

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Dubin Bay Anchorage

Dublin Bay Anchorage is centred on 53°18.'81N 006°04.'98W with a 0.5nm radius, the anchorage is divided into 4 quadrants numbered 1-4. Depths range from 12 to 18m CD with a seabed of sand over stiff marl. Attention is drawn to the proximity of a submarine cable passing close north of the anchorage and the proximity to the seasonal yacht racing marks. The anchorage is very exposed and untenable during strong gale force winds and particularly in easterly gales, during these conditions shelter must be found elsewhere.

VTs Dublin manage the anchorage, which is primarily intended for vessels arriving to Dublin Port and awaiting a berth or tidal window. Anchorage quadrants will be assigned by VTS, where the draft of the vessel allows the westerly quadrants (1&3) will be used first. Quadrant 3 is used by large passenger vessels engaged in tendering operations. The maximum number of vessels that can be accommodated in the anchorage is four, one per quadrant, where large vessels are using the anchorage this number may be further reduced.

The anchorage is within the pilotage district and compulsory pilotage may be required. Vessels greater than 200m LOA or deep drafted vessels arriving to the anchorage will generally be routed to enter Dublin Bay via the South Burford Traffic Separation Scheme.

Vessels departing Dublin Port intending to use the anchorage must apply in advance via their Agent; the use of the anchorage for a departing vessel will be limited to 24hours which may be extended on application to the Harbour Office.

There is no charge for short term use of the anchorage, however vessels remaining in the anchorage over seven days will be charged at the published rate..

Captain Michael McKenna | Harbour Master | 01 January 2026

Masters, owners, agents, charterers, marinas, yacht clubs and recreational boaters should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the persons in charge of their vessels or craft. All notices to mariners can be found at www.dublinport.ie/information-centre/notice-to-mariners/



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