



QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER  
PORTSMOUTH

**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS**

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**CROSS SOLENT SWIM: 21-23 JULY 2014**

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that a Charity Cross Solent Swim in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association (Isle of Wight Branch) will take place on Monday 21 July 2014 with spare days 22-23 July 2014 in the event of poor weather.
2. Twenty-two swimmers will be taking part in the event; with seven safety boats split between two groups of swimmers. In addition, each swimmer will be accompanied by a kayaker acting as an individual safety boat. The lead boat has call sign 'SEA BREEZE' 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 Ryde Sands to Southsea Seafront. The swim is expected to start at approximately 13:00 and complete by around 15:00. Times will be adjusted to be later to fit the tides in the event of using one of the spare days.
4. The escort craft will display the International Code 'ALPHA' Flag whilst escorting the swimmer.
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 24 July 2014.

9 July 2014  
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HM Naval Base, Portsmouth  
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**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.**