAMETERS

The least depth within the harbour on approaches to the commercial berths is 5.1 metres (Chart Datum).

Depth at commercial berth No. 2 is 5.5 metres

Depth at commercial berth No. 3 is 5 metres

Depth at commercial berth No. 4 is 5.1 metres

There are no beam restrictions.

There is no air gap restriction.

In May 2007 the 'Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters' regulations were introduced to Dun Laoghaire.

## ANCHORAGE

The designated anchorage for all ships visiting Dublin Port or Dun Laoghaire Harbour is an area centred on position:-

53° 18.80' North

06° 04.90' West

This position has a radius of 0.5 nautical miles and is split in to four quadrants – the SW quadrant (anchorage No 3) being the closest to Dun Laoghaire Harbour. This anchorage is under the jurisdiction of Dublin Port. (Report to 'VTS Dublin' on VHF Channel 12)

## CONDUCT OF SHIPS WITHIN DUN LAOGHAIRE HARBOUR:

The safety of navigation and a safe working environment within the harbour are paramount requirements.

The following shall apply:-

**All berth requests should be sent via email to the Harbour Master [harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie) & Assistant Harbour Master [ljackson@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:ljackson@dlrcoco.ie)**

All communications between ships relating to movements, manoeuvring, berthing or unberthing within the harbour, shall take place on **VHF Channel 14** - Call Sign- **"Dun Laoghaire Harbour Office"** - please note that the VHF is only manned when vessels are expected – if no response then call mobile +353 83 144 3412 or email [harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie)

Please ensure an announcement on **VHF CH14** is made when arriving, shifting and departing – Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

***"All vessels in Dun Laoghaire Harbour, this is 'VESSEL NAME' arriving at / departing from 'BERTH NAME'"***

Sounding one prolonged blast on the ships whistle before entering/leaving Harbour and departing berth.

All vessels shall navigate at a safe speed and in any event, not exceed the speed limit of 8 knots (15 kph).

A minimum under keel clearance of 10% of the vessel's draft shall be maintained whilst transiting inwards or outwards.

All vessels when transiting Dublin Bay towards Dun Laoghaire and when leaving the harbour should report to 'VTS Dublin' on VHF Channel 12.

## PERMITS

Vessels wishing to carry out tasks which require a permit are requested to visit the DLRCOCO Website, Harbour Section 'Shipping Forms', download the applicable form and send to the Harbour Masters Office prior to commencing operations.

Permits cover the following activities:

### **Bunkering (Fuel), Hotwork, Dirty Oil/Sludge Discharge, Crane Ops, Diving Ops.**

Leisure craft are not required to complete these permits when operating within the Marina or at the Marina fuel berth.

## FAIRWAYS

The main fairway commences at the pierheads and leads inside the harbour to the main berths at Carlisle Pier (No. 2 & 3) and St Michael's Pier (No. 4 & 5) and includes a berth (No. 1) at the East Pier which is used by small ferries.

## MARINA

All craft intending to proceed to the marina should make contact on VHF Radio Ch 37a (M) or 80a (M2) 10 mins or one nautical mile before arrival, call sign **"Dún Laoghaire Marina"**

Dun Laoghaire Marina maintains a 24-hour watch on VHF 14

All craft should observe the 8 knot speed limit within the harbour and a 'no wake' limit in and around the marina.

Other contact details: [info@dlmarina.com](mailto:info@dlmarina.com) and 00 353 1 202 0040

The marina manages a fuelling pontoon.

## SAFETY ADVICE AND GUIDELINES FOR LEISURE USERS

Large Power-driven vessels (Cruise, Ferries, Lighthouse Authorities, Naval) and smaller power-driven vessels with restricted manoeuvrability (such as cruise ship tenders and small passenger ferries, motor fishing vessels, etc) have priority of passage over all other craft within the Fairways, including the area of the harbour limits that extend 600 metres seaward of the harbour mouth.

Leisure users departing Dun Laoghaire wishing to proceed North across Dublin's shipping lanes are requested to proceed to Dublin Buoy's No. 3 and No. 4, calling 'VTS Dublin', on VHF Ch.12, requesting permission to cross the channel. This reduces risk and the distance required to cross the channel.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this notice, exceptions to these rules may be made by the Harbour Master.

## Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Dun Laoghaire Harbour contacts

Phone: +353 83 144 3412 (Harbour Police/Office)

Email: [harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:harbourmaster@dlrcoco.ie)

Website: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/dun-laoghaire-harbour-0>

Masters, Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Boaters should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Persons in Charge of their vessels or craft. All Notice to Mariners can be found on the Dun Laoghaire Harbour website.

# Water Safety

When approaching shipping lanes (outlined in red), please call VTS on VHF Channel 12 for traffic update and permission to cross.

**A Guide to Port Entry**  
Dublin Bay Guidance  
Notes for Leisure Craft.



**Crossing Zone**  
Call VTS for permission

