

Base Guide – Windsor Marina



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1. Finding the Marina

Address: Windsor Marina (MDL),
Maidenhead Road, Windsor, Berkshire
SL4 5TZ
Marina telephone: 01753 853911
[Windsor Marina](#)

The marina is just outside the M25 and between the M3 and M4 so directions will vary depending on where you are coming from. Use the postcode and Satnav. Do not confuse with nearby Windsor Racecourse Marina.

2. Car Parking and Accessing Boats

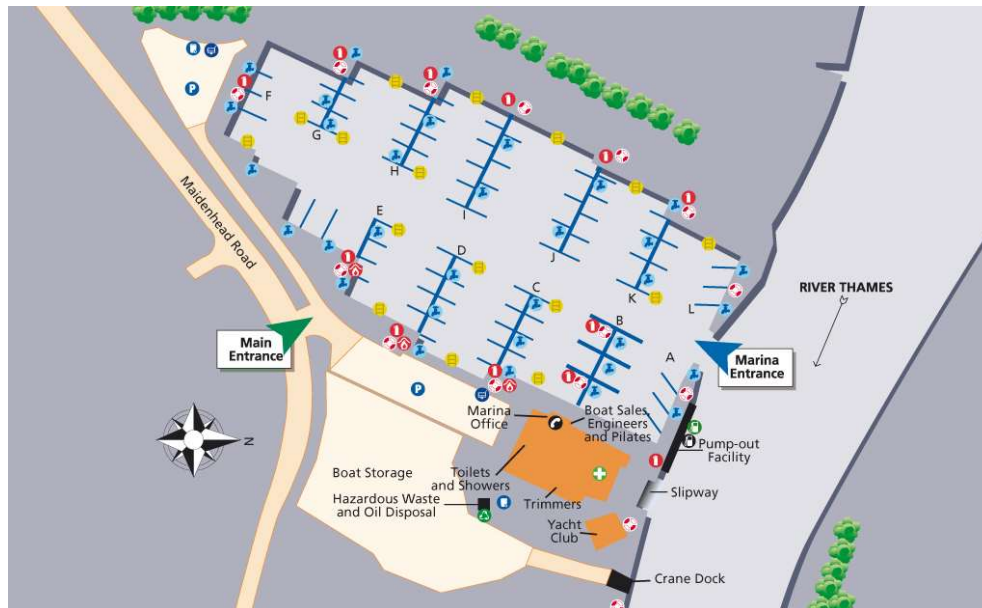
The main gate to the marina is open from 0800 till 1730, after which you can use the entry intercom to gain access. In the unlikely event that you get no response from the intercom, use the security mobile number on the gate.

Although the office is not manned 24 hours, you can access the boat at any time.

You can collect the keys from the marina office between 0800 and 1900 and to facilitate handover there are 2 sets of keys so you can pick up a set before the previous member returns their keys. If you plan to arrive after 1900 then use the spare keys on the boat.

Windsor marina has two car parks. The primary car park, which is to the right as you pass through the marina gate, takes you to the marina office and facilities. The secondary car park, which is to the left as you pass through the marina gate, is much closer to the boat.

Pure Carma is berthed on **H10**, at the hammerhead of pontoon H. Once you are onboard you will find an access card which opens the main gate and facilities doors.



3. Pure Latitude

There is no Pure Latitude office at the marina.

4. Marina Facilities

4.1 WiFi

To access the MDL marina WiFi you will need to sign up to their Otium rewards programme:

<https://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/otium/#ContactForm>

MDL Otium accounts are set up manually, and it could take up to 72 hours to receive your account code. Your email address and account code can then be used to access the WiFi in any MDL marina.

4.2 Showers and Toilets

Showers and toilets are located within the same building as the marina office and are open 24/7 but require the access card.

4.3 Onsite Food and Drink

There is no onsite food and drink.

4.4 Chandlery

The nearest chandlery is at [Windsor Racecourse Marina](#).

5. Fuel, Gas and Pump Out

5.1 Gas

Gas can be obtained at the Marina.

5.2 Fuel Pontoon

The fuel berth is located at the marina and sells both petrol and diesel. It is open from 0900 to 17.30 BST and 0900 to 1700 when the clocks shift to GMT.

5.3 Pump Out

Same location as fuel berth but operates 24hours once you have a token from the marina office.

6. Local Information

6.1 Local Shops

There is a Tesco superstore near Oakley Green: Dedworth Rd, Windsor, SL4 4JT.

6.2 Local Pubs and Restaurants

There are a variety of pubs and restaurants a short drive away. The Greene Oak at Oakley Green is recommended.

6.3 Useful Links

[GOV.UK - River Thames](#): bridges, locks and facilities for boaters. Good general overview of what to expect on the river and the facilities, bridge heights, etc.

[GOV.UK - River Thames](#): conditions, closures, restrictions and lock closures. VERY useful as this shows which locks are open, closed for repair, restrictions on the river due to events, etc.

[Environment Agency](#) - River Thames conditions and advice for boaters. Good basic online resource for stream warnings, etc. Very clear information.

Warning Board definitions:

When you see these boards, do not navigate because the strong flows make it difficult and dangerous. Contact Pure Latitude for instructions.

When these boards, find a safe mooring. This is because river flows are likely to strengthen and red boards could be displayed very soon and without warning.

When these boards, navigate with caution.



[Map of the River Thames \(Imray\)](#), from the source to Hammersmith Bridge

[The River Thames Book \(Imray\)](#), by Chris Cove-Smith

[River Thames & the Southern Waterways \(Collins/Nicholson\)](#), Waterways guide 7,

Explore Thames App - British Marine Federation Thames Valley

A good general guide to the river and facilities available on it.

Thames Watch App - Spencer Mitchell

A good way to check the status of the stream warnings, etc. on each part of the river, distances between locks, lock contact details, etc. (do need to remember to manually update/refresh it or will be looking at old information)

River Thames Guide App - Jeff Maynard

Another good general app that covers both stream warnings and river facilities.

7. Boating on The Thames

7.1 Designated Boat Usage Area

The Environment Agency license covers the non-tidal Thames from Teddington Lock to Oxford.

Navigation

- The maximum speed for power driven boats upstream of Teddington is 8km per hour (approx. 5 miles per hour).
- Obey the rules of the Thames navigation byelaws which can be found at this address: <https://www.pla.co.uk/assets/1090thamesbyelaws.pdf>
- Steer on the right hand side where it is safe and practical.
- Avoid turning your boat near bridges, bends and locks.
- Do not turn across the bows of oncoming boats; wait until it is safe to do so.
- Keep a sharp look out at all times for any hazards, taking action when necessary. If in doubt, slow down or stop.
- Always take care when overtaking and keep clear of other boats.
- Near bridges or sharp bends, boats going upstream must give way to boats coming downstream.

Other river navigation tips:

- Always keep a good distance from anglers on the riverbank. Avoid their tackle and create as little disturbance as possible.
- It is safer for unpowered boats to enter the lock last.
- Powered boats give way to rowing boats, canoes, sailing boats and swimmers. Best practise is to slow down but maintain a steady course as there is not enough room to make major directional changes.
- Hire boats are less predictable so keep as clear as possible!

7.2 Mooring Guidance

Mooring

When docking at Windsor MDL marina, always moor up port side to, facing out. Take the bowline to end dock cleat as normal and then make a short spring to the midships cleat and then on to the mid-dock cleat.



Use the stern line to the “stern” dock cleat and then back to the boat and make a second spring to the mid-dock cleat.



7.3 Destinations

Windsor Marina lies in a pretty garden setting, with a large river frontage and is one of the most attractive marinas on the Thames. Upstream, you have the culinary delights from Bray, through Marlow to the historical town of Henley and with more time, the Thames is navigable as far as Oxford. Downstream, you have Windsor, Runnymede and down to Hampton Court. You cannot go onto the tidal Thames, so no further than Teddington lock.