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QUEEN'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH
Port of Southampton – Intentions For The Tow of MV Hoegh
Osaka from A Anchorage to 101 Berth Southampton 22 Jan
15

LNTM No 20/15

1. Notice is hereby given jointly by The Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth and The Harbour Master ABP Southampton that following the righting of MV Hoegh Osaka in the vicinity of Alpha Anchorage in the Central Solent, it is intended that she will be towed into the Port of Southampton today, 22nd January 2015. The tow will commence at approximately 1630GMT, from Alpha Anchorage, and is expected to take approximately 3 hours, the ship being berthed at 101 Berth, Western Docks, at approximately 1930GMT.
2. The towing operation will be conducted by 4 tugs, secured to the MV Hoegh Osaka, under the control of the operation's Salvage Master, assisted by 2 ABP Southampton Pilots. The tow will proceed at a speed of approximately 4 knots.
3. The Temporary Exclusion Zone of 300 metres around the vessel, established by The Queen's Harbour Master, Portsmouth in General Direction No 1/15, remains in force until the vessel leaves the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth. Thereafter, for the passage, a Temporary Exclusion Zone has been established by the Secretary of State's Representative (SOSREP) (as attached) and, exceptionally, a Moving Prohibited Zone of 1000 metres ahead and astern and 100 metres on either side and 'Clear Channel' status will apply to the vessel throughout the passage.
4. A Restricted Airspace Temporary (RAT) has also been established, covering the passage from the anchorage to the berth. This restricts entry to the airspace around the vessel, within 1 mile of the vessel and from sea level to 2000 feet, with exemptions to operations to and from Southampton Airport and to the emergency services. Any other aircraft will require approval from SOSREP to enter this airspace.

5. Mariners and Pilots are advised that failure to comply with the above TEZs or RAT is a criminal offence.

6. Southampton Patrol launches and Hampshire Police Marine Unit launches will be accompanying the tow to monitor other traffic movements and to maintain the TEZ.

7. All mariners are advised that they should remain clear of the tow at all times whilst on passage and that navigation in the main channel, north of the West Bramble Buoy, will be subject to restriction from 1630GMT until MV Hoegh Osaka is alongside 101 Berth, at approximately 1930GMT.

8. Mariners should consult Southampton VTS to confirm timings for movements in the normal manner.

9. This notice will be self-cancelling on conclusion of the towing operations, together with QHM General Direction 1/15, at 2359 on Friday 23rd January 2015.

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