

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 12 of 2019

Traffic Restrictions During Flood Defence Piling Works at Arundel

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that the Environment Agency will be carrying out essential flood defence works including sheet piling operations in Arundel on the west bank of the River Arun from November 2019. Works will involve the construction of an 18m beam jack-up barge, temporary pontoons as well as associated towage and workboat activity.

Transit between the A27 road bridge and the Queen Street (old town) bridge in Arundel will be completely restricted during the construction of the jack-up barge (when a spud leg pontoon will also be moved into the area) and during the piling operations (when sheet pile deliveries from Mill Road car park will be taking place by river).

For these critical operations (during working hours between 6th and 12th of November 2019, 0730-1800 Monday-Friday and 0730-1300 Saturday) the area will be closed to all craft. Mariners planning to transit through this area during these times should contact the Harbour Office to discuss making arrangements.

Any river user wishing to transit the area outside of these times should do so with utmost caution proceeding directly through the construction site at the minimum speed required to maintain steerage and with due regard to the effect of their wash. Anchoring, berthing or tying off to pontoons, plant, machinery and equipment in the area at any time will be strictly prohibited. The Master of any vessel over 6m LOA intending to transit the area at any time should also contact the Harbour Office to discuss passage planning requirements.

All vessels are advised to keep well clear of these operations while they taking place. Mariners should keep a good look out for tugs and barges operating in the vicinity during this project which are likely to be Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre (RAM). Operations will take not be restricted to daylight hours and any plant will be marked with flashing orange lights (Fl. Or.) during hours of darkness. Workboats and tugs will be listening on VHF Channel 71.

Construction works are being carried out by Mackley Civil Engineering, part of Team Van Oord. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Harbour Office or Mackley directly.

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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.

Restrictions are likely to be in place until at least Christmas and will be cancelled by a further Local Notice to Mariners.

Billy Johnson
Harbour Master
24th October 2019