



Local Notice to Mariners 35 / 2026

Under Keel Clearance (UKC) Requirements & Berth Depths

Port of Aberdeen operates the following Under Keel Clearance (UKC) requirements in both North Harbour & South Harbour; this applies to all vessels unless specifically stated otherwise:

- Vessels underway in the navigational channels:
 - UKC of 1.0 metre;
- Vessels of 25.0 metre beam (or greater), in North Harbour navigational channel:
 - UKC of 1.5 metres;
- Vessels shifting (berth to berth) within North or South Harbour:
 - UKC of 0.5 metres;
- Vessels of 22.0 metre beam (or greater) when underway and when passing moored vessels on the River Dee:
 - UKC of 2.0 metres
- Vessels when alongside:
 - UKC of 0.5 metres*

**At the Masters discretion, vessels are permitted to have less than 0.5m UKC whilst alongside, providing the vessel remains afloat. Aberdeen VTS will inform vessels if less than 0.5m UKC is to be expected at low water. Vessels may be required to proceed to the anchorage over a low water period, or an alternative deep-water berth, if available.*

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- Port of Aberdeen does not have any berths nominated as NAABSA (not always afloat but safely aground).

All mariners and port users are required to ensure compliance with the above UKC requirements and should inform Aberdeen VTS of noteworthy draft changes whilst alongside.

Notice to Mariners 24 / 2026 issued 25th May 2026 is now cancelled.

Please find below updated depth sheet for reference:

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North Harbour				
Location	Berth Length (m)	Chart Datum	Controlling Depth	Survey Date
Navigation Channel Outer		8.0m	7.6m	Aug-26
Navigation Channel Mid		7.0m	6.8m	Aug-26
Navigation Channel Inner		6.0m	5.9m	Aug-26
Turning Basin		6.0m	5.7m	Aug-26
Tidal Harbour		6.0m	5.7m	Aug-26
Pocra North	83	6.0m	5.8m	Aug-26
Pocra South	83	6.0m	5.8m	Aug-26
Pocra Base	110	6.0m	5.9m	Aug-26
Approach to dry-dock		4.0m	3.9m	Aug-26
Russells Quay	96	9.0m	8.6m	Jun-26
Halls Quay	71	9.0m	8.7m	Jun-26
Clipper Quay	175	9.0m	8.7m	Aug-26
Duthies Quay	117	9.0m	8.7m	Aug-26
Approach to Victoria Dock		6.0m	5.8m	Aug-26
Waterloo Cross Berth	75	6.0m	5.9m	Jun-26
Waterloo Quay No. 4	116	6.0m	5.9m	Jun-26
Waterloo Quay No. 3	116	6.0m	5.9m	Jun-26
Waterloo Quay No. 2	76	9.3m	9.0m	Jun-26
Waterloo Quay No. 1	76	9.3m	9.0m	Jun-26
Regent Quay No. 4	94	9.3m	9.1m	Jun-26
Regent Quay No. 3	94	9.3m	8.9m	Jun-26
Regent Quay No. 2	94	6.0m	5.9m	Aug-26
Regent Quay No. 1	94	6.0m	5.8m	Jun-26
Trinity Quay	92	6.0m	5.8m	Aug-26
Upper Dock	123	6m	5.7m	Aug-26
Jamiesons Quay	92	6.0m	5.8m	Aug-25
NorthLink Ro-Ro	79	6.5m	6.1m	May-26
Blaikies Quay No. 1	100	6.0m	5.8m	Jun-26
Blaikies Quay No. 2	100	6.0m	5.8m	Jun-26
Blaikies Quay No. 3	120	6.0m	5.9m	Jun-26
Blaikies Quay No. 4	90	6.0m	5.8m	Jun-26
Matthews Ro-Ro	165	9.0m	7.7m	July-26
Matthews Cross Berth	76	9.0m	8.1m	July-26
Atlantic Quay	131	8.7m	8.3m	Aug-26
Pacific Quay	160	9.3m	8.8m	Mar-26
Commercial Quay East	85	7.5m	7.2m	July-26
Eurolink	145	7.5m	7.4m	July-26

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Commercial Quay West	105	6.0m	5.3m	July-26
Palmerston Quay	108	6.0m	5.7m	July-26
Albert Quay (tug berth)	35	6.0m	5.7m	July-26
Albert Quay West	30	6.0m	5.7m	July-26
Albert Quay No. 5	106	7.5m	7.4m	May-26
Albert Quay No. 4	106	7.5m	7.3m	Apr-26
Albert Quay No. 3	96	7.5m	7.4m	Apr-26
Albert Quay No. 2	96	7.5m	7.4m	Apr-26
Albert Quay No. 1	96	7.5m	7.3m	Apr-26
Albert Quay East	113	6.0m	5.8m	July-26
Albert Quay Bunker Berth	106	6.0m	5.7m	Aug-26
Installation	141	6.0m	5.7m	Aug-26
Point Law Cross Berth	72	6.0m	5.7m	Aug-26
Mearns Quay No. 1	101	6.0m	5.5m	July-26
Mearns Quay No. 2	101	6.0m	5.6m	July-26
Mearns Quay No. 3	101	6.0m	6.0m	Aug-26
Torry Quay No. 6	99	7.5m	7.2m	July-26
Torry Quay No. 5	99	7.5m	7.1m	July-26
Torry Quay No. 4	99	7.5m	7.3m	Aug-26
Torry Quay No. 3	99	7.5m	7.1m	Aug-26
Torry Quay No. 2	140	6.0m	5.8m	July-26
Torry Quay No. 1	110	5.6m	4.4m	Aug-26
South Harbour				
Balmoral Quay	300	9.0m	8.4m	Aug-26
Castlegate Quay East	270	9.0m	8.6m	Aug-26
Castlegate Quay West	270	9.0m	8.4m	Aug-26
Dunnottar Quay	400	10.5m	9.4m	Aug-26
Crathes Quay North	175	9.0m	9.1m	Aug-26
Entrance Channel		10.5m	10.2m	Aug-26
Entrance Basin		9.0m	8.3m	Aug-26
Inner Basin		9.0m	8.4m	Aug-26

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Marine Department
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Vessel Owners, Operators, Agents, Berth Operators etc should ensure that the contents of this Navigation Notice are made known to the Masters and Navigating Officers of their vessels.

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