

Port of Cape Town Information



LOCATION

Latitude 33.54S | Longitude 18.26E

PILOTAGE

Pilot is compulsory. Rendezvous point is 1.6 nautical miles SE of the port entrance on the leading lights. Pilot transfer is by pilot boat, unless otherwise advised. When pilot is embarking by pilot boat, ladders must comply with SOLAS regulations. Cape Town has two fast pilot boats equipped with radar and VHF telephone.

WATER DENSITY

Seawater density in the harbour is 1025g/cm³.

PILOT BOARDING POSITION

Pilot station | Longitude 18.423300

DMS Long | 18° 25' 23.8800" E

PORT LIMITS

The entrance channel has a depth of 17m and Chart Datum, is 15.4m and a channel width of 180m.

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APPROACHES

Vessels report to Cape Town Port Control at 12 Nautical Miles and at 6 Nautical Miles from the pilot station.

TIDE

Tide fall at Cape Town is 1.2m.

WEATHER

THE Cape Town region enjoys a Mediterranean climate, but also subject to special factors of its southern latitude.

During the winter months, April to September, north and northwest winds backing to southwest are frequent. West gales can occur particular during winter, which can result in heavy range action at the berths (average temp. 10-18deg). During summer months October to March, the prevailing winds are southeast. They reach gale force. (average temp. 18-26deg).

BALLAST

Vessels must be adequately ballasted to permit safe navigation within the port. Only clean, locally loaded ballast water, may be discharged within the port.

RADIO

The Port of Durban port control and the signal station are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The port working channel is VHF channel 14.

BUNKERS

The Port of Cape Town has major bunker suppliers and bunker can only be supplied alongside berth.

BERTHS

There are 29 berths ranging from 148m to 300m, with depths up to 15m. Berths details as below:

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1. CAPE TOWN CONTAINER TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
601	15m	Containers only	Shore Cranes	10 000 MT per 24 hours
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2. CAPE TOWN FRESH PRODUCE TERMINAL (FPT)

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
A	10.3m	Lay By Repairs		
B	11.2m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	100 MT per crane
C	11.2m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	100 MT per crane
D	10.2m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	100 MT per crane

3. CAPE TOWN PASSENGER TERMINAL

Berth	Draft	Commodity
E	9.8m	Passenger Vessels

4. CAPE TOWN MUTLI PURPOSE TERMINAL (MPT)

Berth	Draft	Commodity	Method	Rate
F	11.5m	Containers	Mobile Crane	15 moves per hour
G	11.5m	Containers	Mobile Crane	15 moves per hour
H	12.1m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	250 MT per crane
I	10m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	250 MT per crane
J	9.3m	Break Bulk	Ships Gear	250 MT per crane
K	9m	Lay By		
L	8.8m	Lay By		

5. CAPE TOWN REPAIR QUAY

Berth	Draft	Commodity
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1	9.4m	Repairs only
2	8.6m	Repairs only
3	10.5m	Repairs only
4	7.8m	Repairs only

6. CAPE TOWN LANDING WHARF

Berth	Draft	Commodity
1	12.7m	Bunkers only
2	10.7m	Bunkers only
3	12.1m	Bunkers only
4	9.8m	Bunkers only

7. CAPE TOWN EASTERN MOLE

Berth	Draft	Commodity
1	11.6m	Bunkers only
2	12.1m	Bunkers only

8. CAPE TOWN TANKER BASIN

Berth	Draft	Commodity
1	13.7m	Tankers only
2	13.3m	Tankers only

9. STURROCK DRY DOCK

Berth	Draft	Commodity
1	350m	Repairs

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS FOR CAPE TOWN PORT

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Cape Town Port Control	(+27) 21 449 2805
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Fire department	(+27) 21 449 5804 5848
SAMSA	(+27) 21 421 6170
Cape Town Radio	(+27) 21 551 2617
PSO	(+27) 21 449 4123 4270
Border Police	(+27) 21 467 8639
Harbour Police	(+27) 21 403 1001
MRCC	(+27) 21 938 3300
Customs	(+27) 21 413 6720
Immigration	(+27) 21 418 1007 8

SOUTH AFRICAN PORT REQUIREMENTS | PROCEDURES

1. All vessels calling at any South African port must send ISPS message to MRCC Cape Town 96 hours before arrival.
2. Security Level 1 is maintained at Cape Town Port.
3. Vessels must apply for Free Pratique from local Port health authorities through local agents.
4. Nomination of vessels is done by local agents with all relevant information supplied to port authorities (Transnet National Port Authorities) i.e. Vessel details, nature of call, cargo type, intended port stay, any special requests etc via a live web based system Integrated Port Management System (IPMS).
5. All berths are controlled by TNPA but are operated by TPT (Transnet Port Terminals) and some Private Terminals.
6. Cargo working vessels will be planned at the respective terminals based on the type of cargo.
7. Bunker vessels must be nominated following same procedure as well as bunkers are supplied via bunker barge and can be only supplied in port.
8. All vessels calling for bunkers or repairs/lay by must be nominated accordingly.
9. Bunker and repair berths allocated for a vessel will only be confirmed 1 day before ETA of vessel.
10. Hull cleaning is not permitted in Cape Town Port due to environment restrictions.
11. Cape Town port control is operated by Transnet National Port Authorities and handle/control all vessel movements contactable on VHF channel 14 and 16.
12. Daily ETA updates must be provided by vessels for agents to supply same to authorities to secure berth.

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13. Access to all terminals is strictly controlled by TNPA and the respective port operators.