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HARBOUR DUES & OTHER CHARGES

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Trading Conditions

The Blyth Harbour Commissioners (hereinafter called "the Commissioners") handle cargoes and undertake other services on the following conditions which shall be deemed to be incorporated in any contract entered into by the Commissioners for such purpose: -

The Commissioners shall not be liable for damage to or loss of goods or consequential damage or loss arising therefrom whilst such goods are in the custody of themselves or their employees or their agents except upon proof that such damage or loss arises from negligence on the part of themselves, their employees or their agents.

Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 1 hereof, if the Commissioners shall entrust goods to any Agent or to any other firm or company for the purpose of the handling, warehousing or carriage of such goods the contract between the Commissioners and their customer shall be deemed to confer on such customer the like rights in respect of loss of or damage to such goods as such customer would have been entitled to if he had contracted directly with such Agent firm or company.

Goods of a dangerous character are not accepted except by special agreement. Any person who otherwise than in pursuance of such an agreement causes or attempts to cause the Commissioners to accept any such goods will be held accountable for all damage arising therefrom whether to the property of the Commissioners or any other goods in the possession of the Commissioners or to any other property or to any person.

All goods received by the Commissioners or its Agents shall be held by them subject to a general lien and right of detention for money due to the Commissioners whether in respect of these or other goods or for other charges or costs payable by the owner of the goods; and, if the general lien is not satisfied within a reasonable time from the day when the goods are first received, the goods will be sold by auction or otherwise and the proceeds of sale applied to the satisfaction of the lien and expenses.

As the Commissioners do not insure customers' goods, customers are advised to see that their insurance policies cover all risks arising under their trading arrangements with the Commissioners which are subject to the above terms.

The Commissioners accept no liability for demurrage or other costs arising from a vessel's charter party unless expressly confirmed in writing prior to fixing of vessel.

The Commissioners reserve the right to stop and search any vehicles entering or exiting the Port in the interests of maintaining high standards of security.

Port Charges on Vessels

The Blyth Harbour Commission, as the Authority for the Port of Blyth, and in accordance with Acts of Parliament, apply the under mentioned charges on Ships and Goods entering and leaving the port:-

Rebates are allowed in certain cases where vessels load or discharge part cargoes, particulars may be obtained on application. Rebates are not available where high cubic/tonnage ratios are involved.

A vessel discharging one cargo and reloading another will pay full harbour dues inbound and 50% Harbour Dues outbound. This discount will not apply where part cargo rebates are applicable on either leg.

An up-to-date Ships Register shall be produced to the Blyth Harbour Commission upon demand.

Harbour Dues are charged on a vessel's Gross Tonnage (GT) and is measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping Acts and assigned under the 1969 Tonnage Measurement Convention. Exceptions to the above are shown on the next page.

In calculating charges, a fraction of a tonne over 0.5 shall be reckoned as one tonne.

Value Added Tax chargeable as appropriate.

HARBOUR DUES & OTHER CHARGES

Trading Vessels (loading or discharging cargo/equipment)

Tonnage Rates per GT

Inward & Outward	£1.524
Barges	POA

Exceptions

Tonnage Rates per GT

Non trading vessels (Refuge, layby, repair, bunkering only etc.)	£1.045
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Vessel must have been on layby for a minimum of 7 consecutive days from berthing for rate to apply if operational activity is carried out during the port call.

Barges	POA
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Vessels without a recognised GT	POA
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Minimum Harbour Dues on all vessels	£362
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Waste Disposal

Per entry	£109
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Mandatory charge on all vessels (with the exception of fishing and pleasure craft) for the disposal of vessel generated garbage (MARPOL V class) waste in accordance with the Port Waste Reception Facilities Regulations 2003.

Security Charge

Per entry	£109
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Mandatory charge on all vessels (with the exception of fishing and pleasure craft) in relation to compliance with the ISPS code and The Ship and Port Facility (Security) Regulations 2004

Pilotage

Charges per outward or inward journey

Per Deadweight tonne (Minimum charge £362 per pilotage act)	£0.122
Additional charge where a second pilot is required (per hour or part, 4 hr min)	£83.00
Additional attendance charge for waiting time (Per hour)	£114.00
Cancellation charge (Applicable when cancelled within a two hour period before the ordered time)	£228.00

Additional overcarriage charges would apply should a pilot not be able to safely disembark and was taken beyond the Blyth Pilotage District.

Pilotage shall be compulsory for those vessels over 50m in length.
(In the case of vessels or objects being towed, pilotage is compulsory where the combined length of tow exceeds 50m).

A Pilotage Exemption Certificate (PEC) may be granted to any Bona Fide Deck Officer of such vessels subject to meeting the qualifying criteria.

Vessels navigating within the Blyth Pilotage District under a PEC will be charged 10% of the applicable rate for such vessels.

Pilotage is non-compulsory for vessels up to 50m (subject to Harbour Masters discretion) and as follows:

- a) At the discretion of the authority for named vessels and masters engaged in dredging operations and the transport of dredged materials.
- b) For vessels anchoring within port limits.
- c) Holders of Pilotage Exemption Certificates (PEC's)
- d) Sovereign Vessels

Boatmen

Use of boatmen is compulsory for all vessels over 50m LOA when mooring within the Port of Blyth Statutory Harbour Limits and any other vessel where the use of boatmen/linesmen is required for safety reasons at the discretion of the Harbour Master. This service is provided by the Blyth Foy Boatmen's Association who are licensed by Blyth Harbour Commission to operate within the Port. For more details and relevant charges please contact the Harbour Office.

Berthing Charges (Per 24 hrs or part)

Per metre overall length (min charge over 50m £238 per day, min charge under 50m £83 per day)	£2.75
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Berthing charges do not apply to trading vessels until 24 hours after completion of loading/discharging operation. The Port also reserves the right to charge such berthing charges should a trading vessel require a berth more than 24 hours prior to expected commencement of loading/discharging operation.

Fender Hire (Per 24 hrs or part)

Per Port fender 3m x 2.4m (subject to availability)	£150
Discounted rate after 5 continuous days	£105
Per Port fender 5.5m x 3.8m (subject to availability)	£175
Discounted rate after 5 continuous days	£150
Fitting & removal – lump sum per hire (Day fitting 0700 – 1900)	£266
Fitting & removal – lump sum per hire (Night fitting 1900 – 0700)	£426

Security Guard (Per hour)

24/7 Controlled vessel access inc. cabin (min 8 hours) Fencing: cost +10%	£36
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Marine Craft Hire

Tug

"Pushing" tug of 600 B.H.P. available to assist the berthing of vessels within the Harbour (Per hour - min charge 2 hours)	£465.00
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In accordance with UK standard conditions for towage and other services (revised 1986).

Crew Transfer

Vessel available to hire for crew changes (Per hour)	£372.00
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Other marine craft (e.g. Plough dredging/pilot vessel/harbour launch/work boat/surveys) available for hire upon request.

Fresh Water

Fresh Water per 1000 Litres	£7.16
Minimum Charge	£84.00
Attendance per connection / disconnection Mon – Sat	£60.00
Sundays and public holidays.	£120.00
Additional hourly charge for attendance	£40.00

Marine Fuels - Bunkering

Vessel to vessel bunkering (per tonne)	£2.48
Road tanker levy (per tonne)	£2.48
At berth bunkering, Bates Marine Fuel Terminal (Terminal operator charges apply)	

Fishing Vessels

Compounded charge per entry	£16.65
Plus (per day or part)	£72.26
Fishing vessels over 70GT pay an additional Goods Dues based on 6% of value of catch	
Annual compounded rates for fishing vessels on application	

Other Commercial Craft

Commercial craft priced on application

Leisure Craft

Visiting Leisure Craft

Visiting leisure craft of less than 20 Tonnes Thames measurement	
Compounded charge per 24 hours or part (inc. V.A.T.)	£41.91
Annual compounded rates for leisure craft on application	

GOODS DUES

The following list comprises the principal commodities, but rates on other articles will be supplied on application.

Minimum Charge as for 1 Tonne, 1 Cubic Metre or 1 Unit.

Goods of dangerous explosive character will only be dealt with upon such special terms and conditions as may have been arranged or maybe prescribed in the Commissioners' Bye-Laws, or the Acts of Parliament relating to goods of an inflammable or explosive character.

PRODUCT	PER TONNE
Bulk minerals	£1.21
Alumina	£0.95
Chemicals/fertilisers	£2.63
Gas oil and bunker fuels (Including by road and over-side transfers)	£2.48
Foodstuffs/animals/vegetables and products thereof	£2.33
Timber and paper	£2.33
Base metals (e.g. iron and steel), scrap metal	£2.33
RDF	£2.33
Concrete mattresses	£4.66
Machinery/manufactured goods	£6.39
Cable/hose drums and spooled cable/hose	£6.39
Offshore materials and structures (Including decommissioned materials)	£6.39

OTHER INFORMATION

Waste Disposal

The Port provides facilities for the disposal of vessel generated waste. In compliance with the Port Waste Reception Facilities Regulations 2003 all vessels (with the exception of fishing and pleasure craft) must pay a mandatory charge for vessel generated waste whether they are used or not. This charge is indicated on page 5 and relates to garbage (MARPOL V class) waste only. Arrangements for disposal of other waste should be made through vessel agents or via the Harbour Master's Office at cost.

Codes & Regulations

The Port operates in accordance with the following (viewed on request):

Blyth Harbour Acts & Orders (1858 – 2004)
Blyth Harbour Commission Bylaws
Port Emergency Plan
Port Waste Management Plan
Port Oil Spill Contingency Plan
Port of Blyth Marine Safety Management System (Port Marine Safety Code)
International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code

PORT FACILITIES

Navigation

V.H.F. R/T Port Operation and Control Station situated in the Harbour Master's Office operates a 24 hour service on channels 16 and 12.

Minimum Width of Entrance Channel 82.29 metres

Dredged Depths

Approach Channel 8.53 metres L.A.T.

Entrance and Lower River Channel (Pier end to Alcan Berth) 7.62 metres L.A.T.

South Harbour and remainder of navigable Channel 6.70 metres L.A.T.

(Above dredged depths are given as a guide and are not guaranteed)

South Harbour

North Quay

180 metres, depth 8.5 metres L.A.T. (larger vessels with overhang)

10 tonne/sqm heavy load out pad

West Quay (inc RoRo pontoon)

170 metres, depth 7.3 metres L.A.T.

Cranage

Up to 120 tonne capacity including container handling

Warehousing

40,388 m²

South Side Berths

Dun Cow Quay

221 metres, depth 6.7 metres L.A.T.

Commissioners Quay

247 metres, depth 5.8 metres – 7 metres L.A.T.

Bates Terminal

Wimbourne Quay

160 metres, depth 6.7 metres L.A.T.

10 tonne/sqm heavy load out pad

StoRo/RoRo facilities

Cranage

Up to 125 tonne capacity

Warehousing

16,317 m²

Bates Quay

160 metres, depth 7.6 metres L.A.T.
10 tonne/sqm heavy load out pad
Marine fuels/bunkering terminal

Battleship Wharf

Battleship Wharf Berth 1

120 metres, depth 5.8 metres L.A.T.

Battleship Wharf Berths 2 & 3

160 metres, depth 8.5 metres L.A.T.

Battleship Wharf Berth 4

200 metres, depth 9.0 metres L.A.T. (larger vessels with overhang)

Cranage

Up to 100 tonne capacity

Warehousing

10,500 m²

Rail Connection

Trains up to 460m in length

Open Storage

Walled bulk open storage areas on concrete hardstanding

SUF Berth

Pneumatic unloader, conveyor, silo system or direct loading to vehicle, rail connected. 200m,
Depth 10.0 metres L.A.T.

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