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QUEEN'S HARBOUR MASTER PORTSMOUTH
Cable Removal Operations Portsmouth Harbour Entrance
including Diving Operations 20-31 Jan 15 Amendment to
18/15

LNTM No 23/15

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth that work is continuing on operations to remove redundant cables in and around Portsmouth Harbour Entrance. The work duration is unknown but expected to take no more than 6 days, but may continue as far as 14 February.

2. The work will take place within an area bounded by the following positions:
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

3. The work will be carried out by the cable handling vessel "Suffolk Spirit", a 22 metre Multicat. This will be supported by the guard vessel "Pampero", an 11 metre Cabin RIB, in addition to a Diving Support RIB "Mistral". Diving Operations are anticipated to be required only at the Fort Blockhouse end of the cable runs. It is anticipated that Operations will be weather/tide dependant and only conducted at slack water periods. Operations across the harbour entrance will be planned for periods of low traffic density, and will be carefully coordinated with QHM Harbour Control on VHF Channel 11.

4. Operations will consist of diving to locate the ends of the cables and then recovery operations by the "Suffolk Spirit" to recover the cables. As part of the diving operations, a small pellet buoy will be laid close inshore. If left overnight, this will be marked with yellow/green cyalumes. For recovery operations, the

“Suffolk Spirit” is planned to remain clear of the Main Channel, but may obstruct the Small Boat Channel. Depending on progress, it may be necessary for the “Suffolk Spirit” to work across the harbour entrance, but this will be carefully coordinated with QHM Harbour Control.

5. All mariners are requested to keep a good lookout and pass well clear of operations when underway, which will be indicated by the “Suffolk Spirit” displaying appropriate shapes (Ball-Diamond-Ball) or lights (Red-White-Red). All vessels involved will be listening to VHF Channel 11 throughout operations.

6. Cancel this LNTM on 14 February 2015.

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