

KING'S LYNN CONSERVANCY BOARD.

Notice to Mariners No.16 /2026

East Coast of England – The Wash



Approaches to Kings Lynn – Allowance on Draught.

For a vessel to be considered suitable for transiting the approach channel to King's Lynn, the following allowances must be added to the vessels draught and the total must not be greater than the predicted High water* height for a given tide. **The latest Surge data may affect the maximum permissible draught on specific tides.** It should be noted that if the tide fails to reach prediction, then in the interests of safety the intended transit may be delayed until sufficient tidal height is achieved.

*Based on published tidal predictions from KLCB, Datum King's Lynn Dock Sill, which is 0.74 metre below Chart Datum.

Vessels maximum draught 6.0 metres from Riverside Quay, subject to prior consultation and approval.

For Vessels to Riverside Quay.

Maximum arrival draught 5.8 metres.

Up to 100 metres 1.7 metres.

100 + metres 2.0 metres. May require a tug for both arrival and departure.

All vessels sailing from RSQ and berthed Port side too:

Up to 90 metres 2.3 metres.

90 + metres 2.5 metres.

KLCB Pilotage department may require a tug for swing upon departure.

All vessels sailing from RSQ and berthed Starboard side too:

All vessels up to draught 5.80m 1.7 m allowance

At a draught of 5.81m to a maximum of 6.0 metres, a 2.0 metre allowance is required.

(Max draught Vessels to depart Quay 30 mins to H.W.)

For Vessels to / from the Docks.

Maximum arrival / departure draught 5.5 metres.

(Departing Max draught Vessels to be in river 30 mins to H.W.).

Inward bound; -

Up to 90 metres 2.0 metres.

90 + metres 2.2 metres.

Outward bound; -

Up to 90 metres forward draught 2.5 metres / Aft draught 2.0 metres.

90 + metres forward draught 2.7 metres / Aft draught 2.2 metres.

All vessels in excess of 100 metres L.O.A., must be notified to the Harbour Office for consideration prior to being fixed for the port.

For Vessels to or from South Quay.

(Max draught Vessels to depart Quay 30 mins to H.W.).

Up to 85 metres 2.5 metres.

Notice to Mariners 14/2026 is cancelled.

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Harbour Master.

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