

ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
HARBOURS DIVISION

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 3 OF 2005

ISLE OF MAN WEST COAST

PEEL HARBOUR WATER RETENTION SCHEME

LAT. 54 13.47 N LONG. 004 41.85 W

Mariners are advised that the Peel Water Retention Scheme is now completed and has been brought into operation.

A Flap Gate has been installed which will operate automatically according to the tide height and will retain a water depth of 2.5m at the cill during periods of low water. A Pedestrian Swingbridge has also been installed across the harbour linking East and West Quays.

Vessel Traffic Lights (3 Vertical Reds or Greens), mounted on the corners of the abutment on the West Quay side are now in operation. When 3 Red Lights are displayed vessels should not proceed. When 3 Green Lights are displayed vessels should proceed with caution. When the Flap Gate is down over the High Water periods no vessel traffic lights will be displayed and small vessels which can safely pass under the Swingbridge may do so with caution.

Navigation lights have been installed as follows:

On the corners of the West Quay abutment Fl. Green 3 secs.

On the corners of the East Quay abutment Fl. Red 3 secs.

On the corner of the Fish Pass, adjacent to and South of the West Quay abutment a Conical Green Daymark with Fl Green Lt.

Above the Dolphin, adjacent to and North of the East Quay abutment a Fixed Red Lt.

On the Centre Span of the bridge Fixed White Lights on each side of the bridge.

In addition to the above, Flashing Amber lights in the centre span of the bridge will indicate that the bridge is or is about to move and Flashing Amber lights on the corners of the abutments will indicate that the Flap Gate is either raising or lowering. In either case Mariners should stand well clear until the movement is completed and they are advised that it is safe to proceed by Harbours Staff.

The Swingbridge will normally be operated from the quayside, in Peel, during normal office hours (7 days per week). Outside of normal hours the bridge can be operated from Douglas Harbour Control. Mariners requiring the bridge to be swung should contact Peel Harbour on VHF Ch. 12 or by phone tel. 842338 or mobile 495036 during normal office hours or Douglas Harbour Control on 686628 outside of normal hours. Mariners are advised that delays, to the bridge opening, may occur should Harbour Staff be engaged in other essential harbour duties.

A CCTV system is in operation around the Bridge and Flap Gate which will monitor vessel movements and may be used as evidence in the event of an incident taking place within the entrance to the Inner Harbour at Peel.

Further information can be obtained by calling Douglas Harbour Control Tel No (01624) 686628 or by calling Peel Harbour Tel No (01624) 842338 or on VHF Ch. 12 (which outside of normal working hours will be answered by Douglas Harbour Control).

Captain M Brew, Director of Harbours
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