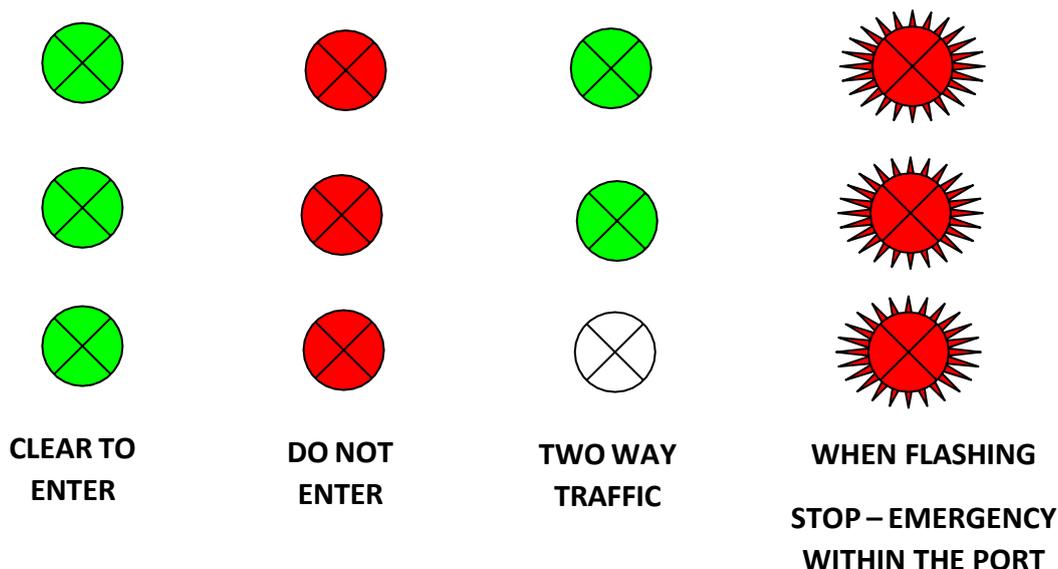


General Direction No: 7² St Helier Traffic Signal Lights

There are three sets of IALA Traffic signal lights mounted on VTS Tower to control small craft movements.



Mariners are advised that these signal lights are used to expedite the movement of participating vessels over 25m in length. All other vessels must obey the signals and observe COLREGS Rule 9 in giving way to vessels that can only navigate within the confines of a narrow channel. If vessels are required to stop and wait they should do so in such a position as to avoid impeding the safe passage of vessels that are operating in favour of the lights.

From 26 May 2016 two additional sets of IALA signal lights have been fitted to the west arm of Elizabeth Harbour. One set faces incoming vessels in the Small Road. The other set faces NW towards the Elizabeth Marina channel. These lights mirror the light sequences displayed from the VTS Tower.

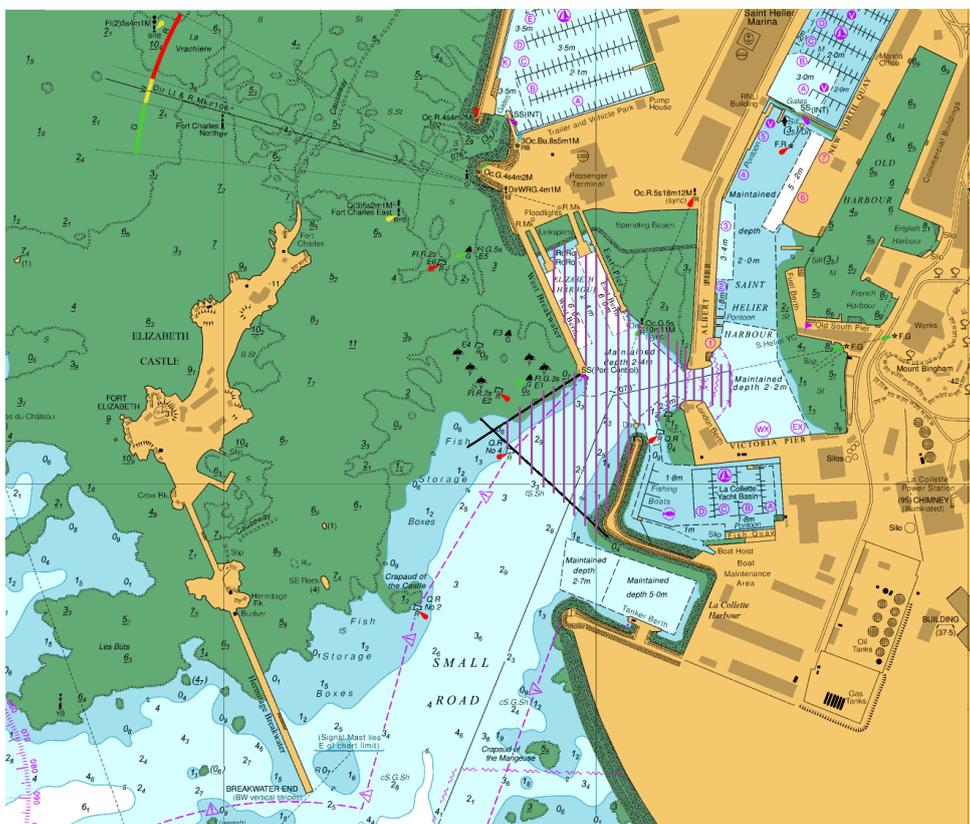
The purpose of the west facing lights is to prevent vessels leaving Elizabeth Marina channel and cutting across the bow of commercial vessels maneuvering, before they have had time to observe the signal lights on the tower. The south facing lights are designed to give incoming vessels early warning of commercial ship movements before they are in a position to observe the VTS Tower lights. Vessels should avoid passing south of the line

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between Elizabeth West Wall and Hermitage Rock until the lights are switched in their favour.

Mariners approaching the port from seaward, upon observing red lights from these positions, should move to the west side of the Small Road well clear of La Collette Dolphin to avoid impeding the safe passage of out bound vessels emerging from the Elizabeth or Main Harbours and wait for the signals to change in their favour. Vessels should avoid passing north of a line between La Collette Yacht Basin Southern Rock Armour and No.4 Fairway Buoy until the lights are switched in their favour.

In all situations mariners should avoid entering the hatched area when lights are showing red.




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