

## Port: Charleston, USA

**Location:** The port of Charleston is located in the centre of the US Eastern Seaboard in the State of South Carolina.

**General overview:** Charleston is the deepest harbour on the South East Coast of the USA with a maintained depth of 13.7m (45ft). Upon completion of its project to take depths to 15.8m (52ft), the port will be the deepest harbour on the East Coast. Facilities are readily accessible by day or night in clear weather, naturally protected by barrier islands on either side of a wide entrance channel; an excellent harbour of refuge. The port has five terminals and deals extensively with container traffic, breakbulk cargo and cruise passengers. Preparation work has already started on a sixth major container terminal. There are also plans for a three mile extension of the Entrance channel, dredged to 16.5m.

**Traffic figures:** Approx 1,000,000t of cargo, 2,300,000TEU, 1,800 vessels and 225,500 passengers handled annually.

**Max size:** Draught 14.3m, LOA 368.04m, Beam 51.2m, 150,000DWT.

### Ro-Ro facilities:

Terminal	Berth	Length, meters	Depth, meters	Use
Columbus Street Terminal	1, 2	237	13.72	PCC, Project/Heavy, Breakbulk
	3, 4, 5	235	10.67	
North Charleston Terminal	1, 2, 3	254	13.72	Ro-Ro, Breakbulk
Union Pier Terminal	1, 2, 3, 4	188	11.00	Ro-Ro, Breakbulk
Veterans Terminal	Pier Lima	290	10.67	Project/Heavy, Ro-Ro, Breakbulk
	Pier Mike	335	10.60	
	Pier November	350	10.60	
	Pier Zulu	381	10.60	