

PORT OF TROON LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Troon

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MARINERS ARE ADVISED

Description:

That there is a new Ferry Arrival/Departure procedure being implemented with immediate effect.

See attached procedure at the end of this NtM.

Impact on Mariners:

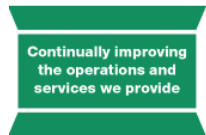
Mariners are advised to plan their journeys accordingly and consider the ferry service schedule. They must always keep a listening watch on CH14/16 and comply any instruction given to them by the harbour authority. Notice should also be given to the Block lights and flashing red stop signs that will be displayed prior to the vessel arriving and or departing the berth. Failure to adhere to safety guidelines not only jeopardizes the safety of individuals and vessels but also undermines the integrity of maritime regulations. Mariners found in violation of safety protocols may face legal action, depending on the severity of the offense.

Issuing Authority:

This notice is issued by the Port of Troon Harbour Authority.

Disclaimer:

Mariners are reminded to exercise caution and adhere to all maritime regulations while navigating in the vicinity of the Troon Harbour Area. Weather conditions and other factors may affect ferry operations, so mariners are advised to stay updated on any further notices or changes.



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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessel or craft.

Ferry Departure and Arrival Procedure - Port of Troon

This procedure outlines the safe and efficient departure and arrival of ferries at the Port of Troon.

General Requirements:

All vessels, including ferries, yachts, and other commercial craft, must adhere to this procedure.

VHF radio communication (where fitted) /maintaining\ a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 is mandatory for all vessels within the Port of Troon.

Troon Port Authority maintains VHF Channel 14 for harbour operations and Channel 16 for emergencies.

Departure Procedure:

Contact Troon Port Control: The ferry captain shall contact Troon Port Control on VHF Channel 14 to request departure clearance.

Permission Granted: Upon receiving clearance from Troon Port Control, a broadcast will announce the ferry's departure on VHF Channel 16 and VHF Channel 14 for all vessels in the harbour and in the harbour's vicinity. The block lights will also be activated.

Horn Signal: Before slipping lines, the ferry will sound a prolonged horn signal for 6 seconds.

Arrival Procedure:

Pre-arrival Notification: While approaching the Port of Troon, the ferry captain shall contact the Port Authority on VHF Channel 14, 20 minutes before arrival and request docking information.

Docking Information: Troon Port Control will provide weather, traffic and any other relevant information to the ferry.

Permission Granted: Upon receiving clearance from Troon Port Control, a broadcast will announce the ferry's arrival on VHF Channel 16 and VHF Channel 14 for all vessels in the harbour and in the harbour's vicinity. The block lights will also be activated.

Horn Signal: When the ferry is aligned with the Green Starboard Hand Marker Buoy, the ferry Captain will sound a prolonged horn signal for 6 seconds to notify other vessels of its intention to dock.

Entering and Exiting the Harbour:

All vessels, including yachts, intending to enter or exit the Port of Troon must contact the Troon Port Control on VHF Channel 14 to request permission.

Troon Port Control will grant permission based on current traffic conditions and will provide any necessary instructions.

When the block lights are activated (3 red lights in a line) and the red stop lights are flashing. No vessel is permitted to enter or exit the Port of Troon.

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Vessels must not enter or exit the harbour without receiving permission from the Troon Port Control.

Additional Notes:

This procedure may vary depending on weather conditions, vessel size, and traffic volume.

Troon Port Authority may issue additional instructions or implement temporary procedures to ensure safety and efficiency.

By following this procedure, ferries and other vessels can ensure safe and efficient departures and arrivals at the Port of Troon.