

Avant-port is located on the S side of the entrance channel and has a depth of 1.5m. There is a quay, 150m long, at the E side, but a marina occupies most of this basin.

Bassin Berigny is entered at the SE side of Avant-port through a gate, 16.5m wide, with a sill depth of 1.3m. This basin is used by fishing vessels and pleasure craft.

The entrance channel leads directly into Arriere-port, the inner harbor, through a passage, 40m wide, with a depth of 1.5m. A quay, 250m long, is situated in the S part of this harbor. It is dredged alongside to a depth of 7m and used by commercial vessels. The remainder of the harbor is used by fishing vessels and pleasure craft.

Bassin Freycinet is entered from Arriere-port via Bassin de Mi-Maree. The passage leading into Bassin de Mi-Maree is 20m wide and is spanned by a revolving bridge. The gate at the entrance of Bassin Freycinet is 18m wide and has a sill depth of 0.8m. The basin has 450m of berthage with depths up to 6.3m alongside.

Due to the difficulty of maneuvering in the entrance channel, vessels are limited to a length of 100m. Vessels can be accommodated with drafts up to 7m at springs and 5.5m at neaps.

Aspect.—The chapel of Notre-Dame-du-Salut, with a black roof; a television mast; and a signal station, consisting of a disused light tower surmounted by a blockhouse, are situated in the vicinity of Pointe Fagnet and are conspicuous from seaward. A prominent chimney stands 0.8 mile E of the point. The

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about 0.6 mile.

Directions.—A lighted range, bearing 082°, indicates the approach to the harbor. However, it is reported that the lights of the town make the range lights difficult to distinguish.

It is recommended that vessels enter at the end of the flood current about 30 minutes before HW, which is the time of slack water.

After approaching the entrance using the range, vessels should adjust course to about ENE in order to pass as close N as possible to the head of the S jetty. This approach allows for the yaw as the bow enters slack water while the stern remains in the current. The effect of any swing should result in the vessel lining up with the entrance channel.

Caution.—Entry is often difficult with strong offshore winds or with a strong swell from the W. See Winds and Weather.

Tidal heights at the port may be effected by strong winds.

Depths in the entrance channel may be less than charted due to the accumulation of silt and shingle.

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