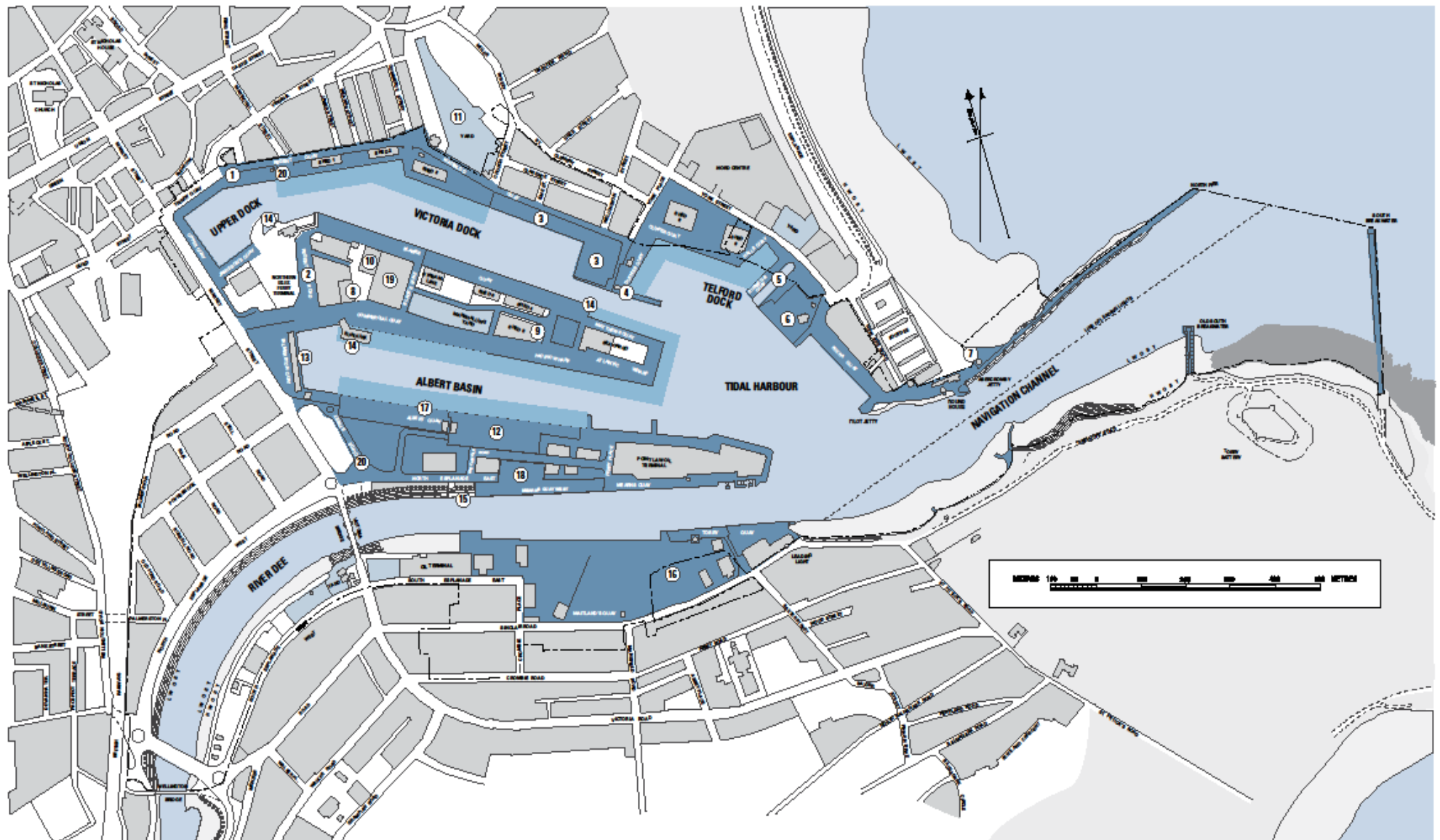




Aberdeen VTS: Guidance for Masters



MAP OF PORT AREA

KEY

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| ① Harbour Office | ⑤ Dry Dock | ⑧ Grain Export Terminal | ⑫ Fish Market | ⑰ Total E&P UK Base |
| ② Weighbridges | ⑥ Peterson-SBS | ⑩ Harbour Maintenance Dept. | ⑬ RO-RO Ramps | ⑱ Mearns Quay Base |
| ③ Peterson-SBS | ⑦ Marine Operations Centre | ⑪ Waterloo Quay Multimodal Terminal | ⑭ Petrofac Training Centre | ⑲ Maritime Coastguard Agency |
| ④ Lifeboat Station | ⑧ Multi-storey Car Park | ⑫ BP Exploration Base | ⑯ Shell Base | ⑳ Security Gatehouse |

- Harbour Roads and Quaysides
- Yards
- Deepwater Berths
- Harbour Boundary

Aberdeen VTS

On the 1 October 2005, Aberdeen Port Control became Aberdeen Harbour Vessel Traffic Services (VTS). This leaflet has been produced to help you understand the changes that took place.

The service conforms to the standards set by I.A.L.A. and our team of Vessel Traffic Service Officers have completed M.C.A. approved training and are V-103/1 Certificated VTS Operators.

Aberdeen VTS is stationed in the Marine Operations Centre, located at the base of the North Pier. Designed by SMC Parr Associates of Dundee, the new building has won a number of architectural awards.

This facility accommodates all our marine operations services and houses state-of-the-art radar, radio and traffic management systems. The building also houses two ships bridge simulators and training rooms that are available for hire.

A combined Information and Traffic Organisation Service

Aberdeen VTS is a combined service, providing both information and instructions to maritime traffic. Participation in the VTS scheme is compulsory for all vessels operating the VTS area. Further details are available on Admiralty Chart 1446 "Approaches to Aberdeen Harbour" and also in "Admiralty List of Radio Signals Volume 6(1)".

The **Information Service** aims to ensure essential information is supplied to ships in time to aid navigational decision making.

The **Traffic Organisation Services** aims to prevent the development of dangerous maritime traffic situations. It will give instructions and clearances to make sure that vessels move around the port safely and efficiently.

Masters will continue to have absolute responsibility for the safety and conduct of their vessel at all times. Aberdeen VTS does not relieve a vessel's Master of these responsibilities.

Further information is available in the following publications

MGN 401

MSN 1796

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Identifier

Clearance

The call identifier for Aberdeen Harbour is: “Aberdeen VTS”

All vessels must receive “traffic clearance” from Aberdeen VTS before carrying out **any** manoeuvre.

Communications and Surveillance

Aberdeen VTS monitors current tidal and meteorological conditions and is also equipped with:

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| VHF Radio | The working Channel is Channel 12. Channel 16 is also monitored. |
| AIS Receiver | Ensure your AIS is transmitting accurate, up-to-date data. |
| Radar | |
| Telephone | +44 (0) 1224 597000 |
| Fax | +44 (0) 1224 597007 |
| CCTV | Most quayside areas covered. |
| E-mail | vts@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk (The VTS Office). waste@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk (Ships Waste Notifications ONLY). dangerous@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk (Dangerous Goods Notifications ONLY). pfso@aberdeen-harbour.co.uk (ISPS Pre-Arrival Notifications ONLY). |

N.B. All these services are recorded.

Marine related information, including the latest Aberdeen Harbour Notices to Mariners, can be found at <http://www.aberdeen-harbour.co.uk/operations/>

Reporting Points

Five reporting and holding points have been designated. **All** vessels must report when passing points I and B and must report at points A, C and D when required by VTS to do so.

India: Three miles from the Fairway Buoy.
 Alpha: The transition point between the Tidal Harbour and **A**lbert Basin.

Bravo: In the vicinity of the Fairway Buoy.
Charlie: The transition point between the Tidal Harbour and Victoria Dock (The Cut).
Delta: The transition point between the Turning Basin and the River Dee.