

Seaham Harbour Marina



Visiting Boats 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 has a fantastic range of cafes, restaurants and shops

- **The LookOut Café**
- **Bulan Burger Joint**
- **Nicey Icey**
- **The Pancake Kitchen**
- **Seaside Chic**
- **Sea View Sweets 'n' Gifts**

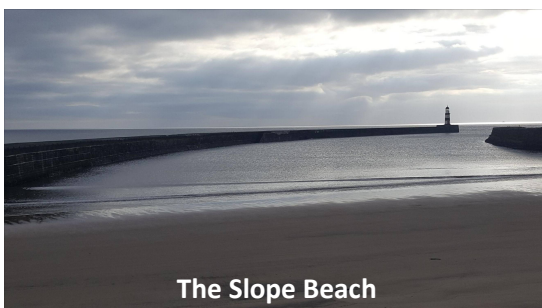
- You can book your next holiday with **Hello Sunshine**
- Arrange a mortgage or Will with **Taylor Hall**
- Young children would love the fun sessions on offer at **Playology Beach School & Learning Studio**.
- Enjoy holistic therapy at **Dark of the Moon Wellness Hub**.

THE CASTLESIDE is home to **East Coast Fitness** offering boot camps and personal training, and **Adventure Access at Seaham Harbour** delivering watersports activities including kayaking and stand-up-paddle boarding



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.

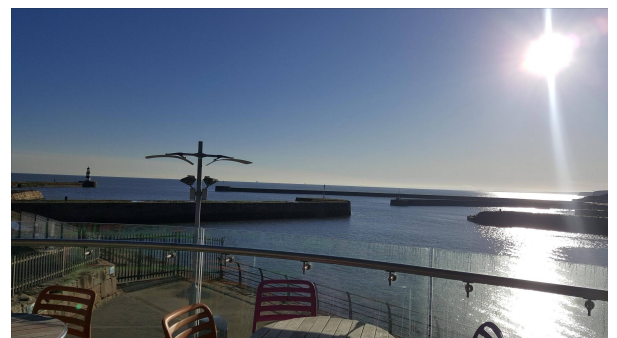
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Or perhaps you want to kick off your shoes and feel the sand between your toes on the beautiful Slope Beach.

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



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.

Location

- ▶ On the east coast, the only marina in County Durham
- ▶ 5 miles south of Sunderland and 11 miles north of Hartlepool
- ▶ Harbour entrance: 54° 50' 13.00" N / 01° 19' 17.00" W
- ▶ Marina entrance: 54° 50' 15.00" N / 01° 19' 36.00" W

Navigation marks

- ▶ Harbour entrance black & white circle lighthouse to starboard & 2 vertical red lights to port
- ▶ Marina entrance 3 inline red lights or 3 inline green lights to entrance of gateway – do not enter gateway/marina during 3 red lights

Hazards

- ▶ Give way to commercial shipping, do not anchor moor or drift through shipping lane
- ▶ Two historic mooring posts within marina basin marked during dark with yellow flashing light to top (4 seconds, single flash)
- ▶ Careful on entry within 50 metres of marina entrance during spring low tides, depths can shallow out to 1 metre

Approach

- ▶ Marina entrance is 276° west 350 metres from centre of harbour entrance between pier heads
- ▶ 5 knots speed limit throughout inner harbour and marina
- ▶ 3 green lights to marina entrance indicates safe to navigate gateway, 3 red lights do not approach gateway

Dock gate and sill

- ▶ A single leaf gate operates automatically to retain the depths at each low tide
- ▶ 3 red lights indicate gate closed, closing or opening and an audible alarm sounds during the closing or opening phase which takes 15 minutes
- ▶ The dock gate is open approximately 3 hours either side of high tides

Depths retained within the marina

- ▶ The sill is at Chart Datum height and the gate closes at +3m CD to retain the depths within the marina
- ▶ The shallowest depth within the marina when the gate is closed is 1 metre and the maximum depth is 1.8 metres at the visitor berths

Pontoons

- ▶ There are a total of 96 pontoon berths, this includes visitor berths
- ▶ Maximum LOA 10 metres and draft restriction 1.5 metres (standard pontoon berths)
- ▶ Pontoon services include electric & water located on the walkways (not each finger), cables & hoses are available upon request. Speak to Marina staff if you need assistance.
- ▶ Access to & from the pontoons is via an electronic fob security system

Safety and security

- ▶ The pontoons have the necessary lighting, rescue equipment and safety ladders
- ▶ Rescue equipment located throughout the site
- ▶ CCTV with 24-hour monitoring
- ▶ A defibrillator is installed to the outside of the Castleside

On-site facilities

- ▶ The slipway is located 20 metres from the pontoon access gate
- ▶ The Waterside is located within 50 metres of the pontoon access which has toilets & showers
- ▶ A lifting out boat crane
- ▶ On-site parking. Parking charges may apply.

Explore Seaham

- ▶ The marina is at the centre of the award winning Durham Heritage Coast coastal walk
- ▶ Seaham Hall hotel is within 1 mile, the place where the famous poet, Lord Byron, married in 1815
- ▶ St Mary the Virgin Church is located within 1 mile, this Grade 1 listed Anglo Saxon church is only one of six like it in the country
- ▶ The “Byron Place” shopping centre is within walking distance, 200 metres, of the marina entrance; stores include Asda, Home Bargain, Subway, Dominos Pizzas etc.
- ▶ The sea front & Church Street shopping centre is within 100 metres of the marina entrance, offering The Hat and Feathers (Wetherspoons), B&Bs, restaurants, cafes, modern bars etc. Please speak to the Marina staff for recommendations.
- ▶ Dalton Park shopping centre is within 3 miles. Outlets include M&S Outlet, Next, Adidas and Mountain Warehouse stores.
- ▶ Speak to our friendly staff for more information on where to visit when in Seaham. We are more than happy to help.

Tariffs

Please contact the Marina Office for details of fees.

Contact

- ▶ Marina Office, Unit 10, Waterside, Seaham, County Durham SR7 7EE
- ▶ Telephone marina office 0191 581 8998
- ▶ VHF current contact through channel 16 then will be requested to switch to channel 8. Call sign “Seaham Marina”



Pontoon layout

