

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS No 17 of 2024**

### **Port of Southampton -Testing of Engines & Equipment**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Master or Crew of a vessel alongside in the Port of Southampton must make contact with VTS prior to conducting any exercise that could affect another port stakeholder or port infrastructure.

This can include, but is not limited to:

- Testing of engines during maintenance.
- Testing propulsion prior to departure.
- Testing or use of any thruster.
- Lowering of anchors.
- Shifting vessel on own lines.
- Any overside works that may pose a risk to the environment (for example propellor cleaning, hull cleaning, painting etc.)
- Lowering any boats to the water; reference should be made to section 3.3.14 of [The Southampton Byelaws](#) - Outboard Operations Including Slewing of Cranes & Davits.

For any vessel wishing to conduct any of these activities should contact VTS on VHF channel 12 prior to commencement.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre  
Ocean Dock, Atlantic Way  
Southampton**

**Steve Masters  
Harbour Master**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**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.**