

DOVER PORT CONTROL

From the state-of-the-art Operations Room, with 360° views around the Port and located at Dover's Eastern Entrance, the 10 VTS Officers deliver a Traffic Organisation Service and Traffic Information Service on VHF 74 to:-

- Approximately 120 ferry movements a day
- 140 cruise ships a year
- 160 cargo ships a year

In addition, it services approximately 3,750 visiting yachts and small craft, plus local berth holders.

Dover Port Control is in constant contact with the Harbour Patrol Launch, which will be directed to intercept any vessel not complying with Port Control's instructions or to assist as required.

There are 10 fully qualified VTS Officers who receive refresher training every three years to keep up-to-date with improvements in the industry, showing the commitment of Dover's VTS to deliver an excellent service to the Port's marine customers and leisure community.

Further details are available from the VTS Manger VTSInfo@doverport.co.uk



DOVER MARINA

Dover Marina, one of the best known locations on the South Coast, is incredibly convenient for cross-Channel sailing. There is no marina closer to France, and just 20 miles separates the White Cliffs of Dover and Cap Griz Nez.

- 400 berths in three security key-coded areas
- Fresh water and metered electricity (230v, 10a) provided to all berths
- Full toilet and shower facilities in five areas, with 24h access
- Two laundry rooms
- CCTV coverage, plus Port of Dover Police security
- Free Wi-Fi coverage
- The Marina Office is open 24h

CONTACT DETAILS

Dover Marina
VHF CH80 01304 241663

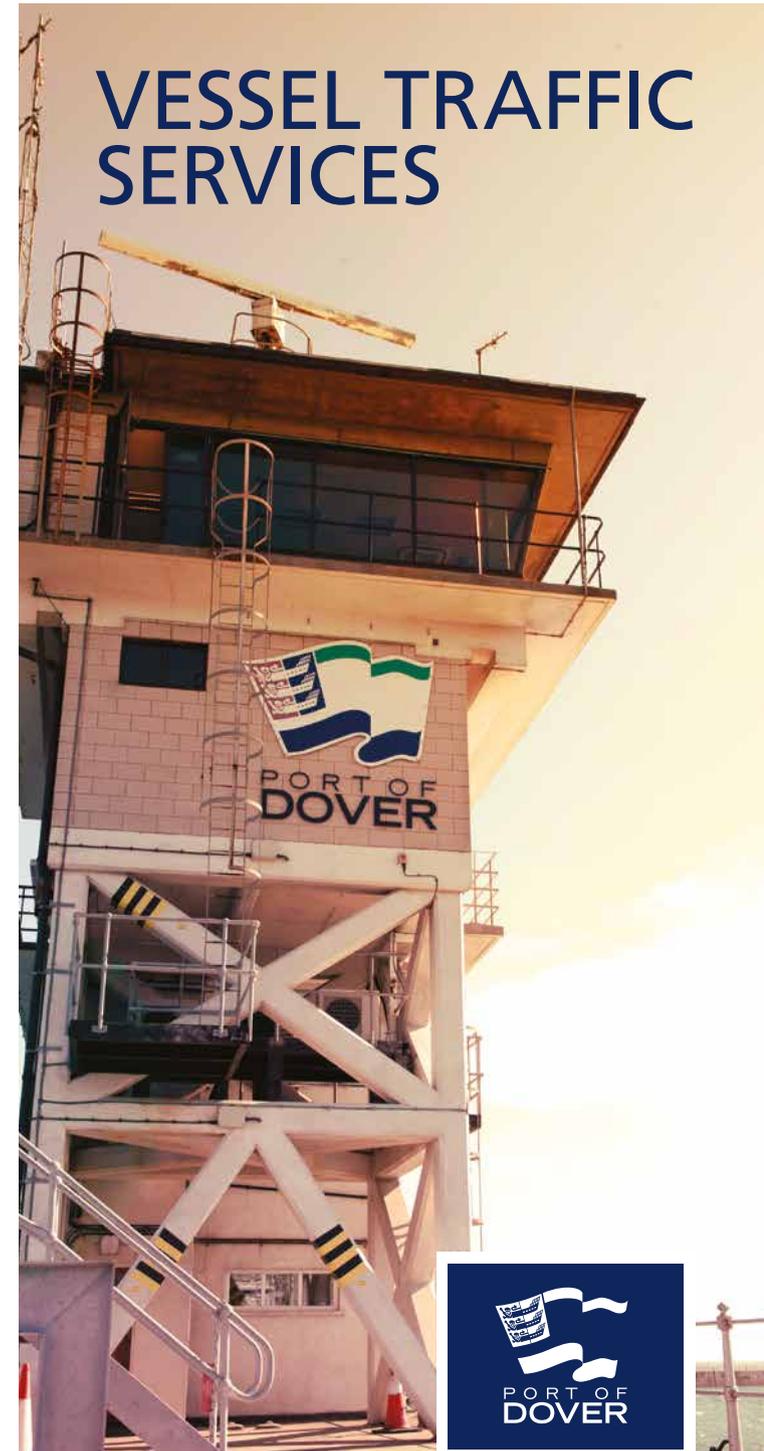
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VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES



HISTORY OF THE VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE (VTS)

After trials at Birkenhead, Liverpool in 1946, the first Harbour Control Radar was installed at Douglas, Isle of Man in 1948. Liverpool later installed the first specially designed Port Radar System.

Other countries soon followed suit by using radar, in combination with radio, for creating a traffic surveillance system making real time traffic information exchange possible between the ship and shore, thus improving the safety and efficiency of the world's ports.

THE OBJECTIVES OF VTS

- **Safety of life at sea**
- **Safety of navigation**
- **Efficiency of vessel traffic movement**
- **Protection of the marine environment**
- **Protection of the adjacent communities and infrastructure**
- **Contribution to the efficiency of related activities and supporting maritime security.**

In order to deliver these objectives, it is essential that VTS Officers have access to a comprehensive traffic image at all times including factors influencing marine traffic movements, such as weather and sea conditions. In addition, VTS officers must be presented with information about all participating vessels and their intentions, in ample time, to allow for a full assessment of the situation and the appropriate control of traffic.

Therefore, it is imperative that Leisure Craft are in constant contact with Port Control so they may be advised, in ample time, of the intentions of other vessels in the vicinity.

HOW WE DELIVER VTS?

- Dover Port Control is open 365 days, 24/7, constantly listening on VHF 74. It also monitors its secondary channels VHF12 and VHF16.
- Dover Port Control communicates via telephones, email, signal lights, Automatic Identification System or through the Harbour Patrol Launch.
- Dover Port Control has a comprehensive integrated AIS/radar system providing coverage, both inside and outside of the Port, so it can deliver an excellent service even in poor weather conditions.

VTS LEVELS AT DOVER

Traffic Organisation Service

The Traffic Organisation Service is designed to prevent the development of dangerous maritime traffic situations and to provide for the safe and efficient movement of vessel traffic within the VTS area.

Information Service

The Information Service ensures that essential information becomes available in time for on-board navigational decision-making.

Local Port Service at the Marina

The Local Port Service does not interact with traffic, nor is it required to have the ability and/or the resources to respond to developing traffic situations, and there is no requirement for a vessel traffic image to be maintained.



LEISURE CRAFT ENTERING THE PORT OF DOVER

1. Call Dover Port Control (on VHF74) when 2 miles off.
2. Follow instructions from Port Control and keep watch on VHF74.
3. Call again when 200 metres off for permission to enter.

Call Dover Port Control (VHF 74) when 200m off, for entry or departure.

Entry Restricted  Preferred Routes 

