GREAT YARMOUTH BRIDGES AND BREYDON WATER

Breydon Bridge and the Haven Bridge are lifting bridges. The clearance at mean high water springs is 3.96m (side spans) / 3.50m (centre span) and 2.90m respectively. Pleasure craft capable of passing under Breydon Bridge are requested to use the right-hand span in each direction. Lifts of Breydon Bridge and the Haven Bridge must be booked.

Lifts can be made ‘from 06.00–22.00 or sunrise–sunset (whichever is the shorter)’ in Summer (08.00–17.00 winter). Contact Port Marine Services on VHF Channel 12 or 01493 335522 to arrange a lift of Breydon Bridge or Haven Bridge. Bookings should be made before 16.45 for the following day (Friday 16.45 for weekends), but exceptions can be made.

Where there is a booked lift, Breydon Bridge will lift when the three red stop lights on the centre span are illuminated; pleasure craft should beware of commercial traffic that may be manoeuvring. The Haven Bridge operates with river traffic control lights for booked lifts.

All seagoing and craft inbound through the River Port should see [www.peelports.com/ports/great-yarmouth/media/4197](http://www.peelports.com/ports/great-yarmouth/media/4197) for further details, including use of VHF Channel 12; search under marine information for Great Yarmouth: local small craft information.

There are no safe moorings on Breydon Water itself. Plan your crossing so that you can go through Great Yarmouth bridges at slack water, which is about an hour-and-a-quarter after low water. The tide will be less of a hazard and you’ll have maximum clearance under the bridges. Daily tide times and heights are given on pages 169–181 but check the bridge gauge boards on your passage. If you need advice on tides, or crossing Breydon on a particular day, contact Broads Control on 01603 756056, and in general see the BA Waterways Code leaflet Crossing Breydon Water.