

QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 13/09

Fort Blockhouse - Explosive Ordnance Investigation 5-10 April 2009

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth during the period 5th–10th April 2009 QHM will be operating in direct support of UK Land Forces who are tasked to undertake an investigation into a seismic anomaly on the causeway at Fort Blockhouse. This investigation will commence on Sunday 5th April 2009 and is programmed to run through to Friday 10th April 2009. A closure to Haslar Creek and the Inner Swashway will be periodically enforced as detailed within this LNTM.
2. Programme of events;
 - Sunday 5 April – Vehicular access to Fort Blockhouse ceases
 - Monday 6 April – Arrival of Equipment, preparations to excavate
 - Thursday 9 / Friday 10 April – 2100 through 0600 Haslar Creek & Inner Swashway closed to all Mariners. A 250 metre safety zone centred on 50 47.28 N 001 6.90 W will be established and patrolled by the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP).
 - Friday 10 April – At the discretion of UK Land Force Commander and QHM, Haslar Creek and Inner Swashway will be re-opened to normal marine traffic from 0600 through 2100.
 - Dependant upon progress made, it may be necessary to re-instate the 250 metre safety zone again on Saturday 11 / Sunday 12 April 2009 between 2100 and 0600.
 - Any ordnance found will be made safe and removed from site for disposal on 14-15 April 2009.
3. During the course of the investigation mariners are to be further advised that for operational reasons, requirements may change at short notice. Any change will be implemented by the UK Land Force Commander and or

QHM; if appropriate, changes will be broadcast on VHF Channel 11.

4. The Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth directs that no vessel is to broach the safety zone at any time whilst it is in force and is to adhere to any instruction given by: QHM Harbour Control, MDP or UK Land Forces.
5. Throughout the period 5th to 12th April 2009 all mariners may seek further information from QHM Harbour Control on VHF Channel 11 or by telephoning 02392 723694 as appropriate.
6. Cancel this Local Notice To Mariners Thu 16th Apr 2009 (14 days)

Thu 2nd Apr 2009
Semaphore Tower
HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

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Commander Royal Navy
Queen's Harbour Master
