

QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 12/09

Offload Of HMS ENDURANCE From Heavy Lift Ship "MV TARGET" At Spithead 8 -
12 April 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN jointly by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth and the Harbour Master ABP Southampton that between 8 and 12 April 2009 (weather dependant) HMS ENDURANCE will be floated off the Heavy Lift ship MV TARGET in the vicinity of Spithead and moved to an alongside berth in Portsmouth Naval Base.
2. The operation will be conducted in three phases:
 - a. Phase One, 8-10 April 2009
The Heavy Lift ship MV TARGET will enter the Solent via the Nab Deep Water Channel and proceed to anchor at Spithead 9A, SW of Gilkicker Point for removal of sea fastenings and commencement of ballasting operations.
 - b. Phase Two, 10-11 April 2009
MV TARGET will re-position to an area approximately midway between North Sturbridge Buoy and No Man's Land Fort, just north of Firing Practice Area X5037, where ballasting operations will complete to "float off" HMS ENDURANCE from her deck; this is expected to take between 18-20 hours. On completion, HMS ENDURANCE will be towed to an alongside berth in Portsmouth Naval Base.
 - c. Phase Three, 11-15 April 2009
Once partially de-ballasted, MV TARGET will return to Spithead 9A anchorage to prepare for Sea.
3. During Phases One and Two, there will be a 250 metre Exclusion Zone in place around the MV TARGET/HMS ENDURANCE, which will be enforced by Ministry of Defence Police. Only vessels authorised by QHM will be allowed to enter this zone. A tug will be in attendance throughout all ballasting operations. Vessels navigating in the vicinity are to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channels 11 and 12 and are to be aware of the effects of their wake and are to reduce speed accordingly. The Man of War Anchorages,

Spithead 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be kept clear throughout this period.

4. During the critical Offload period, Phase Two, vessels navigating in the main channel will be controlled by VTS Southampton such that opposing traffic will not pass each other between North Sturbridge Buoy and No Man's Land Fort. All vessels of greater than 20 metres in length are to reduce speed to the minimum required for safe navigation when passing these points.
5. The dates above are subject to suitable weather conditions and where possible, the key stages of the evolution will be published in the QHM Daily Movements Signal and broadcast on VHF Channels 11 and 12.
6. Cancel this Local Notice To Mariners Fri 17th Apr 2009 (16 days)

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

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Commander Royal Navy
Queen's Harbour Master
