

ANCHORING	TUGS	HEALTH	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p>Any vessel wishing to anchor when waiting to enter or due to bad weather should do so in the area about 1 nautical mile South East from the entrance lighthouse.</p> <p>Anchorage Prohibited:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. West of the meridian passing through the centre of the head of the West pier. 2. Within a semi-circle, centre red light of West pier, radius 0.6 nm (1110 metres) to prevent obstruction of fairway. <p>Anchoring in front of lagoon entrance, where currents of up to 6 knots can be experienced, is not advisable.</p>	<p>The use of tugs is compulsory when entering and leaving the port, and for movements of vessels over 500 GRT, except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Warships 2. Port service craft 3. Hydrography and oceanography research vessels. <p>Vessels over 100m in length should take two tugs. These tugs are equipped for fire fighting and SAR.</p>	<p>Vessels using the port must obtain a CLEARANCE prior to entry. After obtaining clearance (permission to berth) the following must be sent to the ship's Agent, by the fastest possible methods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 crew lists 2 arms and ammunition lists 2 Passenger lists <p>AFTER BERTHING ship must provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 crew lists 3 customs declarations 2 health declarations 15 manifests for each loading port 1 Bill of lading 3 dangerous cargo lists for cargo to be discharged or in transit 3 cargo plans 3 hatch lists All International documents concerning hygiene and safety <p>Note: Pratique is normally given by ship's Agent.</p>	<p>Cotonou VTS Centre provides information concerning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meteorological conditions (on request). 2. Traffic situation 3. Other information requested by Mariners. <p>Important telephone numbers:</p> <p>VTS Centre +229 31 40 33</p> <p>Harbour Master +229 31 27 82</p> <p>Port directorate +229 31 28 90 +229 31 52 80 +229 31 43 87 +229 31 47 85</p> <p>Fax +229 31 28 91</p>