NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Autumn Maintenance Dredging September – October 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the trailing suction hopper dredger 'UKD Bluefin' will be engaged in dredging in the main channels, swinging grounds and berths in the Rivers Itchen and Test, Port of Southampton, also in Southampton Water and the Thorn Channel, for a period of approximately 4 weeks, commencing on or about Monday 19th September 2016.

Bed levelling will also be carried out by the bed levelling tender 'UKD Sealion' in berths and channels as necessary, in conjunction with the dredging programme. This work will commence on or about Saturday 17th September 2016 and take place for a period of approximately 8 weeks.

The dredger and tender will display lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and mariners are requested to reduce speed as safe navigation permits when passing them whilst engaged in underwater activities.

Weather allowing, dredging and bed levelling operations will be continuous throughout the period and mariners should expect to pass the 'UKD Bluefin' at any time between the upper reaches of Southampton Water and the Nab disposal area.

The dredgers will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 throughout dredging operations and mariners may also request movement information from Southampton VTS on VHF Channel 12.

This notice will be self-cancelling on completion of the dredging programme.

Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Berth 37, Eastern Docks
Southampton

Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master

12th September 2016

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.