



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 13 of 2018

REVISED SET OF COWES GENERAL DIRECTIONS COME INTO FORCE ON

1st July 2018

A revised set of General Directions has been ratified by Cowes Harbour Commission and will be introduced on 1st July 2018.

The amendments to **2.31** and **3.19** of the Cowes General Directions are highlighted in red font:

2.31. "Grounded" - means a vessel that unintentionally makes significant contact with the seabed but does not include incidents of minor touching of the seabed where no damage to the vessels watertight integrity occurs.

3.19. VHF Communications within Cowes Harbour

Except where such a requirement is suspended by the Commissioners in relation to a particular event or circumstance, **all vessels of 20 metres length overall and above and all vessels engaged in towing** are required to give notice of entry, movement **affecting the fairway** or departure within the area of jurisdiction of Cowes Harbour on VHF Channel 69.

All vessels required to give VHF notification shall give an 'ALL SHIPS' call **on VHF 69 when approaching Cowes**, prior to departure from **any riverside berth or prior to entering the fairway from any marina** within Cowes Harbour and when passing the following positions:

Inbound

- Prior to entering the Outer Harbour.
- 250m north of Cowes Chain Ferry (at Shepards Marina).
- Folly Inn (vessels bound for Newport).

Outbound

- Folly Inn.
- Kingston Wharf.
- 250m south of Cowes Chain Ferry (at Cowes Harbour Fuels).

The call shall give the following information:

- Vessel's name.
- Vessel's position.
- Intention.

Any vessel to which this Direction applies and under way within the area of jurisdiction of Cowes Harbour shall, if a close quarters or passing situation is likely to occur, respond to an 'ALL SHIPS' call from another vessel and state her name, position and whether inbound or outbound.

In addition, vessels to which this Direction applies shall maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch 69 at all times when under way within the Cowes Harbour **area of jurisdiction**.

The '**ALL SHIPS**' call as required by this Direction does not **entitle** any vessel priority or sole occupancy of the main fairway. All vessels are required to navigate in Cowes Harbour in compliance with the Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations (as amended) and Cowes Harbour General Directions.

It is emphasised that this Direction applies to **all vessels of 20 metres and above and all vessels engaged in towing**, leaving Newport Harbour and entering the jurisdiction of Cowes Harbour.

Nothing within this Direction shall relieve the Master of any vessel of over **20 metres** in length of his obligation to give due notice to the Cowes Chain Ferry by VHF radio call on Channel 69 as required under Section 6 of the 2014 Cowes General Directions (as amended).

The full set of updated General Directions will be available to view on the Cowes Harbour Commission website from July 1st 2018: www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/general_directions and hard copies can be obtained from the Harbour Office if required.

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