

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 12 of 2016

(Update and Re-Issue of Notice to Mariners No 12 of 2014)

Movement of Gas Tankers In The Solent

- 1 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that these directions have been promulgated jointly by the Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth and the Harbour Master ABP Southampton, to ensure the safe navigation of gas tankers within the Solent. QHM General Direction No 5/10 also refers.
- 2 This Notice applies to all gas tankers loaded or partly loaded and to gas tankers, which have not been rendered gas free.
- 3 Gas tankers in transit within The Solent may not enter an area in which the visibility is less than ½ mile.
- 4 Before navigating within the area between the North Sturbridge Buoy and the Warner Buoy, all gas tankers must establish communications with the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth on VHF Ch 11 to advise of their transit and to ascertain movements into and out of Portsmouth Harbour.
- 5 No vessel may anchor closer to a gas tanker than at a distance equal to twice their combined lengths.
- 6 At no time will more than three gas tankers be permitted to anchor in the Controlled Anchorage Area in Southampton Water, between the Hamble Point Buoy and the Coronation Buoy, as depicted on Admiralty Chart 2038 Southampton Water and Approaches.

**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.