

Introduction

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Approach

We have given a way point on the approach bearing and you should be

.... aware of the shoals stretching out from the coast to the East and West of the harbour; otherwise there is nothing to worry the intrepid mariner.

Mind you, if you are tacking in here, be aware that the 2 metre contour stretches virtually parallel to the coast from the end of the Cobb and over quarter of a mile from the coastal defences of Lyme Regis itself – ie do not tack right in to the beach or you'll go aground; similarly to the West.

There are lit lead-in marks, one on the end of the central pier (near the root of the pontoons) and one on the HM's Office in the corner of the harbour. These lead in on a bearing of 284°T as shown on the latest 3315 chart, earlier editions to this chart should be altered accordingly. The red sector of this light will keep you clear of the gremlins around the Cob.

Berthing

You will have quite a few choices here depending on how busy they are.

You can anchor in the bay away from the visitors' moorings, pick up a yellow visitors mooring buoy (there are twelve of them, all with picking up ropes) which are good up to 8 tons (for heavier boats there are a couple of "Commercial" moorings – ask the HM), you can moor to the pontoons, you can go in alongside the wall (Victoria Pier) or you may be offered a spare mooring in the middle of the harbour (they are four point moorings with a single buoy and bridle)

They have a sliding scale for visitors' charges. Up to 10 metres £22.50, 10 to 15 metres £29.00 etc. If you pick up a buoy it'll cost £11.50 irrespective of size and that includes one return trip on their water taxi.

Facilities

Water will have to be carried (unless you happen to be in range of one of the hoses on the pier) There is shore power available on the Victoria pier but ask the HM if you want to tie up close to an outlet. If you do get that it is free.

Showers and toilets are in the Sailing Club (as is their bar when they are open normally Wednesday evenings and weekends)

Diesel and petrol by cans from a petrol station which is a good way away. The HM says he can help with that as well as with Calor and Camping gaz.

What To Do

Lyme Regis abounds with watering holes and eateries

History