

Operating in Narrow Channels

To all boaters,

Given the current restricted access to the harbour and the increase in traffic, I feel we need to clarify the correct method of approaching the harbour:

The boat coming into the harbour has the right of way at this time due to our challenging channel.

When approaching the harbour entrance maintain a slow speed with due regard to local water conditions.

A vessels' speed should be appropriate for the depth of water such as to maintain adequate control with sufficient available power to aid the rudder if necessary.

When approaching the Harbour from the lake side stay to the Starboard side (Right Side) of the channel and use a prolonged blast of a horn (air horn) to announce your approach to the vessel that may be around the corner.

When operating within a narrow channel vessels must keep as near as is practical to the outer limits of a narrow channel on their starboard side.(Right Side)

Best practice under current conditions is one boat at a time in the channel.

When leaving the harbour look for a sailboat mast coming in from the lake and listen for the air horn. Be prepared to yield to incoming vessels.

- Power boats should sound their horn (sail boats an air horn) when entering/leaving the mouth
- Boats need to pass port/port (Left Side / Left Side) in the channel
- Paddle boards, kayaks & dinghies must give way to oncoming boat traffic