



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 02 of 2016 Movement of Vessels Approaching Town Quay and Jubilee Pontoon

(This is an updated version of the original Notice, first issued on 7th January 2016)

Notice is hereby given that all mariners are advised to **proceed with caution** when **navigating in the areas** of the **Jubilee Pontoon, Town Quay basin, and their approaches.**

Many vessels and craft of all sizes use the area including the Red Funnel Red Jet High Speed passenger craft berthing at Jubilee Pontoon, Red Funnel Ro-Ro vehicle and freight ferries and large commercial vessels transit the area on a regular basis and in addition, other smaller passenger vessels and recreational craft transit the area and berth at the public landing and associated pontoons in Town Quay. See [Local Notice to Mariners: Cowes Harbour Inner Harbour Precautionary Areas.](#)

Mariners are advised that inbound **Red Jets** will sound one short blast, in accordance with the collision regulations, prior to **turning to starboard off Jubilee Pontoon.** Mariners should not attempt to overtake the Red Jet when it is slowing to approach and turn onto Jubilee Pontoon. Attention is drawn to the turning area required by the Red Jets, the resulting wash that may be produced and the density of other traffic all within the confines of the Town Quay basin and its approaches.

All vessels over 20m which include passenger and vehicle ferries operating within Cowes Harbour make '**ALL SHIPS**' information calls prior to arrival and departure from Cowes Harbour on Working Channel (**VHF Ch. 69**). All mariners are therefore advised to keep a **listening watch on VHF Ch.69** at all times when within harbour limits.

Between HW -2.5hrs and HW, vessels transiting the Inner Fairway between the Island Sailing Club and the Eastern Channel may experience a westerly cross current of up to 2 knots. Larger vessels may be required to navigate on the eastern side of the fairway when inbound and outbound. **Vessels under 20m in length** and sailing vessels shall **avoid impeding their passage.** See [Local Notice to Mariners: Tidal Flows in Cowes Harbour.](#)

This Local Notice to Mariners shall remain in force until further notice.

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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.