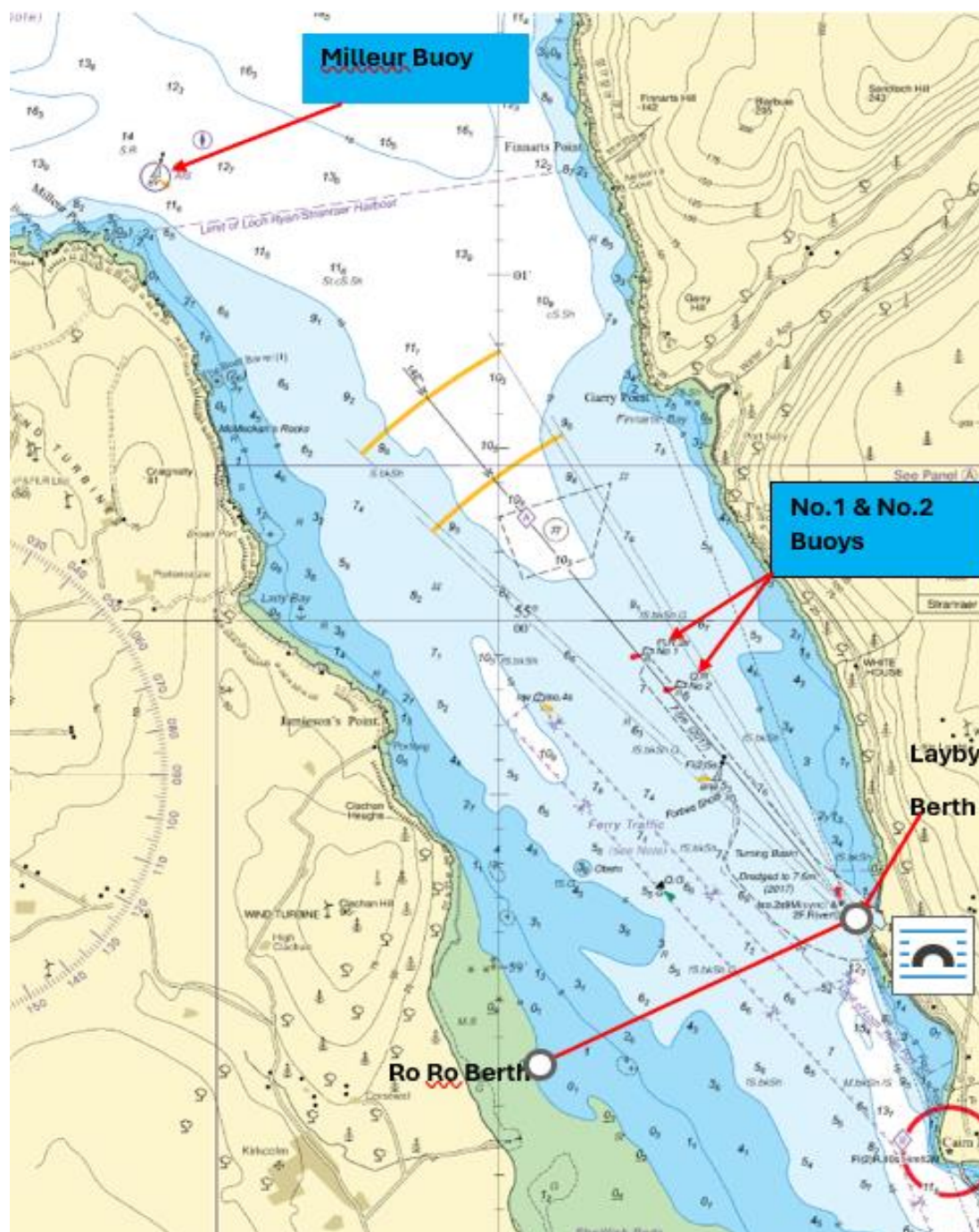




Passage Planning – General Rules and Recommendations

International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea 1972 (Colregs, as amended)

The Colregs apply at all times within the Harbour with Rule 9 (Narrow Channels) applicable particularly in respect of large Ferries or other as directed by the Harbour Master:

- A vessel proceeding along a narrow channel must keep to starboard;
- Small vessels or Sailing vessels must not impede other (larger) vessels that can only navigate within a narrow channel (or manoeuvring to a berth); and
- Ships must not cross a channel if to do so would impede another vessel which can only navigate within that channel

With reference to above your passage plan should show entrance to the harbour with No.1 & No.2 buoys close on your Port side.

Marine Resource Management

The Harbour Master requires the Bridge team to consist of sufficient persons to be effective with a minimum of a Master, another bridge officer and a helmsman unless agreed otherwise with the Harbour Master.

Navigational Safety Guidelines

All vessel Bridge Teams are encouraged to read the 'Navigational Safety Guidelines' published on the Loch Ryan Port website [Marine Safety](#)

Use of Automatic Steering Systems

When using automatic steering systems there shall be a helmsman available to take manual control if required.

Wash Restriction

Mariners are reminded that they have a 'Duty of Care' to pass other berthed vessels, tugs and tows, other vulnerable vessels and craft without creating excessive wash.

Loch Ryan Port LPS

Loch Ryan Port LPS only provides navigational safety and environmental information. The Harbour Master has the power of 'Special Direction' which when issued to a vessel Master, the Master shall comply unless the Master of the vessel deems the safety of the vessel is at risk.

Use of VHF

All vessels within the Loch Ryan Port Harbour Authority area shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 & 16. All communication between vessels shall be conducted on VHF Channel 14.

All inbound vessels On passing Corsewall Point make an "Approaching Loch Ryan" broadcast on VHF Ch.14 to "All ships in Loch Ryan" and thence maintain a listening watch on both VHF Ch.14 & 16.

Make a further "All ships in Loch Ryan" broadcast on VHF Ch.14 reporting passing Milleur Buoy. The report at Milleur Buoy will be acknowledged by the LPS Officer

Pilotage

Loch Ryan Port is not a 'Competent Harbour Authority' and has no Pilotage provision

Passage Plans for scheduled vessels

All scheduled Ferries are required to submit their passage plans to the Harbour Master and further notify if there are any subsequent changes.

Restricted Visibility

Vessel Masters are requested to navigate with extreme caution, any vessel that is not equipped with an operational radar shall not navigate within the Harbour except to proceed to a safe anchorage.

Anchoring

The Harbour Master can be contacted via the LPS Officer for advice regarding a suitable anchorage area for a vessel.

Port Closure or Suspension

All Mariners will be advised by a Local Notice to Mariners of any Port closure or suspension. The LPS Officer will further advise inbound or outbound traffic in this respect.

Passage Plan

All vessels passage plans shall be flexible to allow for changing circumstances and conditions. The passage plan shall be consistent with SOLAS V Regulation V/34 and also contain abort procedures.

Harbour Depths

The Harbour area is dredged to 7.5m