



BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR AUTHORITY

Local Notice to Mariners

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Navigational Information

A gravel bar extends between buoys 1, 2, 2a and 3 (1 and 2 only, are lit) 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 (bembridgeharbour.co.uk), with information updated every 60 seconds. A Tide Gauge post situated NW of St Helen's Fort (topmark X Fl. Y2s) marks the outer Harbour limit. Please note that height measurement numbers are no longer displayed on the post.

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. A new port hand buoy - 8A - was installed in March 2025, paired with starboard 11. Buoys 10 and 10A were relocated (all co-ordinates available in the Navigation section of the Harbour website).

On-going dredging takes place in the Entrance Channel which has increased its width and depth. Please be aware that **three blue cans** may be positioned in the vicinity of channel marker buoy numbers 10, 8 and 6A. When present, these blue cans are marking a dredging area and are **not for navigation**.

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 a video guide, 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 Harbour staff as above for advice.

It is important to stay within the marked channel at all times.

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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