LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 31(T) OF 2014

COWES CHAIN FERRY PLANNED MAINTENANCE, FAIRWAY PARTIAL OBSTRUCTION

Notice is hereby given that due to essential maintenance including changing of the guide wheels, the chain ferry will be taken out of service at 10:00 on Wednesday 12th November for approximately 5 hours. The ferry will initially be moored on the East Cowes slipway, taken out of service and become un-manoeuvrable. As the tide continues to flood she will in effect become moored off the East Cowes slipway reducing the normal navigable width of the fairway for that state of tide. When moored off the clearance over the chains in the centre of the available fairway will still be at least that advertised in normal conditions (a minimum of 1.7m below chart datum) and will not affect the ability of vessels to transit the area. Once the guide wheels have been changed the ferry will become manoeuvrable and will move inshore back to the East Cowes slipway whilst the remaining works are carried out. The chain ferry will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 69 at all times. A launch service for passengers will be in operation during the planned maintenance.

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