



QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER
PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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PORTSMOUTH TRIATHLON - 29 SUNDAY JUNE 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that the swimming leg of the Portsmouth Triathlon will take place between South Parade Pier and Southsea Castle on Sunday 29 June 2014.
2. Approximately five hundred swimmers will be taking part in the event; the swimmers will be marshalled by numerous safety craft both inside and on the perimeter of the swim course.
3. The swims will consist of several classes, the longest completing a 750 metre course which will start approximately 50 metres from the shoreline to no more than 150 metres from the shoreline (in the line with the end of South Parade Pier) at 0800 with the last wave of adult swimmers entering the water at 0905. After this, there will be four waves of junior swimmers completing shorter distances close inshore, starting at around 1000, with the final wave at 1120. All swimmers are expected to be clear of the water by 1130.
4. Safety cover will be provided by the Portsmouth & Southsea Volunteer Lifeguards and other qualified water safety marshals at a minimum ratio of 1:10 swimmers on craft which enable close access to the swimmers, such as surf boards and kayaks, supported by a rib boat patrolling the perimeter area of the swim course from South Parade Pier to Southsea Castle. Swim wave sizes and the number of waves in the water at any one time will be managed so the ration of 1:10 swimmers is maintained throughout.
5. Communication between shore event control and the race safety adviser will be via VHF radio channel 16 switching to a designated Channel chosen on the day of the race. In the event of an incident which poses a danger to swimmers or water safety personnel, an agreed auditory and visual signal (all water safety personnel will carry a whistle) will be actioned to alert all water safety craft and swimmers to return to shore immediately:
 - **1 short whistle blast** - used to gain the attention of a swimmer.
 - **2 short whistle blasts** - used to gain the attention of a fellow lifeguard.

- **3 short whistle blasts** - used to signal to a fellow lifeguard that an emergency is taking place, action must be taken.
- **3 long air horn blasts** - used to signal to swimmers and marshals that they must exit the water immediately.

6. The Swim course director will be in communication with the Lifeguard HQ on the promenade who will have radio contact with Event Control and emergency services.

7. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of the swimmers and their support craft during this swimming competition.

8. Cancel this Local Notice to Mariners with effect from 30 June 2014.

24 June 2014
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HM Naval Base, Portsmouth
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