



Edinburgh s Leith Docks 1970-80: The Transition Years (Paperback)

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Amberley Publishing, United Kingdom, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand New Book. Leith has been Edinburgh's main port since the Middle Ages. It is one of the oldest harbours in the country, dating back to the twelfth century. Modern Leith docks took shape in the nineteenth century with the construction of stone quays and breakwaters. The late 1930s saw a further major expansion of the docks with the building of the Western Breakwater, greatly expanding the area of the port. After the end of the Second World War, however, there was a gradual decline in the number of cargo ships being handled at Leith. It was bypassed by the container revolution which commenced in the 1960s, with most shipping operators preferring to use Grangemouth Docks instead. Nevertheless, today, it is the largest enclosed deep-water port in Scotland. The port was transformed in 1969 when a large state-of-the-art sea lock was installed, transforming the tidal harbour into a deep-water docks. Its fortunes were further boosted with the discovery of oil in the southern North Sea. A motley collection of vessels operated out of Leith to supply and service the oil rigs. There were further ships involved in the...



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