

# Seaham Harbour Marina



## Slipway Information



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# Welcome to Seaham Harbour Marina

We are extremely proud of our multi award-winning marina. We work hard to ensure Seaham Harbour Marina is a fun and entertaining day out with plenty to see and do, as well as ensuring we are offering top facilities for our berth holders.

The Waterside



## THE WATERSIDE

has a fantastic range of cafes, restaurants and shops

- The LookOut Café ● Bulan Burger Joint ● Nicey Icy ● The Pancake Kitchen
- Seaside Chic ● Mr Jacob's Curious Sweet Emporium.

You can book your next holiday with **Hello Sunshine**, arrange a mortgage or Will with **Taylor Hall** or if you have young children they would love the fun sessions on offer at **Playology Beach School & Learning Studio**.

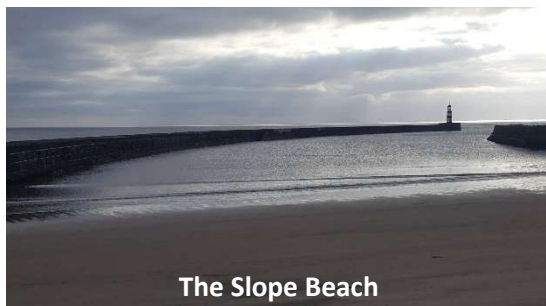
**THE CASTLESIDE**, home to **East Coast Fitness** offering bootcamps and personal training, **The Flamingo Bar and Café** serves healthy food and **Adventure Access at Seaham Harbour** delivers watersports activities including kayaking and stand-up-paddle boarding.



The Castleside

You can learn more about the history of Seaham and the marina by visiting the **East Durham Heritage and Lifeboat Centre**, home to the famous George Elmy Lifeboat.

## East Durham Heritage and Lifeboat Centre

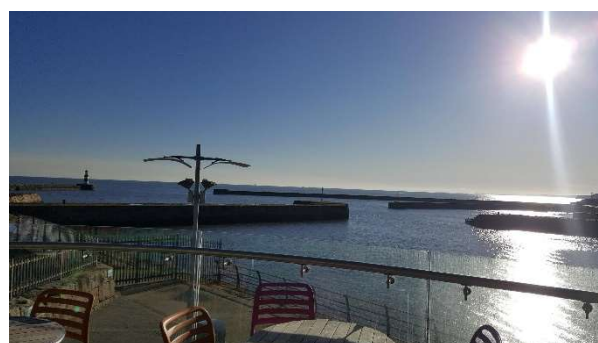


The Slope Beach

Or perhaps you want to kick off your shoes and feel the sand between your toes on the beautiful Slope Beach.

Seaham Harbour Marina really is the perfect destination for a fun family day out.

For more information about our Marina please go to our website: [www.seahammarina.com](http://www.seahammarina.com)



# Background

After the demise of the pits in the early 1990s the North Dock fell into a semi derelict state. The redevelopment of the Dock was one of the key objectives of the Seaham Regeneration Strategy undertaken in 1994. The aim being to boost local enterprise, jobs and income, increase visitor numbers to the town and wider area, and transform the North Dock (now known as Seaham Harbour Marina) into a new modern marina with facilities and amenities to rival any across the North East.

In 2006 the restoration of the limekilns, viewing areas and secondary sea defense work were completed.

By 2012, the flagship building 'The Waterside' (comprising 12 commercial units) had been created and now offer first class businesses such as cafes, ice cream parlour, gift shop and a travel agent. The construction of a marina using floating pontoons to accommodate up to 96 leisure craft was also completed, along with the reinstatement of the dock gates (located to the original position of the abandoned dock gates) and improvements to the public access, boat storage facility, slipway and launch facilities.

In partnership with East Durham Heritage Group, we have developed the former lifeboat house into a visitor attraction which is now home to the restored George Elmy lifeboat.

2017 saw the completion of 'The Castleside' building, home to a café, fitness studio, beach school and outdoor activity centre.

Red Acre Point was the site of the port's first lighthouse and later became a defensive gun emplacement during the Second World War. In 2022/23 the steps leading up to the viewing platform were replaced through the National Lottery Heritage fund programme, enabling access to a viewing platform where visitors can enjoy the breath taking views of the coastline.

## General information

Our slipway is a rough concrete construction with a 1:8 gradient. There will be water on the slip 3 hours either side of high tide however outside of this time when the water is off the slip it is possible to launch boats using a 4x4 vehicle from the hard sand below the slip. It is advisable to avoid launching or retrieving boats at low tide on spring tides due to rocky areas and soft sand further out into the basin.

Avoid using the slipway when there is a swell on the slip, side wash can cause the trailer and boat to lift in the swell potentially causing unsafe retrieval and launching.

If you are unsure when and how best to use the slipway please see the marina staff who can offer their advice.

## Parking vehicle & trailer

After launching please unhitch your trailer and leave on tarmac area in front of lime kilns then park your vehicle in one of the car parks available. The Marina offers free on-site parking, however during busy periods there can be no guarantee of available spaces. If unsure, please see marina staff

*Please note:*

- *Vehicles and contents are left in the car park at owners' risk.*

# Conditions for the launch & recovery of vessels

1. For these Conditions, vessel will mean any type of motorised vessel, dinghy, canoe, kayak, raft, PWC, yacht or any other craft that intends to be launched or retrieved from the slipway, beaches or any other part of the Harbour.
2. Any person wishing to launch any type of vessel anywhere within the Harbour must first report to the marina office or consult Marina staff.
3. Appropriate insurance must be produced for certain types of vessels, in the least, all motorised craft.
4. Users must have a second person directing vehicle and trailer movements when manoeuvring adjacent to the lifeboat house and throughout reversing manoeuvres and must ensure the slipway is clear of persons and obstacles and that the vehicle, trailer and any couplings are capable and appropriate for the safe launch and recovery of their vessel prior to accessing the slipway. The launch of any vessel may be denied should the Marina staff conclude that the vehicle, trailer and/or couplings are not appropriate for safe launching.
5. The launch of any vessel may be denied should the Marina staff conclude that the vessel is of such a condition that may not be seaworthy or the owner or users of the vessel not being capable of using or controlling the vessel in a safe manner.
6. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the slipway is safe for launch and recovery and that the sea conditions on the slipway or any other areas and at sea are in a safe state. The launch of any vessel may be denied should the Marina staff conclude that the sea conditions on the slipway or at sea are unsafe for launching any vessel.
7. For non-motorised craft i.e. kayaks, canoes, please see Marina Management for further information.
8. The Company will set and publish periods and charges for the use of the Harbour for the launching of vessels, any charges must be cleared in advance of launching.
9. The Company may set charges for the use of the slipway for any vessels that may or may not be berthed within the Marina.
10. Vessels shall not exceed 5 knots anywhere within the inner harbour or be manoeuvred in such a manner as to endanger or inconvenience other vessels or any other users.
11. Vessels shall not enter any restricted areas, the Marina gateway or use the pontoons unless permission has been received from the Marina staff otherwise for the immediate safety of the vessel and crew. The Company will provide a plan of navigational restricted areas.
12. The owner or user shall be aware that navigational priorities within the Harbour are given to SHDC operations of shipping, dredging, pilotage or any other SHDC vessel movements or operations. Vessels shall not obstruct the fairway and shall notify the Marina immediately if a vessel loses power within the fairway or loses an anchor, cable or chain, that in the owner's view, may cause obstruction or damage to shipping or any other vessel.
13. Subject always to the availability of parking space, Harbour users may only park vehicles and trailers in accordance with the directions of the Company. Owner's guests, crew or others may not park on the premises unless prior consent has been sought by the owner of the vessel under the conditions of the Company.
14. Vehicles towing trailers whilst on the premises shall use their hazard indicators at all times when vehicle is in motion and observe the marina road speed limits.
15. The Company may provide permits for personal identification and/or for display in user's vehicles. The owner or user must abide by the instructed use of any such permit as directed by the Company or Marina staff.



16. The Company has provided a freshwater connection point at the slipway to be used for routine washing down, filling and flushing. It is recommended that users provide their own hoses and when connected should not be immersed in sea water as this may result in backflow contamination.  
*Advisory note: users must be aware that the misuse or overuse of water is not only wasteful to the local supply and detrimental to the environment and conservation of energy but may also have an effect on future slipway charges.*
17. Vehicles and trailers should not obstruct the slipway or access to the slipway. Washing down should be carried out on the slipway unless a vessel is waiting to be launched or recovered, in this case then the vessel can be washed down on the edge of the hard standing adjacent to the water connection point.
18. Any security/safety chains or ropes across the slipway must be re-secured immediately on launching or recovery.
19. The Company has the right to amend or append these Conditions at any time. Any amended or appended conditions shall become effective when instruction has been received by the owner or user or when displayed in the Marina office.
20. These Conditions will be reviewed annually as beneficial to both the Company and the owner or user.

*The Company will accept no liability of injury or damage to any person or property when on any land within the Harbour or during use of the slipway (or any other parts of the Harbour) or any equipment that may be used by any person. It is at the discretion of the user to inspect the slipway, sea and weather conditions and any equipment prior to launch and recovery of vessels and to ensure that their vessel, trailer and vehicle is in such a condition that safe use of the slipway can be achieved at all times.*

**Company** means: the Seaham Harbour Community Interest Company

**Harbour** means: any area on land or in the sea that is under control of the Company or Seaham Harbour Dock Company

**User** means: any person accessing the Harbour for the launching of any vessel.





An aerial photograph of a coastal marina and waterfront development. The central feature is a large rectangular marina filled with numerous small boats docked in rows. To the left of the marina is a large white industrial building. Above the marina, there's a parking lot with several cars and a small building. To the right of the marina, a road runs parallel to the water, with a parking lot and a long, low building. Further right is a sandy beach and the ocean. At the bottom, there's a slipway and another parking lot. Labels with arrows point to various areas: 'BOAT STORAGE' points to a small boat storage area at the top left; 'MARINA' points to the central docked area; 'SLIPWAY' points to a ramp at the bottom left; 'THE CASTLESIDE' points to a building on the right; and 'THE WATERSIDE' points to a building at the bottom right.

**BOAT STORAGE**

**MARINA**

**THE  
CASTLESIDE**

**SLIPWAY**

**THE  
WATERSIDE**



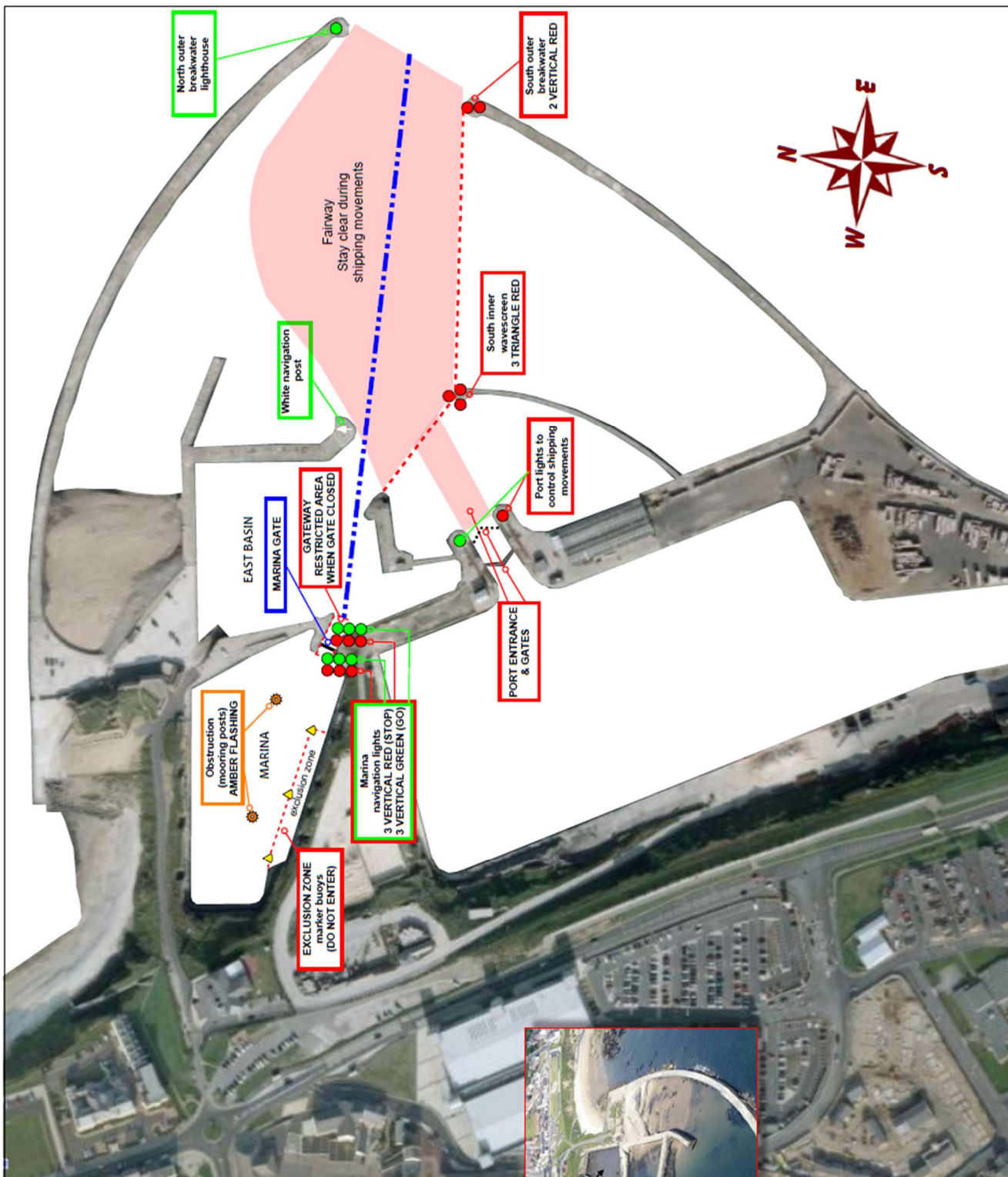
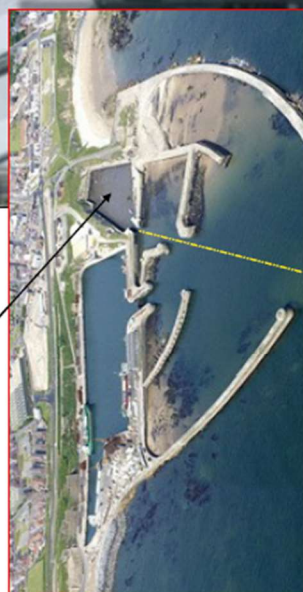


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# NAVIGATION LIGHTS, MARKERS & RESTRICTED AREAS

- - - - - Restricted areas  
(do not navigate south of this line unless for urgent safety reasons i.e. staying clear of ship)
- - - - - Normal navigation route in & out of marina  
[ incoming: 276 ° west 360 metres ]

MARINA



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