



QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER
PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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CROSS SOLENT SWIM: 19-20 JULY 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that a Charity Cross Solent Swim in aid of the charity Aspire will take place on Saturday 19 July 2014 with a spare day on 20 July 2014 in the event of poor weather.
2. Ten swimmers will be taking part in the event; with two RIBs and one further safety boat escorting them. In addition, each swimmer will be accompanied by a kayaker acting as an individual safety boat. The lead boat has call sign 'RIB MARLIN' and all safety boats are fitted with VHF. A listening watch on VHF Ch11 and Ch12 will be maintained throughout the swim.
3. The proposed route of the swim is from Gilkicker to Ryde Sands. The swim is expected to start at approximately 08:40 and complete by around 11:00 (or 09:50 start and complete by around 12:00 if the swim takes place on 20 July).
4. The escort craft will display the International Code 'ALPHA' Flag whilst escorting the swimmers.
5. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of the swimmer and the support craft during their crossing of the Solent.
6. Cancel this Local Notice to Mariners with effect from 22 July 2014.

11 July 2014
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HM Naval Base, Portsmouth
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Queens Harbour Master

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.