

OUT TO LUNCH – Camber Dock

Fighting our way into Portsmouth we explore a crowded little corner of the Harbour

After surviving the Small Ships Channel we found Ballast Beacon and on VHF asked permission from QHM cross to **The Camber**. Squeezing past the Isle of Wight car ferry, whose side thrusters caused an unexpected lurch, we ventured round the corner, pleased to see that angling from the quay is discouraged.



There isn't much room inside, for local fishing boats and workboats take priority, but you might be lucky and find space by the pub!

Ken Brown controls the berths here but we have never been asked to pay.



The Bridge Tavern (there used to be a bridge across the dock) has a nautical feel; you can sit outside and watch the comings and goings or eat inside from a large menu. For more trendy and boisterous entertainment you must walk to the hostelryes of Spice Island and clubs on Gunwharf Quays. But at least stroll round to fish merchants Viviers UK on the quay opposite – excellent value!



Verdict: A commercial venue with little welcome for speedboats or gin palaces

Tides: strong tides in Harbour entrance, deep water here

Sheltered quay has rough walls with occasional piles, fender boards needed

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