

Drogheda Port – Fiddle Case Pier – A Guide to Port Entry



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Drogheda town (53 43' .01N 006 20' .25W) lies 7km inland of the sea on the river Boyne. The navigation channel extends seaward 700mts from the breakwaters and the river is entered from the east in the white sector (269.5 -270.5degrees) of the port approach light (53 43.30N 006 14.72W). The southern breakwater end (53 43.24N 006 14.26W) is marked with a red metal tower *Lyons Light*, and the north breakwater end (53 43.36N 006 14.33W) is marked with a 20m stone beacon *Aleria*. In passing between the breakwaters the centre line of the channel should be maintained passing between paired timber navigation beacons (lateral) at frequent intervals to the town of Drogheda.

The channel is maintained to a depth of -2.2mtrs Chart Datum to the *Tom Roes Point* terminal (53 43.25N 006 18.32W) and thereafter at -1.3m Chart Datum to the town of Drogheda.

Drogheda is a tidal port and tidal predictions may be affected by weather conditions particularly easterly winds and high barometric pressure. Prolonged rainfalls may create strong continuous ebb flows of freshwater against a rising tide. The mean spring range is about 4.2m and the mean neap range 2.3m.

The Boyne Viaduct cross the river at the entrance to the town of Drogheda and has a vertical clearance of 26m at HAT.

On the north side of the river, 400mts upstream of the Boyne Viaduct and past the commercial shipping quays a new dedicated yacht mooring the *Fiddle Case Pier* has been developed in 2017. The 40mtr pier is an open pile structure with vertical timber fenders at 3mtr centres and access ladders designed for yachts and small leisure craft. Potable water is available on the pier, no power.

The Fiddle Case Pier is the new maritime access to the Boyne Valley and located within the historic town centre of Drogheda. Wander through time, Ancient gates and walls, sacred sites, battlegrounds and big houses, family fun, culture, adventure and nightlife!

The riverside scotch hall shopping centre is close by for shopping and all supplies in addition to a wide range of local restaurants and the D hotel.

Also within walking distance is the central bus station, rail station, tourist office, Millmount museum and Highlanes art gallery.

Drogheda is an ideal base from which to explore and learn more about the nearby attractions of Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange), the Battle of the Boyne site at Oldbridge, Mellifont Abbey, monastic settlement at Monasterboice, and Slane Castle.

