

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 04 of 2014

(Update and Re-Issue of Notice to Mariners No 04 of 2014)

Prevention and Reports of Oil Pollution In The Port of Southampton, Southampton Water, The Solent and Portsmouth Harbour

- 1 **Ship-owners, Masters and Operators of water-frontage installations are reminded that** it is an offence to discharge oil, or any mixture containing oil into Harbour, River or Dock Waters.

The discharge of clean bilge and ballast water may only be carried out with the prior permission of the Harbour Master. Reception facilities are available in the Port of Southampton for the disposal of oily wastes and arrangements should be made through berth or ship's agents. (See NTM No 8 of 2016 MARPOL 73/78 – Prevention of Pollution and Reception Facilities for Ship Generated Waste)

All out-falls and discharges from water-frontage installations into the Harbour must be frequently monitored. Separators or other devices for removing oil from water should be regularly inspected and maintained.

The Harbour Master has powers to detain a vessel from which he has reason to believe there has been a discharge as described above. The Harbour Authority can require a payment to be made by way of security.

Reporting Of Spillages

- 2 Any discharge of oil or mixture containing oil into the Harbour, Rivers or Dock Waters must be reported immediately to the Harbour Master. (Report by radio; VHF Channel 12, Call Sign 'SOUTHAMPTON VTS')

Failure to report discharge is an offence.

Fuelling and Transferring Oil

- 3 It is a legal requirement that all intended transfers of oil between SUNSET and SUNRISE should be notified in advance, in writing to the Harbour Master. This applies to all ships in the Port of Southampton whether at anchor, underway or alongside any berth, wharf or jetty.

- 4 It is emphasised that the requirements of Prevention of Oil Pollution legislation will be strictly enforced by the Harbour Authority.

Oil Pollution

- 5 In order that oil pollution may be effectively dealt with mariners, occupants of recreational craft and other persons sighting significant patches of oil on the water in the Port of Southampton, Southampton Water, The Solent and Portsmouth Harbour are invited to report the sighting, giving the position, extent, description eg light film, slick, heavy black, crude etc and direction of the movement if possible.
- 6 Reports may be made as follows:

In the case of Mariners to either

- a HARBOUR MASTER SOUTHAMPTON by
 - i VHF Ch 12 or 14 [Call sign 'SOUTHAMPTON VTS']
 - ii Telephone Southampton 02380 608208
- b QUEEN'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH by
 - i VHF Ch 11, 13 [Call sign 'QHM']
 - ii Telephone Portsmouth 02392 723694

In the case of occupants of recreational craft or others to:

HM COASTGUARD by

- i VHF Ch 67 [Call sign 'SOLENT COASTGUARD']
Telephone Solent Coastguard 02392 552100

Reports will be passed to the appropriate authorities for action.

This Notice to Mariners is promulgated jointly with Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth (QHM General Direction No 11/10 refers).

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Berth 37, Eastern Docks
Southampton**

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.