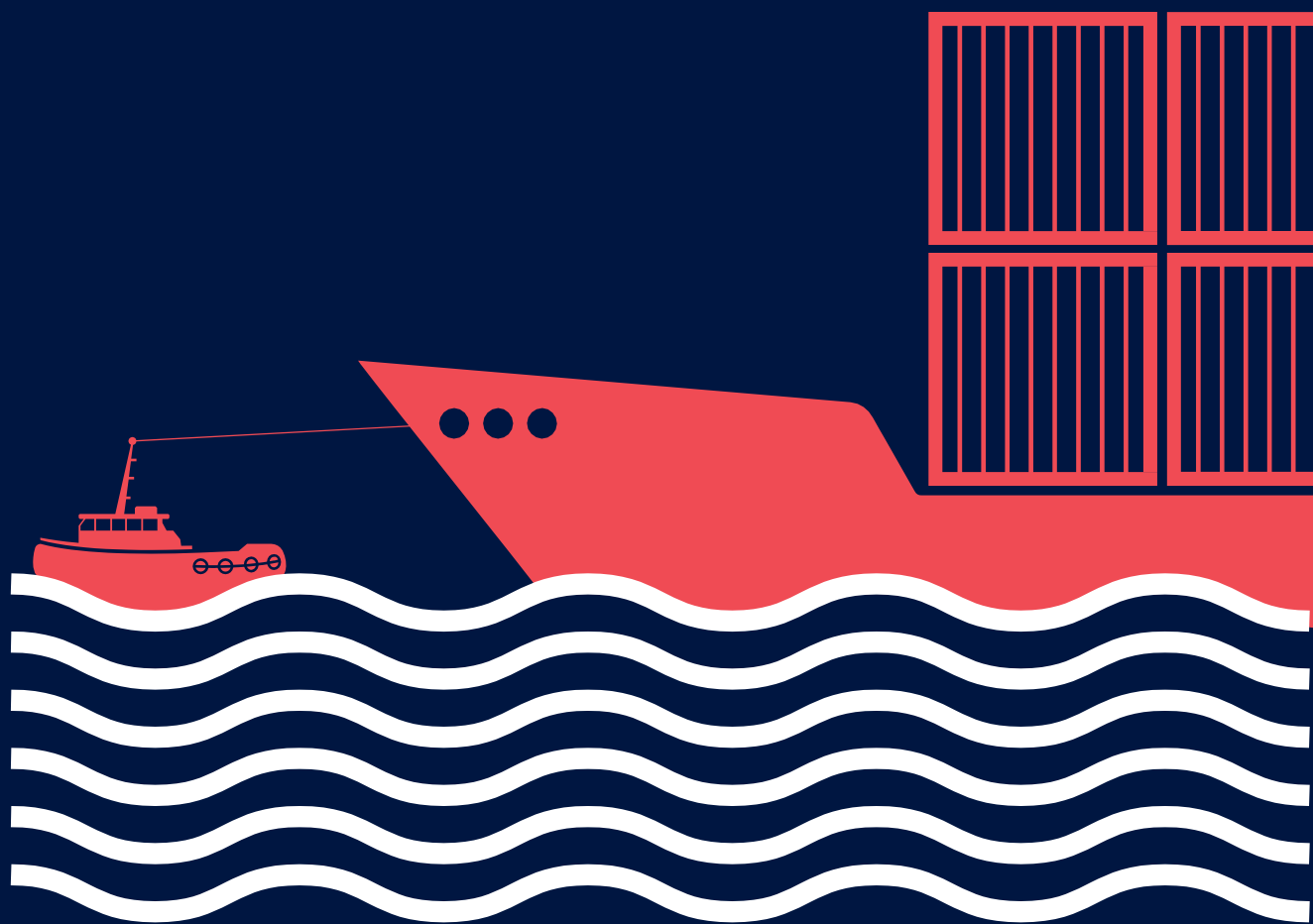


Port of Grangemouth

Welcome Pack - 2026





A Harbour Masters Welcome

On behalf of Forth Ports Limited, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Port of Grangemouth — one of the UK's most vital trading gateways and a key hub in Scotland's logistics network.

With a proud heritage and a forward-looking approach, the Port of Grangemouth continues to play a pivotal role in supporting Scotland's economy through the safe, efficient, and sustainable movement of goods. As Harbour Master, my priority is to ensure that all vessels calling at the port do so safely, in compliance with our procedures, and with the full support of our experienced marine and operational teams.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the important safety, environmental, and operational information contained in this pack and on our website. These guidelines are in place to ensure the well-being of your crew, the protection of our marine environment, and the smooth handling of your visit.

We are committed to upholding the highest standards of service, safety, and environmental stewardship across all our operations. Should you require any assistance or further information prior to your arrival, please don't hesitate to contact **Forth & Tay Navigation Service (FTNS)** or our Port Operations team.

I trust your time at the Port of Grangemouth will be safe, productive, and positive.





Port of Grangemouth - Introduction

Located in the Firth of Forth, between Edinburgh and Glasgow, the Port of Grangemouth is ideally placed at the heart of Scotland's industrial corridor. With direct access to national road and rail networks, it offers seamless connectivity across the UK and Europe. With Scotland's largest container terminal, multiple bulk liquid jetties, general cargo berth, the Port handles a multitude of different cargoes and vessels from all over the World.

Safety is our number one priority in the Port of Grangemouth. This welcome pack has been put together to ensure that vessel crews have all the required information available to stay safe, as well as providing useful information to make your visit to the Port run smoothly. Further information can be found on the Forth Ports Website at the following link:

[Forth Ports Grangemouth](https://www.forthports.co.uk/grangemouth)



7 weekly feeder services

- Top 10 global shipping lines utilise the port
- Liquid bulk terminal for Oil & Gas
- 70% of Scotland's population within an hour's drive
- 600,000 square foot of warehousing
- Rail linked to main East and West Coast lines
- Scotland's largest container and reefer terminal

Containers

Breakbulk & Project

Liquid Bulks

Warehousing

Border Control Post

Paper & Forest Products

Renewables

Grain & Dry Bulks

RDF & Waste





Port of Grangemouth – Marine Information

Forth Ports Limited is the Statutory Harbour Authority for both the Port of Grangemouth and the River Forth. This pre-arrival information is provided to ensure that all visiting vessels are aware of the essential safety and environmental requirements while berthed at the Port.

We kindly ask that you use this pack in conjunction with the Marine section of our website, please use the below link or scan the QR code: www.forthports.co.uk/marine



Here you will find key resources including but not limited to:

- Marine Procedures, Guidelines and Information
- Ruling Depths
- Forms and Permits (e.g Bunkering, Hot Work, Marine Reports)
- Notices to Mariners
- Marine Environmental Guidelines
- Pilotage Information
- Safety Information
- Marine Safety Alerts

It is important that you familiarise with certain information prior to call the Port of Grangemouth, including the Forth Byelaws and General Directions for Navigation, Marine Procedures, Guidelines and Information Document, Marine Environmental Guidelines, Forth Pilotage Direction, relevant Notice to Mariners, Safety Alerts and the Port of Grangemouth Waste management Plan.

Prior to arriving at the Port of Grangemouth, a Port Agent or vessel representative must:

- Apply for a berth and lock entry slot
- Arrange necessary marine services (e.g pilotage, line handling)

For assistance with agent contact details or further information, please contact Forth & Tay Navigation Service: ftns@forthports.co.uk



Port of Grangemouth – Commitment to Safety

At the Port of Grangemouth, **crew safety is a top priority**. As a busy operational port, the environment presents a range of potential hazards including heavy machinery, moving vehicles, and complex marine operations. To ensure the wellbeing of all personnel, it is essential that crew members follow all **health and safety procedures**, wear **appropriate PPE**, and remain vigilant at all times while ashore or working on deck. Compliance with port rules, signage, and instructions from authorised personnel is mandatory. By maintaining a strong safety culture and working together responsibly, we can help prevent incidents and ensure a safe working environment for everyone in the port. The following section details some of our key requirements and associated information, designed to keep you safe and ensure your Port call runs smoothly.



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency, raise the alarm immediately using the following contacts in the order shown:

- Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance, Coastguard): Dial **999**
- Forth & Tay Navigation Service (FTNS):
 - VHF Channel **14** – Callsign: “**Grangemouth Locks**”
 - Telephone: **01324 498584**

When reporting an emergency, please be prepared to provide the following details:

- Who: Your name/the name of the person involved
- What: A brief description of the incident or situation
- Where: Exact location or berth within the Port
- When: Time the incident occurred or was discovered

Please Note: It's important to advise FTNS after notifying the emergency services to ensure they can assist with access requirements and obtain support from shoreside Port Teams. FTNS can call the emergency services on your behalf if you are unable.



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Security

Security is of the utmost importance within the Port of Grangemouth. While in Port, all vessel crew should remain vigilant at all times. Please ensure the following procedures are followed:

- All ship personnel must carry valid photographic ID, such as a passport or ships crew pass, which is required to access the Port. Photocopies of passports are not permitted.
- Maintain a gangway watch at all times.
- Challenge and suspicious individuals/ behaviour and report anything suspicious to Forth & Tay Navigation Service.
- All visitors must be pre-registered with port security, including their name, reason for visit, and expected arrival time. Visitors must present photographic identification to the security gate on arrival.
- Never leave visitors alone on your vessel, please ensure you escort them ashore
- Temporary day passes must be obtained at the security gate for any vehicle's coming into the Port.
- You persons under the age of 16 are not permitted in the Port unless prior approval granted. Please contact Forth & Tay Navigation Service for further information.
- Please pay attention to security signage placed around the Port detailing any information/requirements.



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Going Ashore

A trip ashore is something that many crew look forward to, however it's important to keep in mind that the quayside is a working part of the Port with high activity of heavy plant and equipment. When proceeding ashore, crew must wear the following:

- High Visibility Clothing
- Hard Hat
- Safety Boots
- Lifejacket (when within 1 metre of water except when directly embarking or disembarking to or from the gangway)

There is a storage area where PPE can be left at the container terminal security gate when going ashore.

Designated pedestrian walkways and exit routes are to be used when walking along the quayside. It is not permitted to cross the red and white concrete barriers into the operational area. The riding of bicycles or E scooters is not permitted within operational areas of the quayside.

Unauthorised vehicles including taxis are not permitted within operational areas, this includes collections and drop offs. Designated Taxi pick up/drop off points are located throughout the Port Estate, please see the traffic Management Plan within this information pack for details.

If you are taking a bike ashore, this must not be ridden on the quayside, you must wait until through the container terminal security gate prior to riding.

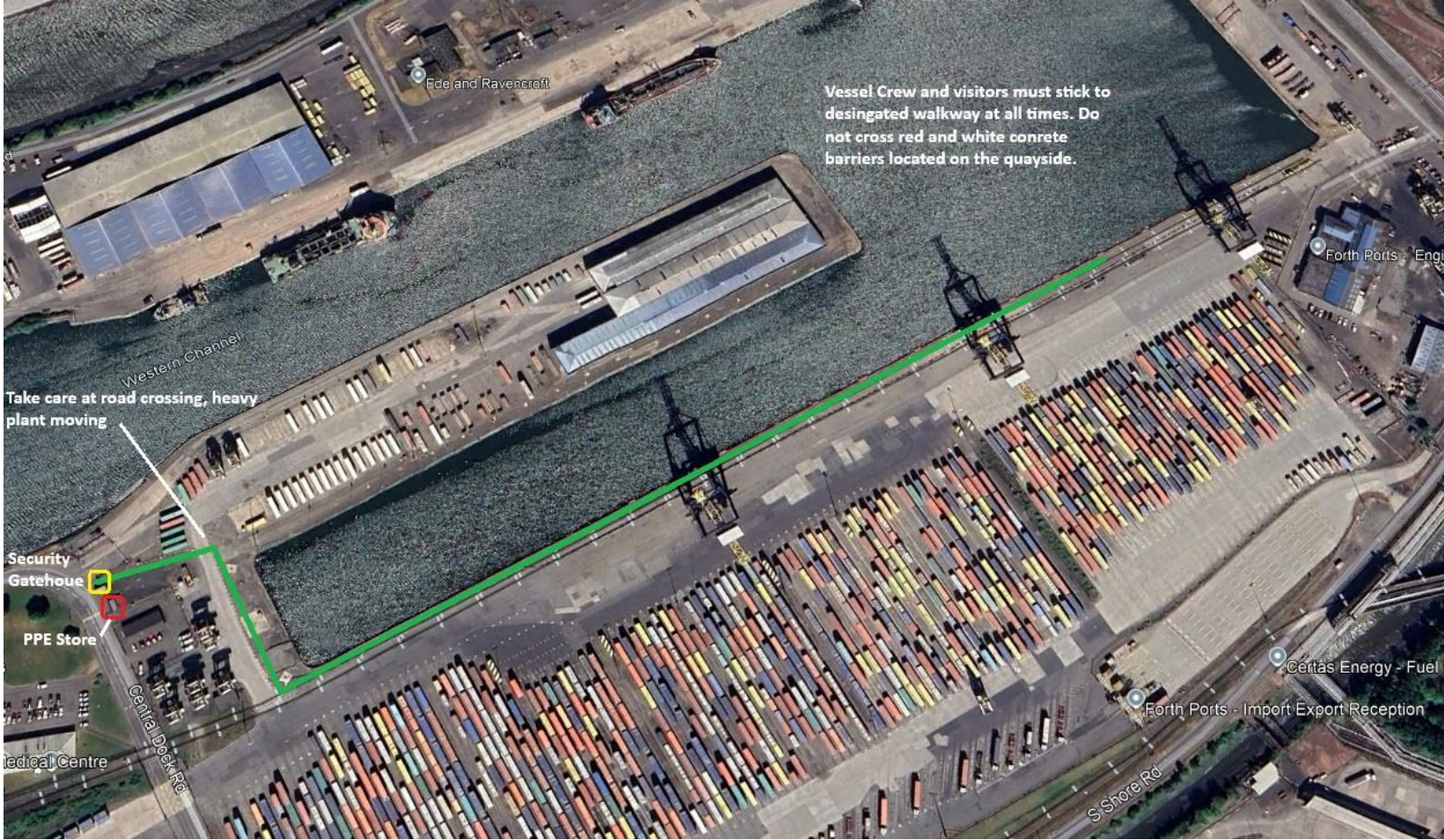
The following pages show a map and pictures with the prescribed walking route to and from the container terminal berths.

Please note, E-scooters are not permitted to be used anywhere in the port. In current UK law, e-scooters are classed as "motor vehicles" under the Road Traffic Act 1988. As private e-scooters cannot realistically meet legal requirements for use on public land, their use remains illegal and must not be used within the port.



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Container Terminal Walking Route



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Container Terminal Walking Route

Do not cross into operational area beyond the red and white concrete barriers

Do not walk within 1 metre of the quay edge without a lifejacket

Stick to designated walkways



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Safe Means of Access

All vessels must ensure that their vessel has safe access rigged at all times in line with the requirements of the Merchant Shipping and Fishing (Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997 and MGN 533. Access should be rigged as soon as practicable after arrival and remain in place for the duration of the Port call. Masters are to ensure that the angles of Gangways/Accommodation ladders are within certified limits. This requirement is strictly enforced and Port personnel reserve the right to refuse to board a vessel to conduct operations if there is no suitable access. Failure to ensure safe access may result in delays to operations.

Portable/makeshift ladders are not permitted to be used and crew must ensure full safety gear is used when rigging vessel access, ensuring there is adequate protection in place when working over exposed edges of the vessel. Crew should ensure their gangway is monitored throughout the Port stay to maintain constant compliance.



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Heaving Lines

Vessel Masters must ensure that all heaving lines thrown to tug or shoreside mooring personnel are not weighted with nuts, bolts, shackles or other heavy objects. Masters should also take care to ensure that any factory produced heaving lines they have onboard are not dangerously weighted. Several metal weights with hard rubber exterior have been sighted across Forth Ports premises, incident on new build vessels.

As detailed on Forth Ports Marine rates and charges document, vessels found using dangerously weighted heaving lines may be subject to a charge of £1000 per occurrence (two dangerously weighted heaving lines thrown from same vessel i.e. one forward and one aft could result in a £2000 charge). Any charges levied for weighted heaving lines will be donated to a marine charity at the end of each calendar year.

From the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seaman (COSWP): To prevent injury to seafarers receiving heaving lines, the monkey's fist should be made with rope only and must not contain added weighting material. Safe alternatives include a small high-visibility soft pouch, filled with fast-draining pea shingle or similar, with a weight of not more than 0.5 kg. Under no circumstances is a line to be weighted by items such as shackles, bolts or nuts, or twist locks.

Please note that Forth Ports are obliged to report any instances of dangerously weighted heaving lines to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).



Port of Grangemouth – Key Requirements

Vessel Maintenance in Port

Painting

Painting or chipping over the side of your ship is not permitted whilst in the Port of Grangemouth. No painting of the vessels hull is permitted from the quayside, from on-board or the water as stated in the Forth Ports Marine Environmental Guidelines.

Hot Work

No hot work is permitted on your vessel unless you have first received consent for such work to take place from FTNS. To request permission please fill out the hot work permit available on the Forth Ports website and send in an email to: ftns@forthports.co.uk

Use of Ships Boats

Vessels may lower boats to the water whilst in the Port of Grangemouth. Permission must be obtained from FTNS in advance. The boat must stay in the vicinity of your ship at all times and movements communicated to Grangemouth Locks on VHF Ch 14.

Contractors

Any works requiring the use of external contractors must be planned via your local agent to ensure the activities are coordinated through the relevant Port departments.

Smoking in Port

Smoking can only take place in designated areas onboard your vessel. The Port of Grangemouth has a strict no smoking policy.



Port of Grangemouth – Life Saving Rules

Our vision is clear: we are all **one team**, with **one goal** – to make **injury unacceptable in our business**.



ENERGY ISOLATION

Check isolations before starting work; and use lock out/tag out.



CONTROL OF WORK

Hazards must be identified, communicated and controlled prior to starting work.



CONFINED SPACE

Only enter a confined space if you are competent and authorised to do so; always check the atmosphere.



VEHICLE OPERATION

Obey the speed limit, wear a seat belt and don't use a phone when driving or operating machinery



WORKING NEAR WATER

Be aware of how close you are to the water's edge and wear a lifejacket when required



LIFTING OPERATIONS

Lifting operations must be planned, supervised and carried out by competent people



PPE

Wear your Personal Protective Equipment, and take care to store and maintain it properly.



WORKING AT HEIGHT

Protect yourself and others against a fall when working at height.



Port of Grangemouth – Useful Information

Bunkering

Bunkering is possible from road tanker to ship, or from barge to ship. Any requests for bunkering should be arranged through your agent. Further guidance can be found within the Forth Ports bunkering procedures document which can be found on the [Forth Ports Website](#) or by scanning the QR Code on Page 17.

Diving

Diving operations within the Port of Grangemouth must strictly follow the Forth Ports dive procedure, which is available on our website. Permission to dive forms an supporting documents must be submitted to diving@forthports.co.uk at least 2 working days prior to dive taking place to allow sufficient time for review and processing.

Fresh Water Provision

Fresh water is available in the Port of Grangemouth. Requests for fresh water can be made by contacting the Duty Harbour Master on 01324 498584 or by calling “Grangemouth Locks” on VHF Channel 14, we ask that you provide as much notice as possible to ensure delivery can take place during your Port call.

Fresh water equipment will be provided by the Port. To ensure that the standards of hoses etc are maintained, vessel crew just arrange the hoses in a neat coil and placed on a clean area of quayside on completion of taking water. Failure to leave the equipment in a neat manner may incur extra charges.

We ask that you inform “Grangemouth Locks” on VHF Channel 14 when the equipment is ready for collection.



Port of Grangemouth – Useful Information

Port Waste Reception Facilities

The Port of Grangemouth provides waste reception facilities for general Waste and International Catering Waste (ICW). These services ensure that all vessel generated waste is disposed of in compliance with relevant regulations. A copy of the Port Waste Management Plan is available on the [Forth Ports Website](#) Marine Information section.

Charges for waste reception are available in the Port tariff through your local agent.

International Catering Waste (ICW)

ICW includes any food or food related items produced or carried onboard while travelling outside the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, or Isle of Man, even if originally sourced from within those territories. ICW is classed as category 1 waste and must be disposed of in designated ICW receptacles only.

General Waste

General waste includes items such as:

- Office waste (e.g paper)
- Plastics, cans and other recyclables

These materials will be sorted at the local waste contractor's facility.

Other Waste Types

All other waste types must be removed via a port approved licensed waste contractor and organised by the ship's agent. Such wastes could include but may not be limited to pallets, oils and associated contaminated materials, paints/paint pots, chemicals, cargo residues, scrap, clinical/medical waste, batteries and sewage.

This type of waste must not be placed on the quayside until the waste provider has arrived onsite and must be fully removed prior to the vessel's departure.

Eastern Channel Berths

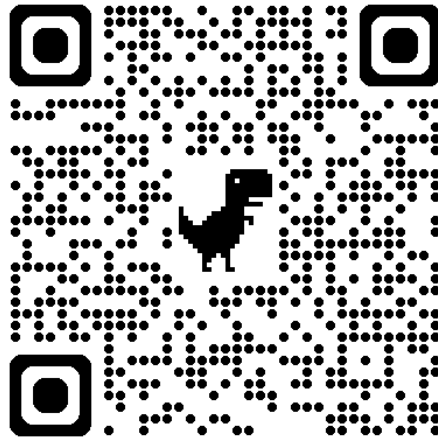
For all vessels berthing at Ineos/Petroineos jetties in the Eastern Channel, please refer to the relevant jetty regulations for information on terminal requirements. These are available via your local agent and contain important safety information relating to your visit.

For vessels calling the Common User Oil Jetty, Jetty regulations are available from FTNS or your local agent.

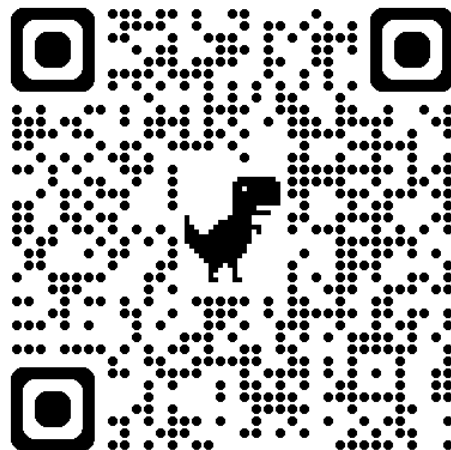


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Please Scan the QR Code to find out more important Forth Ports Marine Information.



Live weather and tidal information is available by scanning the below QR Code



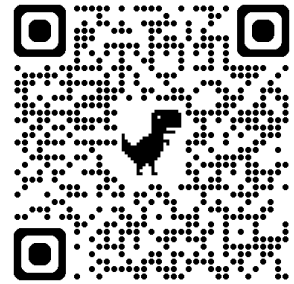
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Grangemouth Seafarers Centre

The Grangemouth seafarers centre is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All seafarers are welcome to use the centre where there is free wifi, free tea and coffee, a snack vending machine (paid), TV with many international channels, a space for prayer and thoughts, Pool and table tennis both free to use and musical instruments available for use.

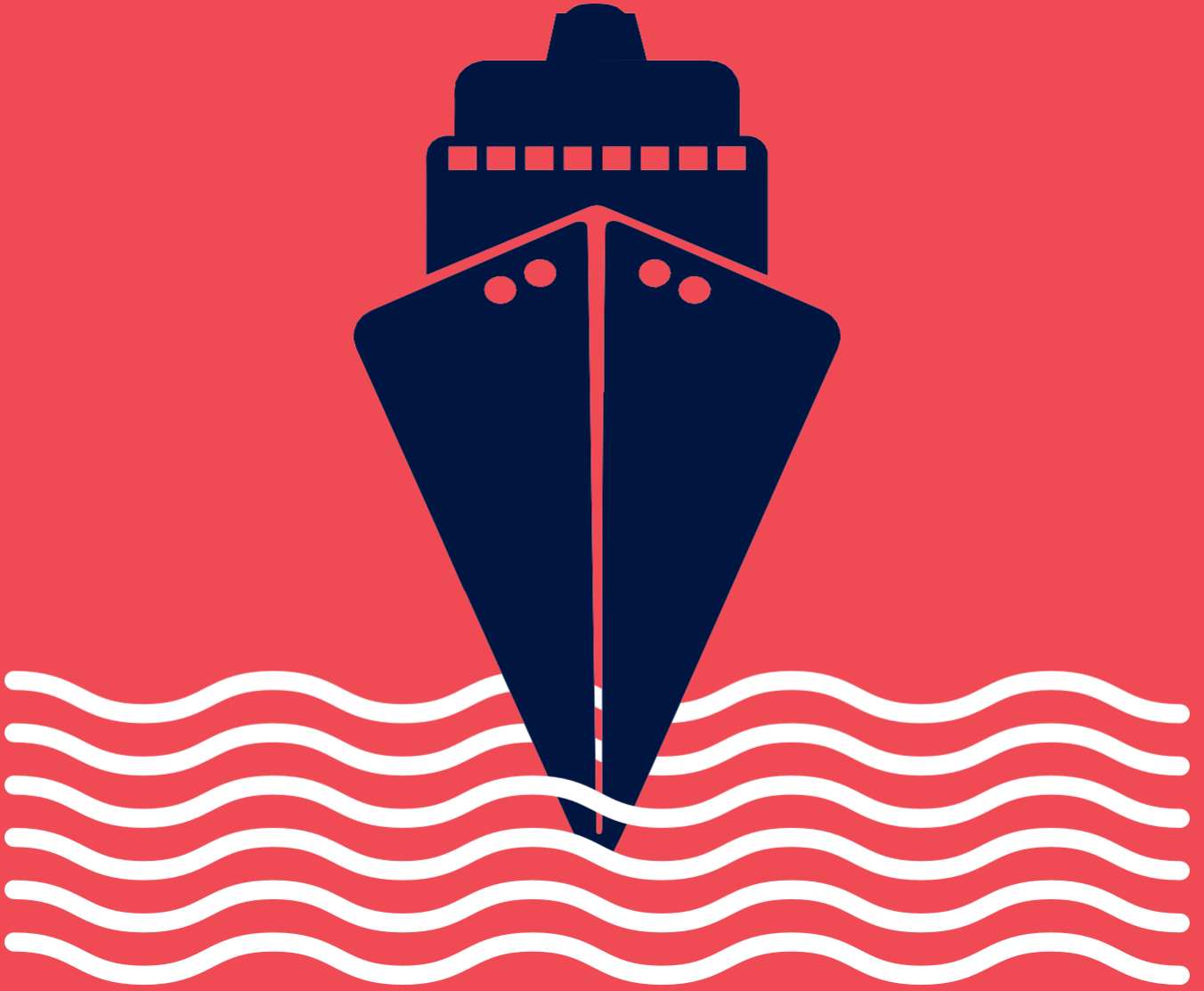
Further information can be found at:

<https://www.mtss.scot/grangemouth-centre/> or scan the QR Code



If using an electronic version of this pack please [Click for location](#) or scan the QR code below





Port of Grangemouth – Contacts

Emergency Services

Fire, Ambulance, Police, Coastguard

999

Duty Harbour Master

+44 (0) 1324 49 8584

FTNS@forthports.co.uk

VHF Channel 14

Port Health Authority

+44 (0) 1324 50 6070

porthealth@falkirk.gov.uk

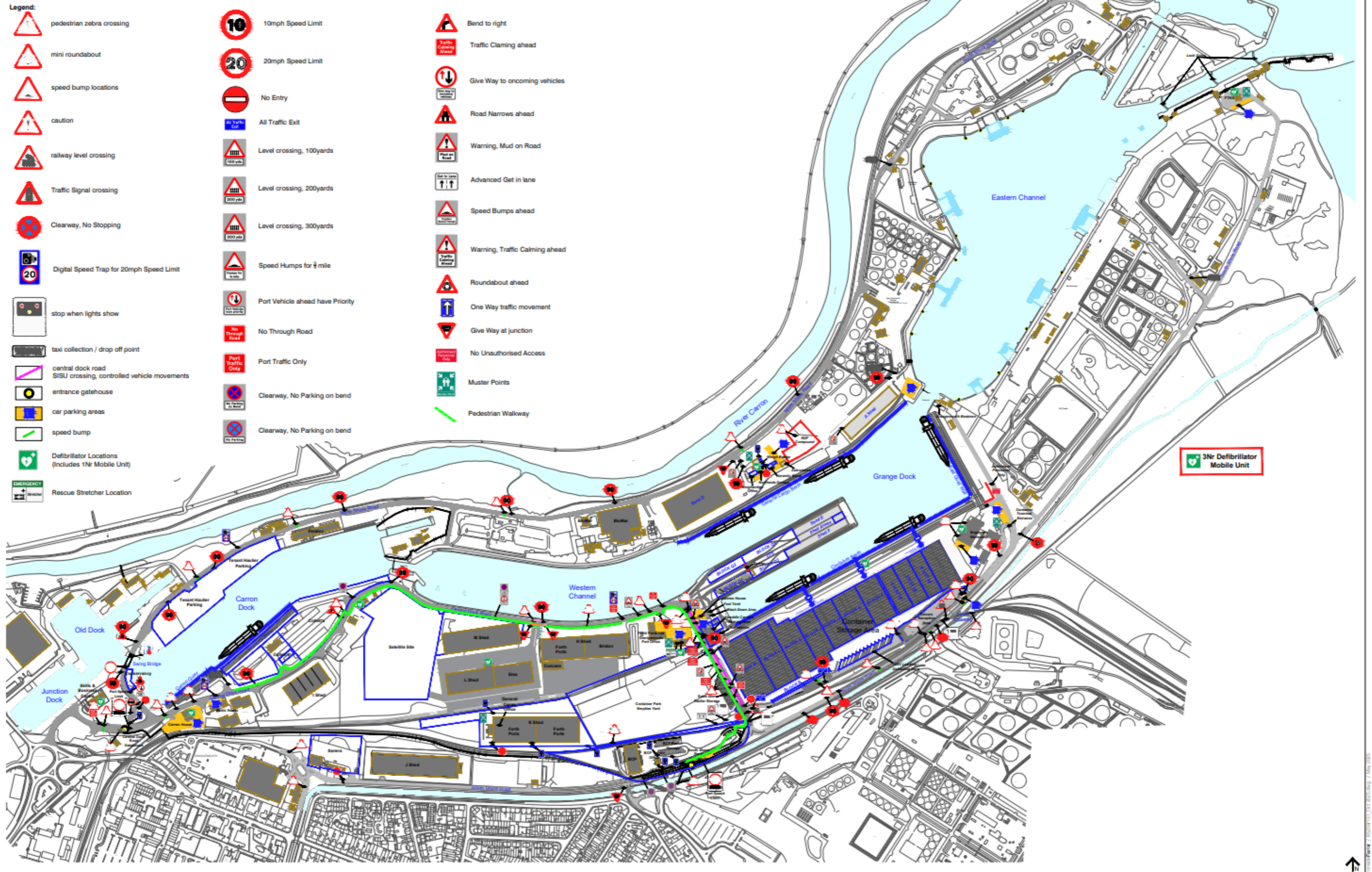
Your local agent will be able to provide any additional contact details you may require.





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From all of the team here at Forth Ports Grangemouth, we trust you will have a safe and enjoyable stay

