

QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 11/09

Visit Of A Nuclear Powered Vessel To The Solent 4 - 8 April 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that between 4 and 8 April 2009 a nuclear powered military warship will conduct a formal visit to Portsmouth. During this period, the nuclear vessel will be anchored at "C Anchorage" in the Central Solent.
2. Mariners are advised that the nuclear vessel is deemed to be "a vessel constrained by her draught" as defined under the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS Rule 3(f) and 18) and is to be considered a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway (COLREGS Rule 9) at all times when underway within the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth.
3. Mariners are further advised that LNTM 40/05 (Dormant Exclusion Zone for Underway Warships) will be activated for the entry and departure of the nuclear vessel. In summary all vessels except those involved in the escort are to remain 250 metres clear of the nuclear vessel whilst it is underway. VTS Southampton, acting with QHM's authority, will direct commercial traffic to keep outside this zone. Warning broadcasts will be made on VHF Channels 11, 12 and 16 as appropriate and the escort vessels will show blue flashing lights.
4. Whilst at anchor there will be a 250 metre Exclusion Zone in place around the nuclear vessel, which will be enforced by Ministry of Defence Police. Only vessels authorised by QHM will be allowed to enter this zone.
5. For the duration of the visit, miscellaneous service craft will be berthed alongside the nuclear vessel and mariners passing C Anchorage should amend their passage plans to ensure they avoid the restricted area. Vessels navigating in the vicinity are to maintain a listening watch on VHF and are

to be aware of the effects of their wake and are to reduce speed accordingly.

6. Cancel this Local Notice To Mariners Thu 9th Apr 2009 (8 days)

Wed 1st Apr 2009  
Semaphore Tower  
HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

S O Hopper  
Commander Royal Navy  
Queen's Harbour Master

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