

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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Port of Southampton – Southampton Approach Channel Dredge – Programme January 2014 Onwards

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Southampton Approach Channel Dredge (SACD) will commence in the near future. Over the next 9 to 12 months, the SACD will involve dredging operations both within and in the margins of the main navigational channel throughout Southampton Docks, Southampton Water, the Central and Eastern Solent and the Nab Channel.

The Trailing Suction Hopper Dredgers 'Cornelis Zanen', 'Barent Zanen' and 'Shoreway' will all be involved in the dredging operations at some stage.

Initially, from on or about Thursday 9th January 2014, the 'Cornelis Zanen' will commence dredging within the main channels of the River Test, Southampton Docks and as far south as Dock Head.

Weather allowing, the dredging operations will be conducted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and dredged material will be disposed of at the Nab dumping ground. The 'Cornelis Zanen' will be joined by the 'Barent Zanen' and the 'Shoreway' at various stages during the operations.

As dredging operations will be continuous throughout the period, mariners should expect to pass the dredgers and associated vessels at any time between Southampton Docks and the Nab disposal area. They will all display the 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 dredging activities.

All vessels involved will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 throughout the operations and mariners may also request movement information from Southampton VTS on VHF Channel 12.

Notices to Mariners will be published on a regular basis, to update on the dredging operations as they are conducted throughout the area stated above.

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**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

8th January 2014

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.

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