

Welcome to Yarmouth Harbour's Guide to using the Western Yar Bridge

We have reviewed our procedures following a risk assessment of the Yar Bridge. These new procedures will improve navigational safety and ease traffic flow through the fairway and the bridge.

Users are to follow these new procedures to ensure a smooth and timely transit for all concerned.

The main points are:

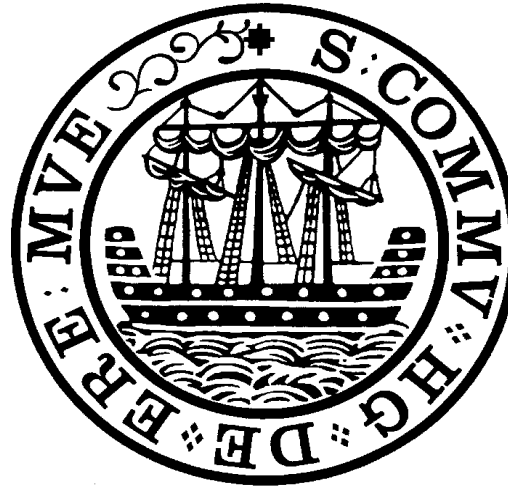
Maintain a listening watch on VHF
Ch. 68

Inform the bridge operator of your
intent to transit the bridge, advising
them of which direction you will be
travelling in

Maintain a good and proper lookout
whilst manoeuvring towards and
through the bridge

Vessels travelling with the tide will
normally transit first. The Bridge
Operator will confirm via VHF Ch.68

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT OUR
COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE VIA VHF
CH.68. IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL
THAT VESSELS CARRY A VHF RADIO.**



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Vessels requiring passage through the bridge are to radio Yar Bridge on VHF Ch. 68 or call 01983 760321. This is to inform the bridge operator of your intent to transit the bridge and in which direction you plan to travel.

The bridge opening times are:

GMT (approx. End October-End March) - By request only. The bridge will only be opened by prior arrangement and only within Office opening hours (07.00-17.00). 30mins notice must be given, anything more than this is greatly appreciated.

BST (approx. End March-End October) - The scheduled opening hours are: 08.00, 09.00, 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00, 17.30, 18.30 and 20.00.

We will try to accommodate unscheduled bridges throughout the season but these cannot be guaranteed.

All vessels should maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 68.

All vessels are to follow the marine traffic signals and instructions from the bridge operator via VHF. Ch. 68.

Please maintain a good and proper lookout whilst manoeuvring to, from and through the bridge.

The bridge operator will not follow hand signals.

VESSELS TRANSITING SOUTH

Maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 68

Vessels approaching Yarmouth from the Solent should try to time their arrival to coincide with a bridge opening.

Waiting for less than 20mins for a bridge opening?

Call on VHF Ch. 68 to inform of your arrival and wait on the South Quay pontoon. All vessels waiting on the South Quay Pontoon must be manned as you may need to move if the RNLI lifeboat has a shout.

Waiting for more than 20mins for a bridge opening?

In the first instance pick up a mooring buoy if one is available (March-October). If one is not available, enter the harbour and speak to a Berthing Master, they will find you either a pontoon, pile or other vessel to tie up to.

Under no circumstances are you to approach the bridge past Red 6 until the bridge operator asks you to make your approach.



VESSELS TRANSITING NORTH

Maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 68.

Leaving your mooring slightly early for the bridge?

Then await the bridge opening by tying up to a space on the pontoon or resting alongside another moored vessel.

The bridge operator will call "All Ships approaching Yar Bridge" informing that the bridge will be opening in 5mins time.

The bridge operator will call "All Ships approaching Yar Bridge" when the operator is on the bridge informing you that the bridge will be opening in 2mins, stating which direction will transit the bridge first. Start making the relevant approach.




The bridge operator will call "All Ships approaching Yar Bridge" informing you that the bridge is open and repeating which direction will transit first.

If there are vessels travelling in both directions the operator will inform you when the second direction is safe to proceed via VHF. Ch. 68.

The bridge operator will call "All Ships approaching Yar Bridge" on VHF. Ch. 68 informing when the bridge is being closed.

Please maintain a good and proper look-out whilst manoeuvring to, from and through the bridge.

Marine Traffic Signals

-  = Wait
-  = Stand By
-  = Proceed

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