

QUEENS HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 96 / 14

SEABED SURVEY IN PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR ENTRANCE AND SOLENT 24 NOVEMBER – 22 DECEMBER 2014

- 1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** jointly by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth and the Harbour Master, ABP Southampton, that from 24 November 2014 a Seabed Survey will be undertaken of cable routes in and around Portsmouth Harbour Entrance and from Southsea to the Isle of Wight. This work is a prelude to cable removal and laying operations which will take place subsequently and will be the subject of a further Local Notice to Mariners.
- 2. The survey areas are bounded by the following positions:

Solent: area from Southsea Castle to Lumps Fort, across to No Man's Land and Horse Sands Forts and across to the Seaview area of the Isle of Wight. The area covers all the areas marked on Chart BA2037 as containing "Numerous Cables" and encompasses the area marked as prohibited for fishing and anchoring.

50° 43.44' N	001° 07.71' W
50° 43.87' N	001° 07.29' W
50° 45.25' N	001° 04.56' W
50° 46.75' N	001° 04.43' W
50° 46.85' N	001° 03.90' W
50° 46.48' N	001° 03.58' W
50° 45.27' N	001° 03.48' W
50° 44.09' N	001° 04.40' W
50° 43.35' N	001° 06.96' W

Portsmouth Harbour Entrance: area encompassing the full width of the Entrance from The Point in the north to approximately 200 metres south of Victoria Pile.

50° 47.29' N	001° 06.87' W
50° 47.45' N	001° 06.55' W
50° 47.24' N	001° 06.77' W
50° 47.39' N	001° 06.51' W

The work will be carried out by the survey vessel "Otarie" (Call sign "MRVC3") a
metre long vessel. Operations will be weather dependant and only conducted for 12

hours per day. There is a possibility that the 24 metre vessel "EGS Pioneer" (Call sign "2EGS9") may also be utilised for up to a two-day period. This vessel will operate day and night. Appropriate COLREGS will be displayed whist either vessel is conducting survey operations. Both vessels will be operating towed side scan sonar and magnetometer survey equipment, up to 100 metres astern.

- 4. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of survey operations. Survey operations in the main shipping channels will be de-conflicted with large vessel movements. QHM Harbour Control and VTS Southampton will be kept informed and can be contacted on Channel 11 or 12 as appropriate.
- 5. Cancel this LNTM on 31 December 2014.

18 November 2014 Semaphore Tower HM Naval Base, Portsmouth www.qhmportsmouth.com S O HOPPER 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.