



SOMERSET YARD- IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BOATERS PLANNING THEIR TRIP

It is very important to discuss and plan your trip to our Somerset yard with your Bristol Marine service manager, particularly if it is your first time to our facility. Please read through the following information below carefully well in advance of your arrival.

1 Travel Lift and Pit information

- Max weight: 70 metric tons (154,000 lbs)
- Max beam: 23' 6"
- Max draft : 13' at mean low tide, 18' at high tide.

Note: The minimum listed channel depth from Mt. Hope to our Somerset yard is 18 feet at mean low tide

2 Bridge Overview When Traveling to Somerset

Once north of Newport and Jamestown, there are 4 bridges to pass under as you approach the Somerset yard. The Mt. Hope bridge (between Bristol and Portsmouth) and Charles M. Braga bridge (Fall River) deck heights are both 135' (41m) at high tide. The Brightman Street Bridge (once a drawbridge but now permanently open) sits just south of the Veterans Memorial Bridge in Somerset. This last drawbridge has only a 60' clearance at high tide, but can be opened by request per the information shown below. We strongly encourage you to come during the times when the operator is on site, but with advanced planning (at least 24 hours) after hours service can be arranged.

BRIDGE	LOCATION	CLEARANCE	TYPE
Mt. Hope	Bristol-Portsmouth	135' at High Tide	Fixed (non-opening) through truss bridge
Braga	Fall River	135' at High Tide	Fixed (non-opening) suspension brige
Brightman St (old)	Somerset	Unlimited	Defunct drawbridge- always open
Veterans Memorial	Somerset	60' at High Tide	Drawbridge- open by request (see below)

LAYOUT OF TAUNTON RIVER AND NARRAGANSETT BAY



3 Veterans Memorial Bridge details and contact information

Most sailboats and even some powerboats require opening the Veterans Memorial Bridge when coming to or leaving our Somerset yard. When closed, it allows only 60' clearance at high tide. Please check your boats clearance prior to making the trip, and exercise caution by giving AT LEAST 5 extra feet of clearance. Note that boat manufacturers listed specs often don't accommodate for antennae or other boat appendages when they post air draft or height. The bridge operators appreciate a phone call one hour in advance of your arrival, and monitor VHF channel 13 when within 5 miles. We encourage you to arrive during normal operating hours (7am - 3pm, 7 days/week) if you require the bridge to be opened up. However, openings can be arranged after hours with advanced notice of at least 24 hours.

- Normal operating hours: 7am - 3pm, 7 days/week.
- VHF channel: 13
- Phone (normal hours): 508-673-3649
- Phone (after hours): 774-286-6403

4 Boat Handling on the Taunton River

When north of the the Veterans Memorial Bridge, please be courteous with your speed and the wake your boat creates. There are several boatyards (and many howeowners with docks of their own) that line the shoreline along this 3-mile stretch to our Somerset yard. It is extremely important to monitor your wake to avoid aggravating our neighbors and damaging their boats and property. Though there are "NO WAKE" signs and buoys along the river, they can easily be missed so please use common sense and slow down particularly when passing O'Connell's Boatyard (Fall River) and Somerset Marina (Somerset) just to our south. Remember that you are responsible for your wake and any damage it creates.

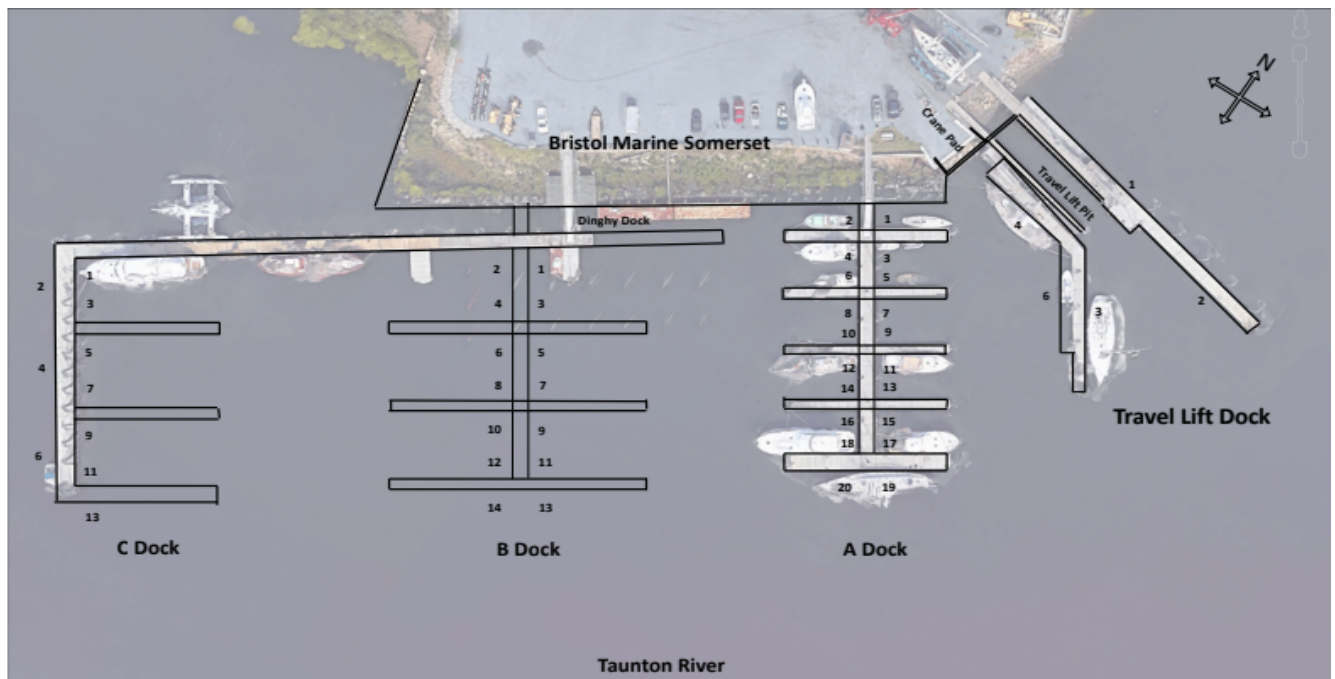
5 Contacting the Yard Prior to Arrival

Prior to your arrival at the yard, please make sure you have confirmed the date and time with your service manager so that we can prepare for your arrival. After you've passed under the Veteran's Memorial Bridge, please contact your service manager so that he/she can prepare to assist you with docking. If unable to reach your service manager, please call the office at **508-678-1234** during working hours. If unable to contact the office, please contact General Manager Chuck Kelley at 401-864-2278.

6 Tying Up Your Boat

You will be provided with instructions on docking prior to arrival. Please reference our "Somerset Yard- Waterfront and Dock Layout" below, with Docks (A, B and C) and slip numbers. Your service manager will provide a slip location in advance of your arrival.

SOMERSET YARD- WATERFRONT AND DOCK LAYOUT



8 Tides and Current in the Taunton River

The speed of the current in the Taunton often reaches 5 knots, and is particularly strong at the peak of the ebb (outgoing) tide. We strongly encourage all boat owners to plan their arrival at slack tide and when others are available to help catch and tie off dock lines.

Note: For the most accurate tide information, please use the Steep Brooke, Taunton River location. "Slack" tide happens quickly, so please time your docking within 30 minutes of slack.