



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 12 of 2019

Vessel Movements in Restricted Visibility

within Cowes Harbour

LNTM 30 of 2018 is hereby cancelled.

Notice is hereby given that all vessels, in particular recreational vessels, are advised not to depart their berths if visibility is two cables (0.2nm / 370.4m) or less, unless the journey is essential.

Vessels may proceed at the skipper's discretion but are advised to do so with extreme caution and in compliance with the International Regulations for Prevention of Collisions. In particular Rule 19 - Conduct of vessels in restricted visibility, Rule 35 - Sound Signals in restricted visibility and Rule 5 - Lookout.

Skippers should also not proceed without a proper review of your passage plan, risk assessment or dynamic risk assessment, which should include, but is not limited to the following:-

- tidal conditions;
- other traffic in the vicinity;
- availability and effectiveness of your vessel's radar;
- how your vessel may appear to other traffic and on radar, ensuring that you have an effective radar reflector;
- ability to maintain an effective lookout;
- ability to sound the appropriate sound signals;
- availability of other suitable aids to navigation.

All vessels are to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 69 prior to arrival, departure and when underway within Cowes Harbour. Sailing vessels should proceed under power.

If the Harbour Master, or a duly authorised representative, has reason to believe that a vessel may not be equipped to safely enter, leave or transit in conditions of restricted visibility, they may direct that vessel to a safe anchorage or instruct it to remain alongside.

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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.

It should be noted that Local Notice to Mariners are issued as guidance by Cowes Harbour Commission to aid safe navigation for all Harbour users. Whilst they cannot be legally enforced, by not complying with the advice you may be placing yourself, your crew or other harbour users at risk.