

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Solfire West Exercise

Southampton Water, 14th November 2013

Notice is hereby given that the SOLFIRE Plan will be exercised in the Port of Southampton on Thursday 14th November 2013. SOLFIRE WEST 13 will test multi-agency emergency preparedness and response to an incident involving a vessel in difficulty as it transits towards The Eastern Docks.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service, Hampshire Police, South Central Ambulance Service, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Whitaker Tankers Limited and The Port of Southampton will be taking part. All agencies involved in the exercise are committed to ensuring they can provide an excellent professional collaborative response to such an incident and the exercise provides a good opportunity for all involved to rehearse response together.

A large number of emergency services' vehicles will be involved, converging on the Eastern Docks from approximately 1030 GMT, and the exercise will last for approximately five hours.

All mariners are advised that navigation in the vicinity of Dock Head may be subject to restriction for short periods during the exercise but all efforts will be made to minimise disruption. Mariners should consult Southampton VTS on VHF Ch 12 for further information in the normal manner.

A new version of The SOLFIRE Plan has been published on the Southampton VTS website.

This notice will be self-cancelling on conclusion of the exercise.

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

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

12th November 2013

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