

**General information about Larne Port – LOCODE: GBLAR:**

Port of Larne is situated at the entrance to Lough Larne in County Antrim, Northern Ireland. The town is situated at the West side of the harbour entrance.

On the Westside of the Harbour are 5 multi-purpose berths, 4 of which are equipped with Ro/RO linkspans

**Vessel Traffic Services**

Larne Port has a VTS Building situated at the Harbour Entrance to the Westside of the Harbour. VTS is manned 24 hours a day and is responsible for the Organisation of the marine traffic within the harbour and its approaches.

Larne VTS will provide the following information at the first call from the vessel:-

- (i) Wind speed and direction
- (ii) Weather trend, if appropriate
- (iii) Anticipated traffic movements
- (iv) Tidal information if required
- (v) Berthing availability

1. Reporting points for inbound vessels

- 24hr Notification, information as per ALRS Vol 6
- 1hour before arrival at the Hunters Cardinal Buoys, indicate whether you will pass North or South of the Hunter Rocks. 15 minutes for Scheduled ferries.
- Passing the Hunter Rocks
- Passing Larne Port number 1 Buoy
- When vessel is all fast.

2. Reporting points for outbound vessels

- 15 min before departure
- When Singled up, ask Larne VTS for traffic clearance
- Passing Larne Port number 1 buoy outbound.

VTS must be notified 24hrs in advance of the following activities. Permits will be filled out before commencing the operation

1. Bunkering
2. Hot Work
3. Diving operations
4. De-mobilising of Main Engines (at least 48hrs notification required)

Contact details of VTS:

CALL SIGN	LARNE VTS
LOCATION	LARNE VTS CENTRE
TELEPHONE	028 2887 2179
FAX	028 2887 2180
E-MAIL	<a href="mailto:larneportcontrol@portoflarne.co.uk">larneportcontrol@portoflarne.co.uk</a>
FREQUENCY	Ch 11, 16
HOURS	H24

**TIMES**

All times should be given in local time

**Pilotage**

Pilotage is provided by Belfast Lough Pilot Services and is compulsory for all vessels except:

- HM ships and foreign warships
- General Lighthouse Authority vessels
- Vessels under 60m LOA
- Fishing vessels under 47.5m
- Yachts

A Pilot can be ordered by Larne VTS on written instruction from the vessel's master or agent. Vessels are to confirm their ETA 24Hrs and 3Hrs in advance.

Pilot boarding position is 0.5Nmls North of Larne 1 Buoy.

Pilot boarding arrangements have to be as per IMO requirements. Failure to do so may result in the pilot refusing to board your vessel.

**Marine services**

Mooring services and towage services are provided by licensed contractors. Arrangements are made through the ship's agent.

**Moorings:**

Vessels' masters are responsible for the safe mooring of the vessel and have sufficient personnel onboard to tend the moorings.

Every vessel shall as a minimum have at least 3 Headlines, 2 forward springs, 2 after springs and 3 Stern lines.

Vessels alongside Continental Quay should be aware of the exposure to the Weather and tide and deploy additional moorings at the discretion of the master or following instruction from Larne VTS

**Port services**

- Water: Fresh water is available at all berths. Arrangements are made by contacting Larne VTS.
- Waste: As part of the ships due waste will be collected from the ship or a skip will be supplied near the vessel. Food waste will be collected separately and is not to be mixed with general waste. Vessel's masters or their agents have to order the collection of any hazardous or oil contaminated waste separate.

**Bunkering**

Approval of Port of Larne Limited must be confirmed prior to bunkering commencing.

The master of a vessel intending to receive bunkers, shall give notification in writing (email or fax) or by VHF radio to Larne VTS VTS Centre not less than 24 hours in advance of the intention to bunker.

The notification should state:

- (i) the place
- (ii) the type and quantity of bunker oil to be transhipped;
- (iii) the expected time bunkering will commence

Email : [larneportcontrol@portoflarne.co.uk](mailto:larneportcontrol@portoflarne.co.uk)

Fax : +44 (0) 28 2887 2180

Notification of commencement and completion of bunkering plus if a spillage incident occurs must be made to Larne VTS on VHF Channel 11.

**AIS**

All vessels are required to have their AIS transmitting whilst alongside

**Hot work**

All Masters, Contractors and Agents must ensure that a "Hot Work Request" Form is submitted and approved by Larne VTS prior to commencing any "Hot Work" on board or on any Quay in Larne Harbour.

In the event that permission is not granted then the master / agent / contractor will be advised and the request will be returned and endorsed "Permission Refused" giving reasons for refusal.

For the purpose of a "Hot Work Request" Form the term "Hot Work" includes burning, welding or other work involving naked flames on board vessels and / or on quays, immediately adjacent to vessels.

Contractors working within the port should advise Larne VTS when and where "Hot Work" is due to be undertaken and again when this work has been completed (for information only). No approval will be required from the harbour authority for "Hot Work" other than work at the quays.

**Availability of Engines**

A vessel will keep its engines mobilised at all times. Vessels wishing to immobilise their engines are required to give the port 48hrs notice. Any permission to immobilise will be subject to the prevailing weather condition and forecast at the time.

**Incident and Emergency in the port**

Any incident, including damages, or emergencies are to be reported to Larne VTS, VHF Ch 11, without delay.

In case of an emergency VTS will inform the required emergency services and deploy, both internal and external, resources as appropriate.

**Port Security**

All the berths of Larne Port are situated within a restricted area, as defined under the ISPS code.

Crewmembers, visitors and service providers wishing to gain access to the port will require photographic ID together with proof that they have genuine business with the vessel.

Anyone entering the port is to comply with the port regulations at all times.

**Local amenities**

Within a 6 minutes walking distance of the South entrance to the port is the Redlands retail area, where restaurants, a large supermarket and a cinema can be found.

The main street in Larne is about 15 to 20 minutes' walk away where shops, restaurants, barbers, banks, post offices and pharmacies can be found.

Doctor appointments are to be arranged through the ship's agent.

**Crew welfare at Larne**

Crew welfare is very important for all those concerned in the shipping industry.

At Larne we work closely with various seafarer's charities who can help with crew welfare. If you require the attendance of a welfare visitor contact the Marine Officer at VTS, who will be happy to help. We also have free wi-fi at the passenger terminal.