



QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER
PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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SOLENT MARATHON SWIM 12/13 JULY 2014

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that a Charity Marathon Swim by the "Ladies Wot Swim" group in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance will take place on Saturday 12 July 2014 with spare day 13 July 2014 in the event of poor weather.
2. Four swimmers will be taking part in the event, although only one will be in the water at a time; with a safety boat, callsign "MELLOW YELLOW", a rib "BLUETUBE" and a Kayak "SWIMMERKAYAK" in attendance throughout, and will be listening on VHF Channels 12 and 16.
3. The proposed route of the swim is from St Helen's Fort to The Needles, remaining close inshore to the Isle of Wight wherever possible. The swim is expected to start at approximately 0800 (0845 13 July) and complete by around 1630.
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 14 July 2014.

7 July 2014
Semaphore Tower
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.