THE DUCHEY OF CORNWALL
ISLES OF SCILLY

ST MARY’S HARBOUR
49 55’.1N 006 19’.01W
Welcome to St Mary’s and the private Harbour of the Duchy of Cornwall. Within the Harbour we have over 2000 visiting Yachts a year, as well as small fishing fleet, inter-island launches, private boats, the Mainland Links and around 25 visiting Cruise Ships per year. This leaflet has been compiled with the aim of assisting you to have a safe and enjoyable visit to the islands. We hope this directory; together with the visitor information will be useful for exploring one of the world’s most enchanting archipelagos anchored in blue Atlantic water.

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PILOTAGE
The waters within a radius of six nautical miles from the southern tip of Samson are subject to the jurisdiction of the pilotage act 1987. Any vessel with an overall length of 30 metres or more will be subject to Pilotage. The Harbour Master will be pleased to give further advice.

VISITORS MOORINGS
We have 38 large YELLOW visitor mooring buoys, 10 of which are suitable for vessels 40ft to 60ft, (rows Y and Z), please take these moorings only if your boat is over 40ft where possible. The remaining buoys are suitable for vessels up to 40ft in length. We also have 2 moorings available for vessels greater than 60ft, one up to 80ft and the other to 100ft, these are available by arrangement only and advance booking is advisable.

Vessels are requested to take a full turn on the mooring chain to prevent chaffing of ropes. Strops/shackles and chains are recommended if the weather is bad.

Moorings are also available alongside the wall in the inner berths, vessels may raft up here but it should be noted that the inner berths have tidal constraints and are approximately 1m above Chart Datum, these berths will dry completely on spring tides. Visitors are NOT to take up local residents Moorings.

Vessels are requested not to use onboard toilets unless equipped with holding tanks.

ST MARYS HARBOUR CHART
The diagrammatic drawing should be used in conjunction with either Admiralty Chart No. 883 or No. 34.

THE HARBOUR OFFICE
OPENING TIMES
April-September: 0800-1700 every day.
October-March: 0800-1700 weekdays.

CONTACT DETAILS
The Harbour Office, The Quay, St Mary’s, Isles of Scilly TR21 0HU
Phone: 01720 422768 (office hours) / 07789 273626 (out of hours)
Fax: 01720 423980
E-mail: hm@stmarys-harbour.co.uk
Website: www.stmarys-harbour.co.uk

VHF RADIO (office hours only)
Call on 14 (working channel).
Listening on 14 and 16.

HARBOUR BYE-LAWS AND RATES
All vessels are subject to the Authority of the Harbour Master and the terms and conditions are displayed on the notice boards outside the Harbour Office.
In the interest of safety, the speed limit in the Harbour is a strict Three Knots and applies to ALL Vessels.
Our rates are displayed on the notice boards and are subject to change without notice.
RAFTING
The visitors moorings within the Harbour are suitable for rafting and this is a well recognised procedure, particularly in fine weather. However, we would like to remind our customers that consent should be sought from the vessel already occupying the buoy and that both Skippers should be happy with the arrangements prior to making fast.

INTERNET ACCESS
The whole of the Harbour is covered by a wireless hotspot system enabling our customers to use the Internet whilst onboard their yacht. We also have a public computer and printer in the office specifically for internet access.

CLOTHING
We now have our own, exclusive line of clothing which is available to buy at the Harbour office.

STROPS
Strops are available to purchase from the Harbour Office, these can be used on our visitor’s buoys for maximum security and then taken away with you to provide security on any swinging mooring.

WATER/ ELECTRIC
Situated at the inner berths are three points providing fresh water and electricity. It should be noted that the inner berths have tidal constraints and are approximately 1m above Chart Datum. Electric cards are available to purchase at the Harbour Office.

FUEL
Marine diesel is available from Sibley’s in the middle berth (as shown on the pull out diagram) during the following times:
0800-0930 1030-1130 1300-1700

Marine diesel may be available at other times by arrangement with Sibley’s (Tel: Clive 07810 301060 or Ian 07810 301050). It should be noted that the fuel berth has tidal constraints and is approximately 0.5m above Chart Datum.

Diesel and Petrol pumps are situated to the rear of the main building on the quay and are open on the following times:
0800-1200 1300-1700

ANCHORAGE
Vessels are reminded that anchoring anywhere within St Mary’s Harbour limits is strictly prohibited. Vessels are also not to anchor within the approaches to St Mary’s Harbour as they are in constant use by a variety of vessels. St Mary’s Harbour Limits form a line from Newman Point to the Western most point of Newford Island.
PETS FROM OUTSIDE THE UK
Pets must not be brought into the UK from a private boat or plane. A pet can only enter the UK after the appropriate paperwork has been sought, and must only enter through a recognised route and be carried by an authorised route operator. These requirements do not apply to pets travelling between the Republic of Ireland and the UK. For information please contact DEFRA or the Harbour Office.

EMERGENCIES
Whilst in St Mary’s Harbour during gales and/or adverse weather conditions, should you find that there is danger to your vessel with possible loss of life, do not hesitate to call Falmouth Coastguard on VHF Channel 16.

Emergency telephone number dial 999, ask the operator for either: POLICE / AMBULANCE / FIRE / COASTGUARD.

WEATHER
A local forecast is displayed daily on the notice board outside the Harbour Office and copies are available in the office. The Inshore Waters Forecast is given by Falmouth Coastguard at 0710 UTC and every three hours afterwards. These forecasts are announced on channel 16 and broadcast on channel 86.

Other forecasts can be found on radio stations:
BBC3: 90.2-90.4 MHz
BBC4: 88.0-92.0 MHz
Radio Cornwall: 96 FM

St Mary’s Harbour is exposed to gales from the North West. In this case mooring arrangements should be checked regularly and strengthened using extra ropes, strops, shackles, and anchor chains where necessary. Weather conditions can also change rapidly in the islands. All Yacht Masters are reminded of their responsibility for the safety of their vessels.

TIDAL INFORMATION
Various tide books can be found in the shops around the islands and tidal graphs and stream atlases are available in different almanacs. Standard Port for St Mary’s is Plymouth.

Tides are considerably affected by wind conditions and barometric pressure. At certain places around the islands wind against tide conditions can become quite rough.

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DINGHIES AND INFLATABLES
When coming ashore at St Mary’s we request that dinghies and other tenders are left on the pontoon or in the very corner of the old and new quays. Tenders must not be left along the main quay wall as it is in constant use by a variety of vessels.

A temporary membership to the St Mary’s Pontoon Club is granted upon payment of combined Mooring and Harbour dues.
**Distinctive Scilly**

The Isles of Scilly have many special qualities including a profound sense of contrast. Each of the five inhabited islands has its own distinctive feel and sense of place. The islands’ landscapes are rich and varied ranging from small enclosed bulb fields to the wild openness of the heaths and headlands. The naturally occurring granite is carved by wind, rain and tide to form both striking rock outcrops and also the fine texture and sparkling quality of the sand. To safeguard this distinctive and special sense of place the whole of the islands were designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in 1975.

The sea surrounding Scilly is remarkably clear with waters ranging from azure and turquoise in the shallow sandy bays to the darker blues and greens of the deeper offshore areas. On calm summer days the sea gives Scilly a tropical feel, while in the full force of an Atlantic storm the sea lashes the islands. Dynamic and ever changing, the sea dominates island life, both uniting and dividing the islands.

The air in Scilly is exceptionally clear due to a lack of dust and industrial pollution. The resulting quality of light enhances colour and has been a factor in attracting artists to the islands.

**Plants and Wildlife**

The combination of location and mild climate has resulted in a unique mix of plants and animals. For example, the dwarf pansy is at the limit of its distribution being found only in Scilly and the Channel Islands. Some exotic species from the Abbey Gardens on Tresco have become naturalised and are now part of the islands’ distinctive flora. The predominance of flowers as the main agricultural crop and the small size of fields have limited the impact of modern farming techniques and as a result many rare arable weeds such as Western fumitory survive on the islands.

Scilly is an important staging post for large numbers of migrating birds and is often the first landfall for unusual species blown off course. The islands are of national importance for breeding seabird such as storm petrel and lesser black-backed gulls. Several of the uninhabited islands including Annet, the Western Rocks and the Norrard Rocks are permanently or seasonally closed to provide sanctuaries for birds and seals and to protect them during their breeding seasons – see the Code of Conduct. Once considered common everywhere, birds such as the house sparrow and song thrush still thrive in Scilly, although their numbers are in decline on the mainland. Many of these birds, particularly the song thrush, could almost be mistaken for tame and the ability to get so close to them makes bird watching an effortlessly enjoyable part of a visit to the islands.

The underwater world of Scilly, although invisible to some visitors, is as stunning and important as the terrestrial environment. For example, ancient granite field-walls are a feature both above and below the sea. Underwater they are swept by the fierce tides, covered in a profusion of anemones, soft corals and sponges forming a breathtaking array of colours and textures. The Atlantic grey seals which breed on the rocky uninhabited islands are of international importance. In recognition of their importance the waters around Scilly have been designated as a Voluntary Marine Park and a Special Area of Conservation.

**Island Heritage**

The islands are extremely rich in archaeological and historical monuments, representing over 4000 years of continuous occupation. Despite its small size, Scilly has the densest concentration of archaeological sites in Britain. The Museum on St Mary’s holds many artefacts including an exquisite exhibition of brooches and other offerings from a Romano-British shrine to a native marine goddess on Nornour.

The remains of hut circles and field boundaries beneath the sea are evidence that Scilly was once a much larger land mass. The location of the islands has also made them strategically important with the defences built to protect the islands ranging from early Tudor fortifications to Second World War Pill Boxes.

Granite dominates the natural landscape and has been used to build field boundaries (locally known as hedges). Granite is also the islands’ main source of building materials strongly influencing Scilly’s historic architecture. In 1975 the islands were designated a Conservation Area, within which there is a high percentage of listed buildings.
**Distinctive Scilly**

- Please use recycling facilities where possible.

- Scilly is special; help keep it that way by not dropping litter. If there are no bins please take your litter with you.

- Please clean up after your dog so that everyone can enjoy a ‘poop-free’ Scilly. Biodegradable dog waste bags are available free from the Tourist Information Centre. Please dispose of these in the correct bins, don’t throw them into the undergrowth. Dogs are not allowed on Porthcressa, Porthmellon or Old Town Beach from 1st April to 30th September.

- Camping is only permitted on designated campsites. This policy protects the environment and maintains the tranquillity of the islands.

- Scilly naturally supports many species of seabirds. Please do not feed the seagulls as this artificially increases bird numbers and can result in nuisance behaviour.

- Please minimise watercraft engine noise in order to maintain Scilly’s peace and tranquility.

**Island Heritage**

- If you find something you believe to be of archeological interest, please record its location, make a sketch/take a photo and report your find to the Council’s Historic Environment Field Advisor and to the Curator of the Museum. Please note that the use of metal detectors is not permitted on the islands.

- There are over 700 reported wrecks off Scilly. Wrecks are an important part of the archaeological record. Please do not remove objects from a wreck as this distorts the archaeological record and lessens our understanding of the islands’ past. In any event, removed items must be reported to the Receiver of Wreck. Remember it is illegal to dive on protected wreck sites without a licence.
The Green Blue is an exciting environmental awareness initiative by the British Marine Federation and the Royal Yachting Association.

Please follow this Code of Conduct during your visit to the islands.

**Islands which are permanently or seasonally closed to protect wildlife**

Breeding birds and seals are easily disturbed and certain islands are closed to protect their populations, please respect these closures.

**Closed**
- Western Rocks (Including Annet)
- Norrard Rocks
- Men-a-vaur
- Round Island
- Hanjague
- Great and Little Innisvouls
- Menewethan

**Seasonally closed**
- Samson west North Hill
- Samson south end
- Samson White Island
- Samson Green Island
- Samson Stony Island
- Bryher Shipman Head
- Peashopper, Foreman and Crow Islands
- Eastern Isles Ragged Island
- South end of Great Ganilly
- Gugh north east coast
- Gugh southern carns

Please seek advice from The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust (IOSWT) regarding access to these islands.
**Plants and Wildlife**

Please respect wildlife particularly during bird breeding season (April to August) and the seal pupping season (August to December). If you are concerned about a seal, please ring the National Seal Sanctuary on 01326 221361. Try not to disturb birds such as ringed plover that nest above the high water mark.

Don’t land on closed islands (see map) – they are sanctuaries for breeding birds and seals which need breathing space away from human disturbance. There are many other islands for you to enjoy.

When anchoring, try to look for clear areas and avoid anchoring in eelgrass (seagrass). These underwater meadows are home to many juvenile fish and a myriad of other species.

Boat users should maintain a slow steady speed when approaching seals, watch their reaction to your approach and adjust your behaviour and distance so that you don’t scare them off the rocks. Seals need to ‘haul out’ on rocks to digest their food and disturbance is harmful to them. Seals are most likely to react to a change in engine sound and human voices. If the seals look at you, aim to stay still, quiet and avoid eye contact, as this makes you appear like a predator! In general you should keep your speed down when you are around wildlife.

Kayaks can approach wildlife silently and have the potential to surprise and frighten it. Please take care not to approach seals and birds too closely, especially if they have not seen you. In general you should keep your speed down when you are around wildlife. Remember to check which islands you may land on.

If you visit the seals, watch them for a while and then move away and give them space. If you anchor nearby for the day or climb on the rocks that they need to ‘haul out’ on this may disturb and unsettle them. It is best to limit your time with them and to stay away from the rocks that they use.

If you want to see seals up close or in the water it is best to go on an organised trip, it will be an unforgettable wildlife experience for you and it will be led so that seal disturbance is minimised.

If you are lucky enough to see dolphins or porpoises try to stay at least 100m from them, allowing them to approach you if they wish. Don’t scare them by driving head onto them or moving between them. The same applies for basking sharks. If they approach your boat put your engine in neutral to avoid harming them – there are often more sharks just below the surface. Enjoy your time with these animals but limit yourself to about 15 minutes and for your own safety and theirs, don’t try to swim with them.

Shrimping season runs from 1st July to 30th September. Not taking shrimps at other times of year helps to sustain their population.

Taking shellfish from within the Marine Park is discouraged in order to protect their populations.

The islands offer spectacular opportunities for divers but please take care not to kick delicate and slow growing marine life like pink sea fans with your fins. As on the land, take only photographs and leave nothing behind. Lines can damage and entangle marine life and should be removed.
after the dive. Always let seals make the first move, leaving them to approach you. Sit back, wait and observe. Seals will explore you with their fore flippers, whiskers and mouths. Remember that seals have strong claws and sharp interlocking teeth.

Let curiosity be the only reason for seals to visit you, never feed wild seals, as this creates big problems for seals and humans.

It is recommended that dive boats ask advice about where to anchor for the dive sites to avoid damage to marine life.

When enjoying the natural environment, help keep it special by not lighting fires. Lighting a fire is easy; putting an out of control fire out is not!

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**Isles of Scilly Marine Biodiversity Project**

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust started a new marine biodiversity project in 2009. We are going to be gathering more data on marine life around the Isles of Scilly and making it more easily available to everyone. We’ll be working with the local community and visitors to gather this information, which we will use to conserve this unique environment. We’ll also use the results of our surveys to help explain to everyone from local school children to day trippers why our seagrass beds, rocky reefs and sand flats are so special and unique. If you’d like to know more or get involved in the project please email the Project Officer angiegall@ios-wildlifetrust.org.uk

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**Contact details**

**Plants and Wildlife**
Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust
Carn Thomas
St Mary’s
Isles of Scilly
TR21 0PT
01720 422153
www.ios-wildlifetrust.org.uk
enquiries@IOS-wildlifetrust.org.uk

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Hamble
Hampshire
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info@thegreenblue.org.uk

Come to our visitor centre on St Mary’s quay!

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**Distinctive Scilly**
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Council of the Isles of Scilly
Old Wesleyan Chapel
Garrison Lane
St Mary’s
Isles of Scilly
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aonb@scilly.gov.uk

**Archaeology / heritage**
Historic Environment Field
Advisor
Council of the Isles of Scilly
Old Wesleyan Chapel
Garrison Lane
St Mary’s
Isles of Scilly
TR21 0DJ
01720 424351
ebreen@scilly.gov.uk

**Marine animal strandings**
Live: call British Divers Marine Life Rescue
01825 765 546 (24 hours)

Dead: call the Marine Strandings Hotline:
0845 201 2626 (24 hours)

Photos: Tim Allsop, AONB, Angie Gall, Colin Speedie-Swiss Shark Foundation.
LEISURE ACTIVITIES

GIG RACING
Takes place on Wednesday and Friday evenings and normally terminates at St Mary’s Quay. Spectators and craft are advised to keep clear of the race area.
World Championships, May Day (UK) Bank Holiday.

SWIMMING
Visitors are strongly advised to confine all swimming activities to the beach areas.

WINDSURFING
Visitors are asked to contact the Harbour Master for information.

DIVING
Excellent environment, BUT follow Weather Reports. Please do not destroy Marine Life or disturb Historic Wreck Sites (See Marine Park Code of Conduct which also bans spearguns). No diving in the harbour without permission of the Harbour Master.

CYCLING
Please keep to the bridlepaths and public roads when exploring the island. There is not a right to ride on footpaths or open heathland. Ride with care and consideration, keeping to a moderate speed. Please give way to walkers and other users.

WALKING
Coast paths can be rocky, damp and slippery, so sturdy footwear is advisable. Take extra care on slipways, quays and sand bars, part of which flood at high tides.

ISLAND RECYCLING

METAL & GLASS
Recycle bins are placed along the harbour. Green bins are for any colour glass.
Red bins are for any metal. Please avoid contaminating these bins with any other rubbish.

REFUSE FROM OUTSIDE THE EU
Under the EU directive 1774/2002, food waste onboard vessels arriving in St Mary’s from non-EU countries is to be classified as ‘International Catering Waste’. Any vessel wishing to dispose of such waste within St Mary’s Harbour must contact the Harbourmaster for the approved disposal method.

HARBOUR PONTOON

Below is a diagram of the Pontoon and the areas which have been allocated to our different user groups.
PLEASE NOTE that the Pontoon should be kept clear at all times and may be closed during periods of adverse weather.

PONTOON DIAGRAM KEY:
A Pick up and drop off only, strictly NO mooring.
B Harbourmaster craft only.
C Commercial tenders.
D Visiting yacht tenders.
E Visiting R.I.Bs and day boats.
QUAY SERVICES
LOCAL CODE SCILLONIA 01720

MARINE SERVICE YACHT CHANDLERS
Nike Engineering ........................................ 422991
Southard Engineering (Outboards, Yacht Chandlers) . 422539

BOAT REPAIRS
Peter Martin ........................................... 422972
Isles of Scilly Steamship Company ................... 422710

SAILMAKER
Keith Buchanan, the Sail Loft ......................... 422037

DIVERS
Mark Groves ........................................... 422732
Dave McBride ........................................ 422455
Scavenger Diving ..................................... 423420

BATTERY CHARGING & BOTTLED GAS
Sibley's Fuel & Marine Services ....................... 422431
Isles of Scilly Steamship Company .................... 422710
Island Home Hardware ................................ 422388

FUEL
Sibley's Fuel & Marine Services ....................... 422431

FRESH WATER
Available from the taps in the inner berths.

SHOWERS & TOILETS
Are open 24 hours.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Harbour Master ........................................ 422768
Harbour Duty ........................................ 07789 273626
Police Station ........................................ 422444
Duchy of Cornwall .................................. 422508
Pilot ........................................ 422078 / (Mobile: 07884 001283)
HM Coastguard (Falmouth) ......................... (01326) 317575
Chemist R Douglas, The Bank, Hugh Town ........ 422403
Dentist (St Mary’s Health Centre) ................... 422694
Doctor (St Mary’s Health Centre) .................... 422628
St Mary’s Hospital ................................ 422392

ISLAND SERVICES
LOCAL CODE SCILLONIA 01720

TRANSPORT TO U.K. MAINLAND
NO SUNDAY SERVICE
Isles of Scilly Sky Bus (Fixed wing service) ........ 422905
British International ................................ 422646
Isles of Scilly Steamship Company (Scillonian III) .... 422357

PASSENGER FERRY TO OFF ISLANDS
Bryher & Tresco ..................................... 422886
St Agnes ........................................ 422704
St Martin’s ........................................ 422814
St Mary’s ....................................... 423999

PLEASURE BOAT TRIPS
As displayed on the Old Quay.

AIRPORT BUS SERVICE
D Woodcock (Helicopter) .......................... 07831 807727
Paulger’s Passenger Transport ....................... 423701

TAXI SERVICE
A to B Taxis ........................................ 423155
Q cabs ........................................... 422260
Scilly Cabs ....................................... 422901
Island Taxis ..................................... 422635
Atlantic Taxis ................................... 423410

WINDSURFING & SAILBOAT HIRE
The Sailing Centre Porthmellon ..................... 423399
Blue Boats Bryher ................................ 422411

CYCLE HIRE
Buccabu Bike Hire The Strand ..................... 422289

LAUNDERETTE
Open Mon-Sat 09.00-17.00 (Porthcressa Bank) .... 422431

POST OFFICE
Hugh Street ....................................... 422454

BANKS
Lloyds TSB – open 09.00-16.30 Mon-Fri (Hugh Street) . 422418
Barclays – open 09.00-16.30 Mon-Fri (Hugh Street) 0845 755 5555

VETERINARY CLINIC
H. Dorn ........................................... 423667
TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE
HUGH STREET, ST MARY’S
ISLES OF SCILLY TR21 0LL
TELEPHONE: (01720) 422536

Do you need accommodation? We have a computerised Vacancy Service which can indicate available bed space. If you require advice to ‘What’s On’ in the Islands, we produce a weekly information sheet.

Need a map, leaflet, guide book or just information, then visit our offices.

Please look at our website for up to date news and events. All this information and more is available at:

www.stmarys-harbour.co.uk