



**RNYC Sailing Directions  
Humber to Rattray Head  
Amendments since 2005  
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These amendments cover the more significant changes made since the reprinting of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition in 2005. See the title page of your copy for the date of your edition. In the partial reprinting in 2008 the data on **Scarborough, Whitby, Staithes and Newbiggin** was updated and those changes are included in these notes.

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#### **P13,14. SCARBOROUGH**

Access for yachts has been much improved with a pontoon development in the north-east corner of the Old (Inner) Harbour with a depth of 2m.

**Entrance:** add: There is less than 1m at chart datum at the entrance to the Old Harbour. When there is a depth of 3.7m the Pier End Light shows (ISO 5 sec) at night and by day there is a black ball.

**Mooring:** The visitors berths are along the southeast side of the pontoons in the Old Harbour. The dredged area of the visitors berths is very narrow, and dries completely along the Old Pier. Keep close in to the pontoon. There is a large grid for drying out at the NE end marked by a post.

The berthing in the East Harbour remains as described in the 2005 edition.

In daytime in summer there is a watchkeeper based in the lighthouse on the Vincent Pier, Ch.12, who will advise on berthing and the best depth. A 24 hour watch is kept in the main office on the West Pier

**Facilities:** Scarborough YC Tel: 1723 373821. Harbour Office: 01723 373530 .West Pier watchkeepers: 01723 373877.

#### **P 15,16. WHITBY**

The marina pontoons above the bridge have been extended and the shore facilities improved. The marina is manned 0800-2000 hrs in the summer: the winter hours are shorter. VHF Ch 11.

Note that the pontoon on the south side downstream of the bridge is private, and not to be used as a waiting berth.

#### **P 19,20. STAITHES**

Improvements have been made to the South Pier with the addition of a concrete jetty with ladders.

#### **P 26,27. SEAHAM**

A marina has been constructed in the North Dock, due to open in late summer 2012.

**Mooring:** Depth is limited, with 1.5 m at the gate and less further up the basin. There are to be three visitors berths of 10m on the right, just inside the entrance. The automatic gate opens (and closes) when the tidal height is 2.5m above datum, about 3½ hours before or after high water. 3 vertical lights, red or green, indicate the open or closed status of the gate and there is a warning sound signal 5 minutes before it operates.

**Facilities:** The Marina Office: 'Seaham Marina' VHF Ch.80. Daylight hours. Seaham Harbour Office (South Dock) Tel: 0191 5161700. Seaham Harbour Master mobile: 07801215236.

**P 28,29. SUNDERLAND**

The foghorn on Roker Pier has been discontinued. The WBA no longer has premises in the Marine Activity Centre.

**P 30,31. RIVER TYNE**

**Royal Quays Marina:** The number of berths has been increased.

**St. Peter's Marina:** amend: "0.8m on the cill at datum" to "a cill 0.8m above datum."

**Newcastle Quayside:** add: The Millennium Bridge has an air gap of 4.5 m above MHWS when lowered, and 25m when raised. To arrange a lifting, which is free, call Gateshead Council: 0191 4333000.

Above the Bridge is the **Newcastle City Marina**, a 130m pontoon which can take boats up to 26m in length. To arrange a berth, and the lifting of the bridge, contact [enquiries@newcastlecitymarina.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@newcastlecitymarina.co.uk) to complete a booking form, or ring 07435788426 or 0191 2211348.

**P 34,35. BLYTH HARBOUR**

**Approach:** In locating the Sow and Pigs rocks, the helpful transit of the measured mile beacon over Newbiggin church and the position of the yellow racing mark are no longer there.

**Plan:** delete; The Blyth Fairway Buoy, and the Yellow fl(5) mark on the North Spit turbines. The port and starboard beacons in the fairway are now lit.

**P 37. PASSAGE NOTES: BLYTH TO THE FARNES.**

**Para. 2:** The measured mile beacons at Newbiggin have been removed.

**Para 3:** Coquet Light House has ceased to be lit through the day requiring extra care to be taken in clearing the rocks at Hauxley Head.

**P 39. NEWBIGGIN BAY**

A substantial detached breakwater has been built off the beach in the bay, with two prominent sculpted figures. It is lit at each end (Fl.R 5s).

**P 40,41. COQUET ISLAND AND APPROACHES TO AMBLE**

**Plan:** amend: The outfall buoy off Pan Point, from Yellow to Red.

**Para. 3,4.** Coquet Light has ceased to be lit through the day.

**P52. NEWTON HAVEN**

**Entry:** amend the transit bearing of 'Dunstanburgh Castle over the most westerly significant hump of the Emblestone Rock 160° to 155°.

**P 63. FARNE ISLANDS**

**Plan:** : **Longstone Light:** Delete Horn (2) 60sec.

**Callers:** amend: drying height: 2<sub>3</sub>.

**Oxscar:** amend: drying height 1<sub>7</sub>.

**P67. HOLY ISLAND**

**Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve:** amend: 'English Nature's Site Manager...' to 'Natural England Senior Reserve Manager at Beal Station. Tel; 01289 381470.'

**P 69. BERWICK UPON TWEED**

**Plan:** amend the range of the pier end light to 6M.

**P98. ELIE**

**Plan:** delete the Thill Rock red can buoy.

**P 102. ANSTRUTHER**

More pontoon berths, which dry, have been installed in the Inner Harbour.

**P116. MONTROSE**

**Plan:** delete Annat Shoal green con. buoy.

P 118.**JOHNSHAVEN**

**Entrance Add:** the upper leading mark changes from green to red when entry is unsafe.

P125. **ABERDEEN**

**Plan:** amend North Pier Light to ISO Green 4s 11m 10M in fog FY Bell (3).