

QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 41/09

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION (REVISED) – WEST RYDE ROADS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that between 24 & 29 September 2009 a small Archaeological Excavation will commence to the west of Ryde Roads, approximately 4 cables ENE of Wootton Beacon. This is part of an ongoing research project into the peat deposits found in the general area
2. The work will involve the excavation of a small (1 x 3 metre) test pit in the vicinity of position 50 44'.60N 001 11'.51W by divers/research team from the University of Southampton; the exact position will be determined on the first day of operations and passed to QHM Harbour Control. To assist in the work a 1 x 3 metre metal grid will be placed on the seabed in the selected position. Diving operations, which will not be conducted every day, will be undertaken from the RNSA Moorings Barge "Uncle Bill", secured to a temporary head and stern Mooring in the vicinity of the above position; the vessel will be returning to Portsmouth on completion of each day's work. The Mooring will be marked by unlit large red inflatable buoys marked "RNSA" and the dive area will also be marked by unlit spherical orange buoys; all buoys will be recovered on completion of the operation.
3. All mariners navigating in the vicinity are requested to keep a good lookout and to pass the area at a slow speed keeping where possible at least 50 metres clear of the diving operations.
4. QHM Harbour Control will be kept informed of the progress of the work and may be contacted on VHF Ch 11 or by telephoning 02392 723689 for the latest information.
5. Local Notice to Mariners No 39/09 is hereby cancelled.
6. Cancel this Local Notice To Mariners Wed 30th Sep 2009 (10 days)

Fri 18th Sep 2009
Semaphore Tower
HM Naval Base, Portsmouth.

S O Hopper
Commander Royal Navy
Queen's Harbour Master
