

St. Abbs Harbour Information Sheet

Welcome to St. Abbs Harbour located in one of the United Kingdoms top diving sites; the information contained herewith will hopefully make your visit to the area both safer and more enjoyable.

Diving around St. Abbs

- Divers **must not** dive or swim in the harbour or its approaches.
- Unauthorised taking of marine organisms will not be tolerated and will jeopardise any future for diving at St. Abbs. The marine-reserve also advises against touching any marine organisms.
- Do not interfere with lobster pots, there have been incidents in the past where the lives of fishermen were placed in danger due to the malicious action of scuba divers.
- When preparing to dive do not block access within the car parks or piers and roadways with equipment.
- Do not shore dive in rough conditions and if in doubt seek advice.

Boating at St. Abbs

Launching & Mooring Fees

- Permission must be obtained from and fees paid to the harbour master before launching.
- Please notify the Harbour Master if you intend to moor your boat overnight, and please inform him if you change your plans.

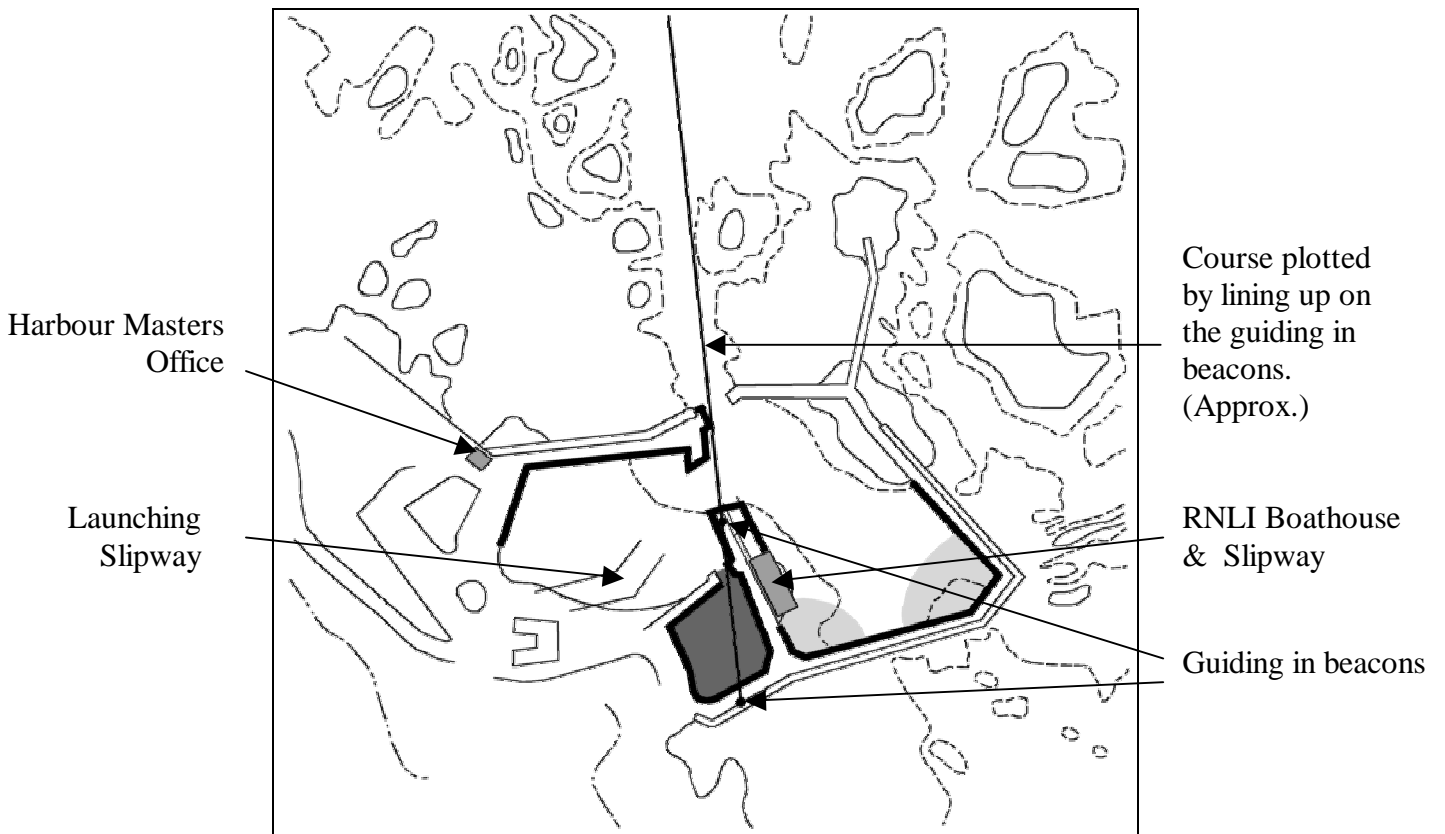
General Rules to Follow

- No speeding in the harbour or its approaches. This means tick over speed only in the harbour, and a speed in the approaches that doesn't create any significant wake.
- Cover your divers at all times and keep a sharp lookout for other divers and sudden weather changes.
- Please do not speed into rafts of birds on the water or frighten them off the cliffs.
- Beware of lobster pot markers and ropes just beneath the surface.
- Tidal changes may cause the sea conditions off St. Abbs head to become dangerous.
- Make sure your boat is properly equipped and can cope with the conditions you may encounter locally.

Mooring your boat

- Remember these are tidal waters.
- All boats should be moored correctly or removed from the harbour between dusk and dawn.
- Do not tie up to the main or eastern piers or lifeboat slipway at anytime.
- Do not anchor and leave any boat in the harbour at any time in a position where it could cause problems of access to others.
- Do not tie up to ladders and leave unattended.
- Do not tie boats together when mooring and do not use other people's ropes. If you do not have enough rope to moor, you do not have enough rope to anchor in the seas off this coast.

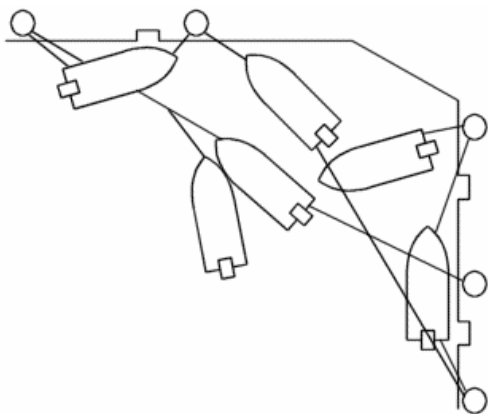
- Do not cross your rope over other boats mooring lines.



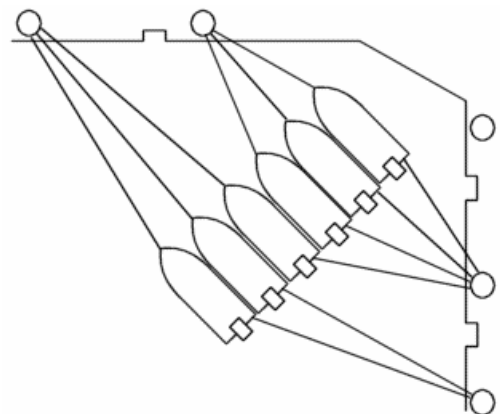
Overnight mooring is only allowed in these marked areas



Do not leave boats unattended (someone must be aboard and able to move the boat instantly) in the area mark and along side the piers highlighted.

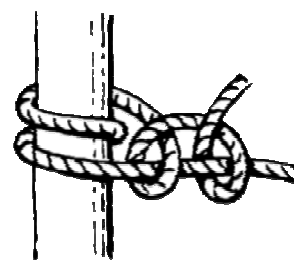


Plan showing incorrectly moored boats



Plan showing how boats should be correctly moored in the corner of the outer harbour.

- Each boat should have its own mooring lines one at the bow (front) and stern (rear), taking the strain.
- Mooring lines should not cross over or under another moored boat.
- Should the mooring line be too long then it should be coiled aboard the boat or coiled and tied off so that it does not cause a hazard on the pier. Do not wrap the rope repeatedly around the bollard.
- Mooring lines should not cross over other boats mooring lines
- If in doubt seek advice



Round Turn and Two Half Hitches should be used when mooring your boat to a mooring ring or ladder. If correctly tied it will never come adrift, but will remain easy to untie.

St. Abbs Harbour Trust cannot be held responsible for any damage to boats in the harbour and all boats are moored at their owners risk.

Angling around St. Abbs

Angling from the piers and rocks around St. Abbs harbour is allowed. However it is not permitted to fish from the rocks within the St. Abbs Head Nature Reserve.

Car Parking at St. Abbs Harbour

During the summer at weekends the harbour area of St. Abbs is very busy therefore try to arrive early or you may be unable to obtain a parking space. There are two separate car parks at St. Abbs Harbour, one run by Scottish Borders Council and the other by St. Abbs Harbour Trust.

- Visitors should only park within one of the two car parks, do not park on piers or in front of sheds blocking access to fishermen. The police will uplift vehicles obstructing access.
- The road to the RNLI boathouse must be kept clear and can only be used by authorised vehicles.

Scottish Borders Council Car Park

It should be noted that a car park attendant administers the Scottish Borders Council car park and will impose fines on incorrectly ticketed or parked vehicles. Fines will be issued for the following offences:

- Vehicles not correctly displaying a valid ticket between the hours of operation of the car park.
- Vehicles incorrectly parked, either parking over several marked spaces or parked out with a marked space.
- Meter feeding, when a ticket expires the vehicle must leave the car park any additional ticket purchased will be invalid. The car park attended will be checking for anyone committing this offence.
- Trailers and long vehicles are also not allowed to use this car park.
- The attendant will not reserve parking space and will also not tolerate others trying to do so.

You have been warned!

St. Abbs Harbour Trust Car Park

The Harbour master, whose office is located at the entrance, administers this car park for the Harbour Trust. Once the correct charges have been paid you may use the car park for the duration of the day. Should you have to leave the car park with your car but intend to return, inform the harbour master and he will reserve your space.

The Harbour master is also always nearby should you wish to ask for advice.

Contact Information

Telephone Numbers

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| Forth District Coastguard*: | (0191) 257 2691 |
| Eyemouth Police Station*: | (018907) 50217 |
| Eyemouth Health Centre*: | (018907) 51101 |
| Eyemouth Tourist Information: | (018907) 50678 |

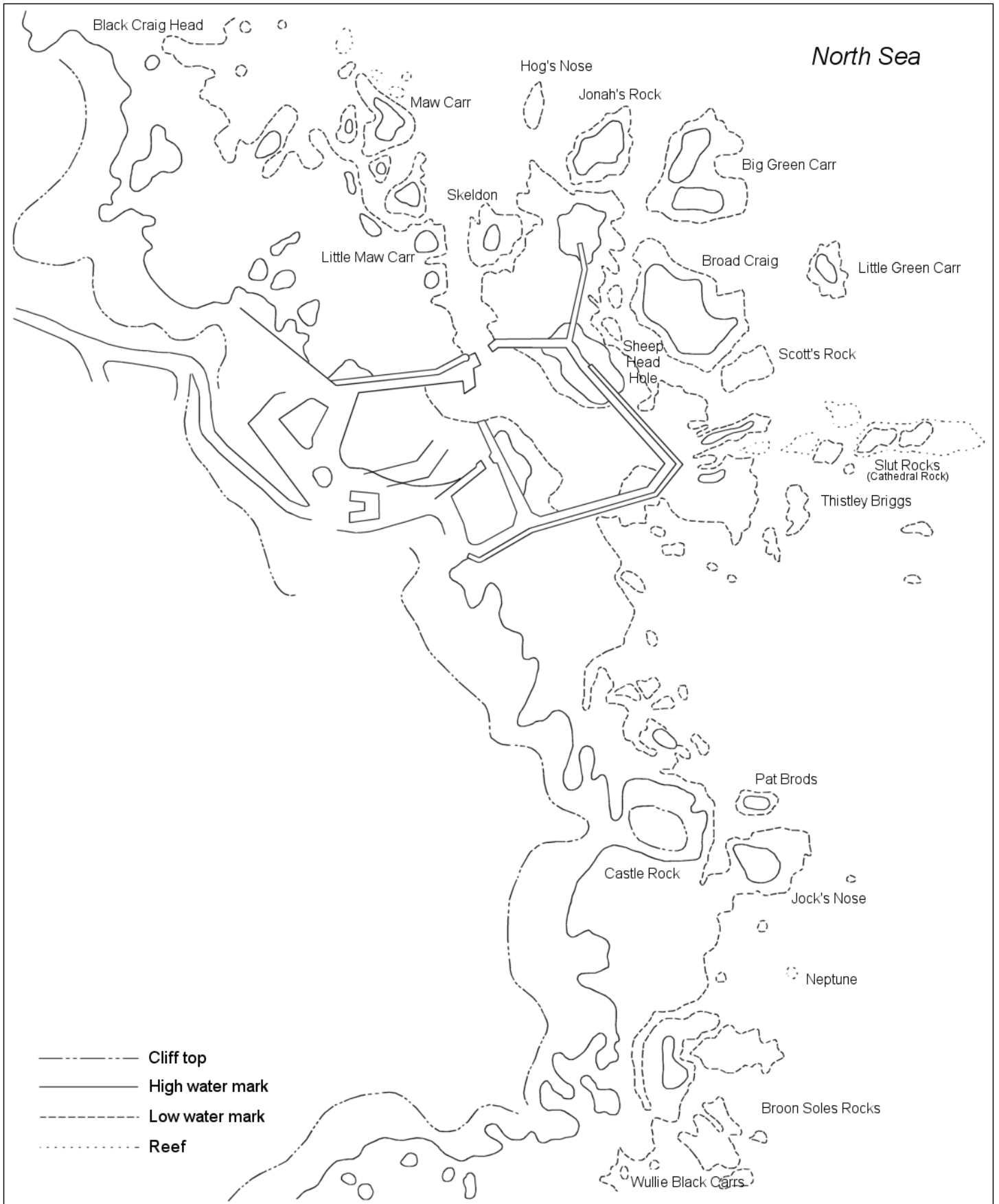
* In an emergency and where appropriate dial 999 and ask for the emergency service required. The telephone numbers given here are for enquires only.

Websites

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| St. Abbs Community Web Site | A range of information covering the local area, with details of accommodation, places to eat, boat charter and information on diving in the St. Abbs area | http://www.stabbs.org/ |
| St. Abbs & Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Reserve | Information and news about the Voluntary Marine Reserve. | http://www.marine-reserve.org.uk/ |
| Berwickshire & North Northumberland Coast European Marine Site | Information about the coast of Berwickshire and Northumberland. | http://www.xbordercurrent.com/ |

Notes

Coastline around St. Abbs Harbour



Coastline of St. Abbs Head

