



STANDING NOTICE TO MARINERS No 16 BOWLING HARBOUR

Mariners are advised that the lock at Bowling Harbour to the Forth and Clyde Canal is now operational for small craft. The Lockkeeper can be contacted on VHF Channels 16/74, calling "Bowling Basin" during sea lock operating hours which are 2 hours either side of High Water Greenock + 15 minutes.

Outside of these times there are no mooring facilities in Bowling Harbour and alternative arrangements should be made. Skippers are advised to contact:

Sandpoint Marina

Telephone: 01389-762396
VHF Channel: 37 & 16

By Sea

55°56'N 4°34'W
(Admiralty Chart 2007, Imray Chart C63)

Estuary Radio

Telephone: 0151-949 6651
VHF Channel: 12

Bowling Harbour open hours are seasonal:

- April 1st – September 30th 0800 – 2000 hours
- October 1st – March 31st 0800 – 1600 hours

Vessels wishing to use the sea lock should contact the Lockkeeper in advance on 01389-877969.

Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in Bowling Harbour due to the large number of unmarked wrecks. Keep strictly to leading lines.

On approaching the Lock, adhere to the Lockkeeper's instructions, normally mooring on the port side. Two long warps and fenders will be required, and a canvas sheet between fenders and the hull will help to reduce scuffing.

Scottish Canals staff will operate the sea lock and boat safety checks will be carried out at the Lock prior to entering the Canal.

Scottish Canals operated mast unstepping and stepping facilities are available at Bowling, and Forth and Clyde Canal Licences can be purchased from the Lockkeeper.

Owners, Masters, Mates and Skippers of vessels transiting the River Clyde are required to reduce the speed of their vessels to a minimum when passing Bowling during the hours of lock operations, so as not to create an excessive wash/swell in the Harbour and sea lock which could endanger small craft locking in or out.