

LOWESTOFT HARBOUR

International Collision Regulations apply to all craft, who are requested to make contact with Harbour Control on VHF Channel 14 or by phone 01502 572286. Sailing vessels and (if under 20m) other vessels must not impede larger vessels only able to navigate within a narrow channel. All vessels must observe the International Port Traffic Signals located on the South Pier extension and in the Yacht Marina – three vertical red lights: vessels shall not proceed; green, white, green vertical lights: vessels may proceed **with specific consent**; this applies to both entering and leaving harbour

All small craft and yachts using Lowestoft Harbour and the seaward approaches to Mutford Lock should check the essential guidance published by Associated British Ports at: www.abports.co.uk/media/jdsldddv/lowestoft-small-craft-and-yachts-notice-2025.pdf (view of harbour is shown below).

Visitor moorings are available at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club (RNSYC) Marina. All vessels entering and leaving should proceed with extreme caution, due to restricted visibility, and obey the light signals and permissions described above. No craft should attempt to leave the Marina without first obtaining clearance from Harbour Control, and

must obey the exit signals on the east side of the Marina entrance. The speed limit in the harbour is four knots.

Lowestoft Harbour Bridge When this lifting bridge is closed, there is a clearance at mean high water springs of 2.16m at the centre of the arch.

This road bridge will not open during rush hours and prior arrangement is required with Lowestoft Harbour Control on VHF Channel 14 or telephone 01502 572286. There is a Waiting Pontoon in the south east corner of the Trawl Dock (opposite the RNSYC).

Pleasure craft may be required to form 'flotillas' to pass under the bridge.

Bridge openings may take place at 10 specified times (11 at weekends) every 24 hour-period, subject to 30 minutes notice. Navigation in the bridge channel is controlled on Channel 14 and by red and green-white-green lights on the bridge. General port details are available from plans D and E on Admiralty chart 1535.

An additional lifting bridge, inland from the **Lowestoft Harbour Bridge** has an air draft of 12m. It is known as the 'Gull Wing Bridge' due to its configuration.

For navigational details about the bridge and its opening times, contact Lowestoft Harbour Control (above).



Aerial of Lowestoft Harbour – courtesy of Mike Page – www.mike-page.co.uk