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HARBOUR OF  
**Rye**  
a mariner's guide



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# Introduction

## The Environment Agency and the Harbour of Rye

The Harbour of Rye is owned and managed by the Environment Agency, which is also the Competent Harbour Authority. The harbour employs a Harbour Master and Deputy who will do their best to help you with any enquiries during your stay.

The Environment Agency, formed in 1996, is the leading public body protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales.

Our “Environmental Vision” published in January 2001 sets out our aim:

*‘To protect and improve the environment in England and Wales and contribute towards the delivery of sustainable development through the integrated management of air, land and water.’*

In 2003 after extensive consultation the Environment Agency published the “Harbour of Rye Management Plan”. The plan sets out the Agency’s objectives for managing the harbour over the next five years.

The plan’s key strategic objectives include,

- Developing a strategic approach to harbour investment
- Maintaining and developing the harbour assets
- Raising standards and improving safety
- Meeting the conservancy duty to the required standard for harbour activities
- Ensuring the harbour makes a positive contribution to the local community and the environment
- Promoting the harbour as a local asset and tourism destination

Wishing you a most enjoyable visit to this ancient and historic port.

# Welcome to Rye

Rye is a living, thriving town and seaport. It always seems that the people of Rye are faintly surprised by the popularity of their town as a tourist attraction. They go about their day to day work much as they have from generation to generation and yet they are frequently outnumbered by the tourists. Perhaps it is the fact that it is a proper community and not just a museum piece that is its attraction.



Certainly Rye has enough history for any museum piece. Many of its buildings date from 1377, when the French sacked and burnt the town and stole its church bells. The Bishop of Lewes, the following year organised a successful expedition for the recovery of the bells. This was neither the beginning nor the end of it. Rye, for much of its history, seems to have been either at war or at peace with its French neighbours, whichever was more profitable, regardless of what their respective countries were doing.

Much of Rye's prosperity has depended on its port. The Romans used Rye for the export of wealden iron. Rye became a Cinque Port in the Fourteenth Century, becoming the seventh of the Cinque Ports. Records show that in 1573 up to 200 ships frequently moored near the Strand Gate and every type of cargo was handled. This must be about the same place as visiting yachts now moor.



The incessant longshore drift of shingle closed most of the Cinque Ports and Rye found itself further and further from the sea. Rye declined as a port, so that by the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Rye's prosperity depended more on smuggling than legitimate trade. The local gangs swaggered about the countryside. They kept their contraband in cellars and moved it about the town through tunnels and secret passages. Many of the old houses still have their secret rooms and hiding places but you may have difficulty persuading their owners to show them to you! (Perhaps it's the ghosts?) John Wesley is reputed to have said of the population of Rye, in 1773, that they refuse to "part with the accursed thing smuggling".

Rye is still a seaport, albeit a small one. It still has some commercial shipping, an excellent fishing fleet and is a thriving yachting centre. Perhaps the thing that appeals to the Rye mariners, as they sail or just sit on their boats overshadowed by the ancient warehouses, is the tangible link with the past. You can almost reach out and touch the seafaring heritage.



# Approaches to the Port of Rye

## Rye Bay

In strong onshore winds Rye Bay can be uncomfortable with seas breaking well offshore and care must be taken when approaching the harbour entrance in onshore winds greater than force six. However, if the wind has any North in it, Fairlee (Fairlight) lives up to its name and the situation is quite different. The bay then becomes a welcome haven. In the majority of conditions the bay holds no fear for the prudent sailor.

Vessels entering Rye Bay (Admiralty Charts Nos. 2451 536 1991), if approaching from the east, should follow the coast from Dungeness or if approaching from the west, from Fairlight, keeping at least two miles off shore, in a depth of not less than 6 metres, until Rye Fairway Buoy is sighted (Spherical R.W.Fl ev. 10 sec), position 50°54'04N 000°48'02E - 149 degrees true x 1.8 nautical miles from the harbour entrance.

Care should be taken, as there are numerous anchored gill nets in the bay. These are usually marked at each end by dan buoys and normally have a minimum depth of water over them of two metres.



The Ministry of Defence operate the Lydd Firing Range to the east of the harbour, extending three miles along the coast with prohibited areas to seaward varying in distance from 1.5 nautical miles to 2.5 nautical miles. (See plan). When firing is taking place there are almost always range safety patrol boats on station to give advice to mariners (VHF ch.73 or 13). Firing times can be obtained from the Harbour Master's office (Telephone 01797 225225).

Rye Harbour Radio usually keeps a listening watch, on VHF channel 14 during the high water period, seven days a week, and also when commercial traffic is manoeuvring.

## Harbour Entrance

The Port of Rye dries completely and vessels should not approach the port more than two hours before high water and more than three hours after high water. (i.e. entry should only be attempted between H.W. -2 hours and H.W. + 3 hours). Vessels, without good local knowledge, wishing to berth in the soft mud in or near the town of Rye should time their arrival at the entrance for not later than one hour after high water. (i.e. H.W. +1hour). The moorings near the Harbour Master's office are on hard ground.



The harbour is controlled by International Port Traffic Signals. These are only switched on when there are commercial traffic movements. They

are located about three-quarters of a mile inland, near to the Harbour Master's office. It is essential that they are complied with. It may be advisable to contact the port control ("Rye Harbour Radio." VHF ch. 14), before entering the harbour, to obtain information on commercial movements within the port.

## Approach

The easiest approach to the entrance is from the Fairway Buoy, on a rhumb line course of 329° true, keeping the port and starboard entrance markers wide open. The harbour entrance is 42 metres wide and is recognised by a conspicuous red painted tripod beacon (Fl red ev.5 sec) 30 metres seaward of the West Groyne, approximate position 50°55'55N 000°46'65E. The East Pier (submerged at high water springs) is a further 240 metres inland and has a green painted square steel structure with boarding around the top. (QFl. 9 ev 15 secs.). The seaward face is illuminated at night. The East Pier also has four unlit starboard hand beacons.

There may be strong eddies inside the West Groyne during the flood stream and mariners should be prepared to apply correcting helm (usually to starboard) when passing the West Groyne.





## Outer Channel

'The International Regulations For Preventing Collisions At Sea' operate throughout the port. Particular attention must be given to keeping a good lookout, especially astern. The International Port Traffic Signals must be complied with when they are operating. A maximum speed limit of six (6) knots is enforced throughout the harbour but vessels are expected to keep well below this maximum speed when passing moored vessels. Vessels fitted with VHF radio are advised to monitor VHF channel 14 whilst manoeuvring in the port or its approaches.



Once inside the piers good shelter will be found in all conditions. The channel narrows to 30 metres and runs straight (329' true) for half a mile with an outlying village named Rye Harbour on the west bank, and the Harbour Master's office, on the east bank.

Attention must be paid to the west training wall which submerges at high water but is well marked by port hand beacons and withies every 100 metres. The east training wall is sloping and is marked by starboard hand beacons and lights.



The River Rother has a maximum flood stream of five knots on spring tides and reaches this maximum velocity between H.W. -2 hours and H.W. -1 hour. The Port of Rye is tidal with all vessels progressively taking the ground.

Cartoon presented to the Environment Agency by John Ryan, author and creator of Captain Pugwash.



Staging, of timber construction, will be seen on the east bank, just past the Harbour Master's office. All new arrivals must stop here and report to the office for berthing instructions and further navigation information.

The River Rother starts to meander gently above this point. The channel is well marked and the sides are fairly steep, except on the inside of the tighter corners. However on each side of the channel are mud flats which cover at high waters and these are waiting to punish the inattentive helm. The entrance to Rock Channel is on the port hand side and although well marked can be missed. The starboard hand channel leads to the Fishmarket and becomes impassable to masted vessels at the road bridge.

## Moorings

Visiting craft, up to a length of 15 metres, can generally be accommodated in the town of Rye, some three miles from the sea, at the Strand Quay. Larger vessels are advised to make prior arrangements with the Harbour Master before arrival. Moorings in the town are generally of soft mud. Vessels here, including fin keels, usually "float" comfortably in the mud at low water. The Strand Quay moorings comprise steel piled wall with good timber fendering and access ladders fixed every fifteen metres. The moorings near the Harbour Office, for vessels up to a maximum of 25 metres, are against timber piles, three quarters of a mile from the sea, and are on hard ground.

Fresh water, electricity, shower and toilet facilities are available on both sites with access codes available from the Harbour Office staff.



# Useful Contacts

All Rye telephone numbers are prefixed 01797

## Accommodation and Hotels

### Rye Tourist Information Centre

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226696

## Architects

### Gale & Dun Partnership Ltd

Wick Farm Oast,  
Udimore.  
Tel. 225200

### Portfolio Design Consultants

Gallo  
Military Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225545

### Le Fevre Wood & Royle

77 The Mint,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223152

## Bakers and Confectioners

### Budgens Stores Ltd.

Station Approaches,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226044

### Rye Bakery

23 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226522

### Jempson Bakery

45 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223986

### The Tuck Shop

89 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222230

## Banks

### Barclays Bank plc

High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 0845 755555

### National Westminster Bank plc

85 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 0845 6101234

### HSBC

11A High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 0845 7404404

### Nationwide Building Society

92 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 249700

### Lloyds TSB Bank plc

84 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 0845 3030109

## Boatbuilders, Boat Repairs, Boat Yards

### Chippendale Craft Ltd

Rock Channel,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227707

### Rye Harbour Marine

The Point, Rye Harbour,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227667

### H.J. Phillips

Rock Channel,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223234

### Versatility Workboats Ltd

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224422

## Bookmakers

### Robert Charges

55 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223321

## Books

### Chapter & Verse

105 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222692

### Meads Book Service

5 Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227057

### E.G. Adamiw

11 Market Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222339

### Olio Books

106 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223539

### Martello Bookshop.

26 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222242

## Brokers Yacht

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

## Business Associations

### Rye & District Hotels & Catering Association

Rye Lodge Hotel,  
Hilders Cliff,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226643

### Rye Chamber of Commerce

99 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222395

## Business Associations continued

### Rye Fishermans Society Ltd

Fish Market,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225175

## Butchers

### Ashbee & Son

100 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223303

## Charter Fishing

### Brian Joslin

"Christyann"  
Tel. 01424 814060  
Mob. 07885 374317

### Sea Charter Rye.

"The Brinkliner"  
Tel. 252104  
Mob. 07759 107749

## Charts

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

### Sussex Marine Yacht

**Chandlers**  
48 Marina,  
St Leonards-on-Sea.  
Tel. 01424 425882

## Clothes Shops

### Edinburgh Woollen Mills Ltd

87 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227870

### Jaeger

17 East Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222281

### The Golden Fleece

16 Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224271

### Labels

Rope Walk Shopping Centre,  
Rope Walk, Rye.  
Tel. 226969

### Goldens Rye Traders

86 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223229

### The Magic Wardrobe

36-38 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222211

### The Great Oojah

103A High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223555

### Magpie-Rye

East Side, Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222302

## Clothes Shops continued

### Mirage

12 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227943

### W.J. Bennett

99 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222395

### Rose-Anne

95 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222166

### Woolworths plc

High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222335

### Surf Shop

Tower Forge,  
Hilders Cliff,  
Rye.

## H.M. Customs

### Customs & Excise

Dover.  
Tel. 01304 215639

### Confidential Freephone

Dial 0800 901901

## Delicatessens

### Budgens Stores Ltd

Station Approaches,  
Rye,  
Tel. 226044

### Rye Delicatessen

28 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226521

## Dentists

### Davies, Seeley & Cross

6 East Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222834

### Mrs. B.J. Lund

105 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223311

### K. Hajikakou

12 Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222487

## Doctors

### Drs. Jelani & Jelani

Cinque Port House,  
Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223230

### Posterngate Surgery

Posterngate,  
Conduit Hill,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223333

## Dry Cleaners

### Rye Cleaning Services

East Side, Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224779

## Electronic Engineers

### Sussex Fishing Services

5 The Close,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223895

## Engines/Outboards

### H.J. Phillips

Rock Channel,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223234

### River Brede Moorings

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226213

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

### Rye Harbour Marine

The Point, Rye Harbour,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227667

## Fish & Chip Shops

### Burmudian Fish n Chips

Old Lydd Road,  
Camber.

### The Kettle of Fish

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223684

### The Fish Shop

37 The Mint,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223268

## Fishing Tackle Shop

### The Bait Box

Rope Walk Shopping Centre,  
Rope Walk,  
Rye.

## Fishmongers

### The Fish Tank

1 Rope Walk,  
Rye.  
Tel. 229875

### Rye Fishmarket

New Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225175

## Fishmongers continued

### Suttons Fish Shop

Winchelsea Beach,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226261

## Florists

### Susan Maktelow

24 Udimore Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222722

### Sweet Williams

44 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226941

### Suzie Parkins

2 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226379

## Fuel (Red Diesel)

### Rye Oil

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223374

## Fuel (Duty Paid)

### Fleetway Service Station

Lydd Road,  
Camber.  
Tel. 227900

### Skinner's (Rye) Ltd

74 Fishmarket Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223334

### Quayside Service Station

The Strand,  
Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224331

## Garages

### Car Craft

Rye Iron Works,  
South Undercliff, Rye.  
Tel. 225052

### Fleetway Service Station

Lydd Road,  
Camber.  
Tel. 227900

### Dave Hall Automobile Engineers

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223606

### Eagle Motors

Unit One,  
Slade Yard,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226984

## Garages continued

### H.G. Honis

Unit 5  
Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223586

### MCS

Simpsons Industrial Park,  
Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222986

### Rye Harbour Garage

Rye Harbour, Rye.  
Tel. 223228

### The Service Bay

The Blackmans Yard,  
Wish Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224020

### Skinners (Rye) Ltd

74 Fishmarket Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223334

### Strand Coach Works

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223522

## Gas (Bottled)

### Fleetway Service Station

Lydd Road,  
Camber.  
Tel. 227900

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

### Quayside Service Station

The Strand, Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224331

## Gift Shops

### Adams of Rye

8 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223136

### The Great Oojah

103A High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223555

### Choice China & Gifts

Strand Court, Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223200

### The Silver Mine

5A High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227428

### The Corner House

High Street,  
Rye.

### Baba Yaga

13 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224567

### Graham China & Glass

91 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222357

### Maison Fleur

Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222593

## Gift Shops continued

### The Merrythoughts

72 Church Square,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222330

### Rye Pine & Gift

Landgate,  
Rye.

### The New England Trader

77A The Mint,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226660

### The Silver Mine

5A High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227428

### Occasions of Rye

Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224805

### Simon Milne Gifts

28 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224730

### Past & Present

2 High Street,  
Rye.

### Something Different

113 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225644

### Penny Royal

22 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223930

### Watermans Leather

23A Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225933

### Present Company

22 Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224006

### Woolworths plc

High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222335

## Greengrocers

### Budgens Stores Ltd

Station Approaches,  
Rye,  
Tel. 226044

### Williams & Sons

40 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222219

### Fruitique

24 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222133

## Hairdressers

### Cats Whiskers

White Lodge,  
Winchelsea Beach,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226026

### Harum Scarum

Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226997

## Hairdressers continued

### Julies Hairdressers

Lydd Road,  
Camber.  
Tel. 224070

### Salon 15

18 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223132

### Rye Retreat

36-38 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222211

### Top Chic

4 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222252

### The Rye Sanctuary

Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224277

## Hardware

### Ironmongers Extraordinary

1 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222110

### The Rye DIY Centre

16 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222481

### John Dennis

96 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223133

### Woolworths plc

High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222335

## Hospitals

### Emergency Dial 999

### The Conquest General Hospital

The Ridge,  
Hastings.  
Tel. 01424 755255

## Jewellers

### Gilfrin

114 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222368

### Rye Goldsmiths

102 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223279

### Peter Farrow

40 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224430

### Simon Milne

3 Market Road,  
Rye,  
Tel. 222125

## Launderette

### The Rope Walk Shopping Centre Launderette

Rope Walk,  
Rye.

## Libraries

### Rye Library

Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223355

## Moorings/Berths

### Environment Agency

Harbour Office,  
New Lydd Road,  
Camber.  
Tel. 225225

### River Brede Moorings

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226213

### H.J. Phillips

Rock Channel,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223234

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

## Museums & Art Galleries

### Rye Art Gallery

107 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222433

### Rye Castle Museum

Ypres Tower, The Gun Garden  
And also,  
East Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226728

## Newsagents

### Adams of Rye

8 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223136

### Landgate News

21 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223142

### Bargain Box

37 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222313

### Tilling Green Newsagents

47 Lea Avenue,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223595



## Off Licences & Wine Merchants

**Budgens Stores Ltd**  
Station Approaches,  
Rye,  
Tel. 226044

**Threshers Wine Shop**  
25 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223304

## Opticians

**Rayner Ltd**  
79 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222263

**Wilson, Wilson & Hancock**  
63 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223700

**Rye Optical**  
Station Approaches,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222246

## Pharmacies

**Boots the Chemist**  
18-20 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222308

**Moss Pharmacy**  
17 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222241

## Photographic Processing & Printing

**Swift Photographic**  
8 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224246

## Police

**Emergency**  
Dial 999.

**Non Emergency**  
Tel. 0845 60 70 999

## Post Office

**Post Office**  
Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.

## Public Houses & Wine Bars

**The Bedford Arms**  
91 Fishmarket Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224867

## Public Houses & Wine Bars continued

**Cinque Ports Hotel**  
Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222319

**Top O' The Hill**  
Rye Hill,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223284

**The Crown Inn**  
1 Ferry Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223372

**Union Inn**  
7 East Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222334

**The Globe Inn**  
Military Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224398

**Walkers**  
Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 229270

**Inkermans Arms**  
Rye Harbour,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222464

**William The Conqueror**  
The Point, Rye Harbour,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223315

**Pipemakers Arms**  
2 Wish Ward,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223064

**Ye Old Bell Inn.**  
33 The Mint,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223323

**The Ship Inn**  
Winchelsea Beach,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226686

**Ypres Tower Inn**  
(*'The Wipers'*), The Gun Garden,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223248

## Restaurants/Cafes & Take Away Food

**Copper Kettle**  
34-35 The Mint, Rye.  
Tel. 222012

**Fannies Snack Bar**  
Rope Walk Shopping Centre,  
Rope Walk, Rye.  
Tel. 225506

**Coterie Tea Rooms**  
15 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223480

**The Fat Controller**  
Station Approaches,  
Rye.

**Cranberries of Rye**  
105 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224800

**Fletchers House**  
Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222227

## Restaurants/Cafes & Take Away Food continued

### Gandhi Tandoori

34-35 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226506

### Gasparutti's Café

Market Road,  
Rye.

### Jempson Bakery

45 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223986

### Landgate Bistro

5-6 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222829

### The Lemon Grass Thai Restaurant

Tower Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222327

### Mermaid Street Coffee House

13 West Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224858

### The Monastery

6 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223272

### Monrows Restaurant

14 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224294

### Old Forge Restaurant

Wish Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223227

### Peacock Tea Rooms

Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226702

### Peggoty's of Rye

High Street,  
Rye.

### Prince of Bengal

Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222830

### Quayhole Restaurant

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223638

### Rocky's Café

The Cattle Market,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227177

### The Runcible Spoon

64 Cinque Port Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 229409

### Shades Coffee Shop

7 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223983

### Simon The Pieman

3 Lion Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222207

### Simply Italian

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226024

## Restaurants/Cafes & Take Away Food continued

### Strand Quay Café

Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223779

### Swan Cottage Tea Rooms

41 The Mint,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222423

### The Café

Rope Walk Shopping Centre,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226984

### Tiger Coast Restaurant

5 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224222

### Natolia Kebabs

16 Landgate,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226868

### Happy House Chinese Take Away

17 Landgate,  
Rye,  
Tel. 223289

### Rye Grill

Station Approaches,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222977

*N.B. Many hotels and public houses have restaurants or serve 'pub food'.*

## Safety Equipment

### Sea Cruisers

28 Winchelsea Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222070

### Sussex Marine Yacht Chandlers

48 Marina,  
St Leonards-on-Sea.  
01424 425882

## Sailing Tuition

### Rye Harbour Sailing Club

Hon. Secretary,  
Tel. 224479

## Ship Brokers

### Freight Express (Seacon) Ltd

8 Market Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222741

## Shoe Repairs

### Rye Shoes

97 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226602

## Sweet Shops

### The Rye Chocolate Shop

5A Market Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 222522

### The Rock Shop

104 High Street,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227468

## Taxis & Private Hire

### Grahams Taxis

Tel. 225548.

### Taxi-Time

Tel. 224016

### Rother Cabs

Tel. 224554

### Tollgate Taxis

Tel. 230630

### Rye Motors

Tel. 223176

## Tobacconists

See Newsagents.

## Tourism

### Tourist Information Centre

Rye Heritage Centre,  
2 Strand Quay,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226696

## Windsurfing Tuition

### Rye Windsurfing

Camber Beach Works,  
Rye.  
Tel. 225238

## Winter Storage

### H.J. Phillips

Rock Channel,  
Rye.  
Tel. 223234

### Versatility Workboats Ltd

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 224422

### Rye Harbour Marine

The Point,  
Rye Harbour,  
Rye.  
Tel. 227667

### River Brede Moorings

Rye Harbour Road,  
Rye.  
Tel. 226213

## Winter Storage continued

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Tel. 222070

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## Yacht Clubs and Associations

### Rye Harbour Boat Owners Association

Mr. Mike Berry,  
Chairman,  
Tel. 01233 280363

### Rye Harbour Sailing Club

Mrs. Jean Phillips.  
Hon Secretary,  
Tel. 224479

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## Sunday Church Services in Rye

<b>Quaker Meeting for Worship</b> Rye Tennis Club, Military Rd.	Service: 10.30 am
<b>Rye Baptist Church</b> Cinque Port Street.	Service: 10.45 am and 6.30 pm
<b>Rye Methodist Church</b> Church Square.	Service: 11 am
<b>Rye Parish Church</b> Lion Street.	Service: Holy Communion 8am  Parish Eucharist/Junior Church 10.30am  Evensong 6 pm
<b>Anthony of Padua (RC)</b> Watchbell Street.	Mass: 8am and 10.45am
<b>Bethel Strict &amp; Particular Baptist Chapel</b> Military Road.	Service: 6.30pm
<b>Rye Harbour Parish Church</b> Rye Harbour.	Service: Holy Communion (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) 9.15am
<b>Jehovah's Witnesses</b> Kingdom Hall, Rye Harbour Road.	Service: 10am

*The times etc. of other services may be obtainable from the Tourist Information Centre.*

## VHF Channels & Light and Sound Signals

### VHF channels

Rye Harbour Radio	channel 14
Lydd Firing Range	channel 73 or 13

### Light and Sound signals

#### The Harbour Entrance

The harbour entrance is 42 metres wide, and the west side is marked by a red-painted tripod beacon (Fl. red ev. 5 secs.) 30 metres seaward of the West Groyne. It is not advisable to attempt to pass between the tripod and the West Groyne.

#### The East Pier

The East Pier (submerged at high water springs) is a further 240 metres inland and has a green painted square steel structure with boarding around the top (Q.Fl. 9 ev 15 secs.). The seaward face is illuminated at night. The East Pier also has four unlit starboard hand beacons.

#### Foghorn

1 second blast every 7 seconds.

#### Outer Channel to Strand Quay.

Beacons and light numbers: even on port side; odd on starboard side.

White flashing light: 1

Red flashing lights and beacons: 2, 6, 10, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 34, 40.

Green flashing lights and beacons: 3, 7, 9, 11, 15, 19, 25,

#### International Port Traffic Signals.

The harbour is controlled by International Port Traffic Signals. It is essential to comply with these signals, located about 3/4 mile inland, near the Harbour Master's office. These are switched on only when there are commercial traffic movements.

When a cargo vessel is being piloted in the harbour, lights will show on the signal masts by the Harbour Office, together with amber flashing lights on the Harbour Office roof. All other vessels must keep clear. It may be advisable to contact the port control before entering the harbour (Rye Harbour Radio VHF Channel 14), to obtain information on port commercial movements.

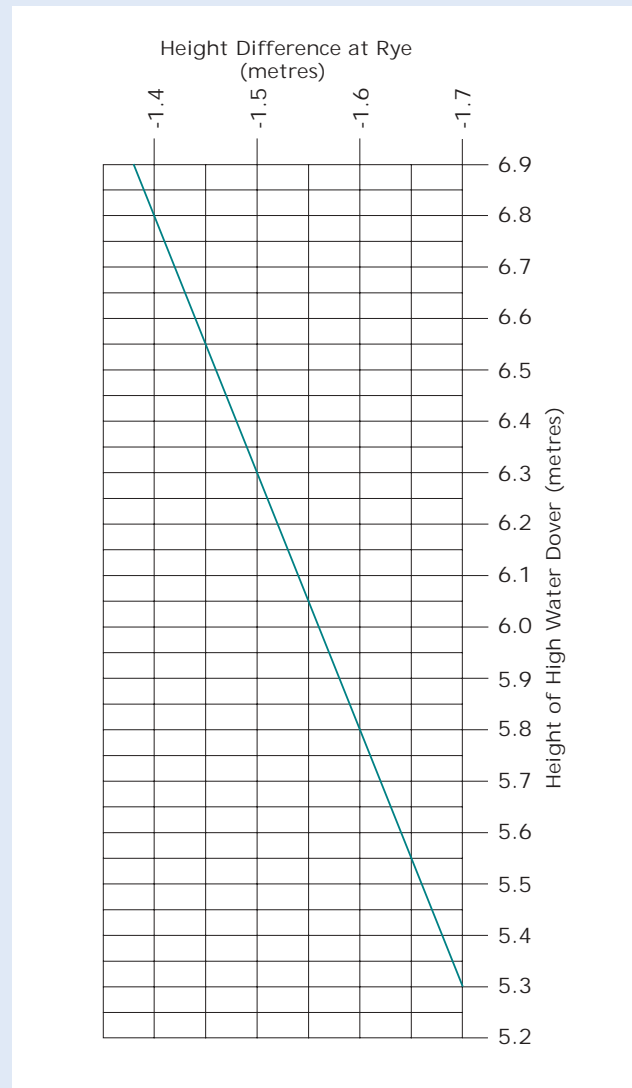
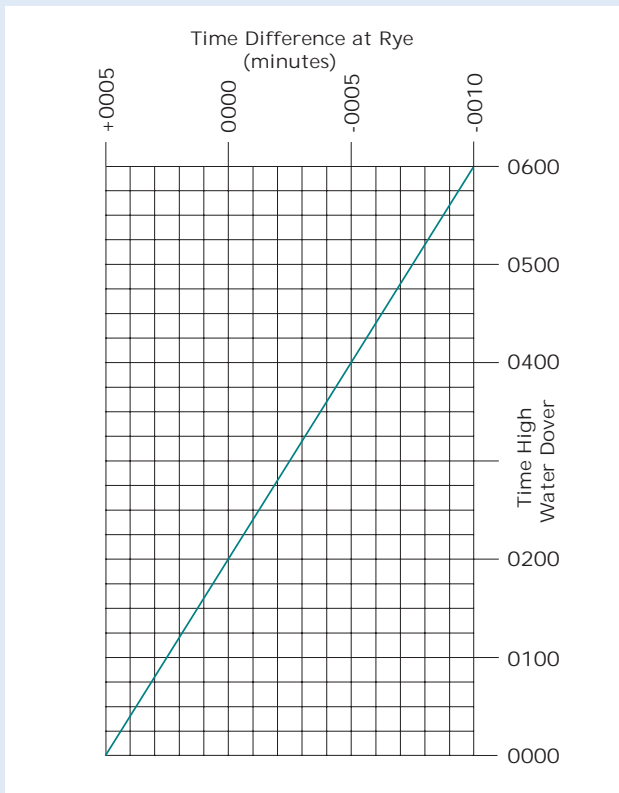
## Tidal Information

Chart Datum at Rye is three point nine five metres (3.95m) below Ordnance Datum (Newlyn).

The time of high water is very similar to that of Dover, varying between five minutes after (+0005) to ten minutes before (-0010) high water Dover.

The Height difference is between minus one point four metres (-1.4m) and minus one point seven metres (-1.7m).

Due to Rye Bay's proximity to the confluence of the English Channel and the North Sea, it is difficult to predict when, in the bay, the east going and the west going streams begin. Anecdotal accounts suggest that, on occasions, the east going stream can be still flowing up to two hours after high water, albeit weakly.



## HM Customs & Excise

Have you seen something suspicious?

Do you know something?

**FREEPHONE IN CONFIDENCE**  
**0800 595000**



# Refuse

As the harbour owners, the Environment Agency urges everyone to dispose of vessel waste carefully.

The map indicates areas where domestic waste can be disposed of safely.

Please do not throw litter overboard.

Help us keep the harbour and the seas around our shores clean and healthy.

Thank you.

Carl Bagwell, Harbour Master




## IMPORTANT RABIES WARNING

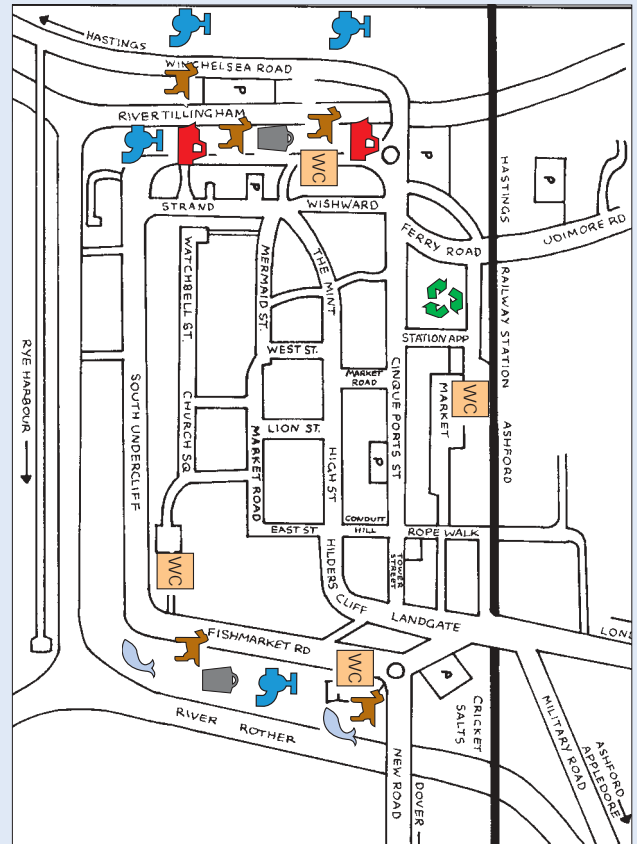
You are not allowed to land any animal in this port. British laws require any animal on a yacht or boat to be securely confined on board below decks all the time the boat is in the port or harbour.

The penalty for breaking quarantine laws can be an unlimited fine and one year's imprisonment

# Boat Waste Reception Facilities

### Key

-  BOATS DOMESTIC WASTE
-  FRESH WATER
-  DOG WASTE
-  FISHMARKET
-  RECYCLING (GLASS, TINS, PLASTICS ETC)
-  VISITORS MOORINGS
-  TOILETS





# Lydd Range Exclusion Zone



Not to be used for navigation

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## Weather Information

### Marinecall

#### By Fax 2 day forecast

South West 09061 502120  
 Mid Channel 09061 502119  
 Channel east 09061 502118

#### By phone 5 day forecast

South West 09066 526242  
 Mid Channel 09066 526241  
 Channel east 09066 526240

National fax (3-5 days) 09061 502 109  
 Phone (3-5 days) 09066 526 234

#### Distances from Rye

Boulogne:	32 Nautical miles
Brighton:	40 Nautical miles
Dieppe:	60 Nautical miles
Dover:	26 Nautical miles
Dunkirk:	63 Nautical miles
Eastbourne:	21 Nautical miles
Folkestone:	22 Nautical miles
Newhaven:	31 Nautical miles
Ramsgate:	41 Nautical miles
Saint Valery-sur-Somme:	55 Nautical miles

## Contact Details

**Harbour Office** Telephone 01797 225225  
 New Lydd Road Fax 01797 227429  
 Camber  
 East Sussex  
 TN31 7QS

E-mail [rye.harbour@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:rye.harbour@environment-agency.gov.uk)

#### Harbour Master

Captain Carl Bagwell

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 or  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/ryeharbour](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/ryeharbour)

#### Environment Agency

##### Kent Area Office

Orchard House, Endeavour Park  
 London Road, Addington  
 West Malling, Kent  
 ME19 5SH

#### Environment Agency National Customer Contact Centre

Tel. 08708 506 506

#### Environment Agency Emergency Hotline

Tel. 0800 80 70 60