

# LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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### Dredging of Shipping Channels and Temporary Repositioning of Buoys

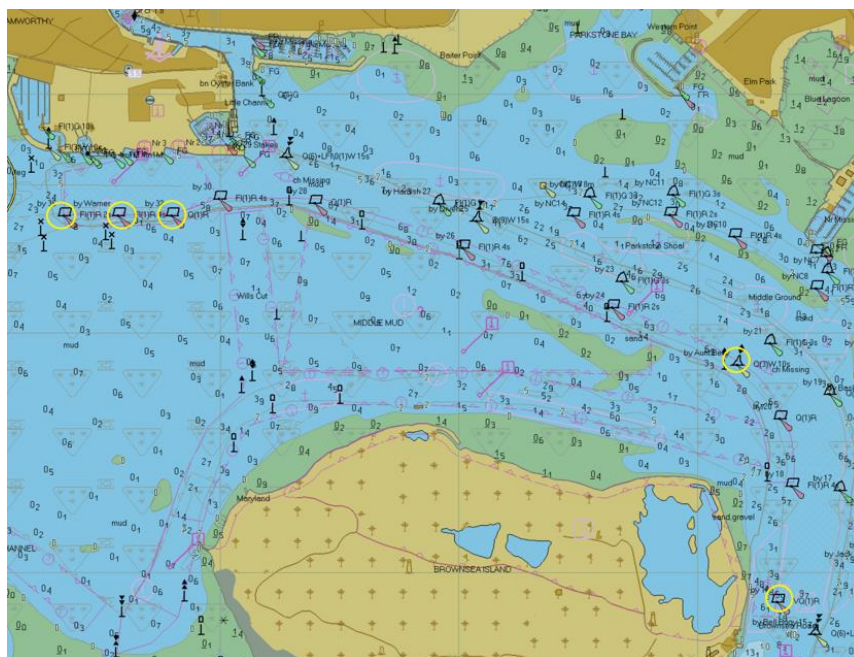
**Mariners are advised** that that maintenance dredging is planned to commence in the shipping channels from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for approximately one week to ensure depths are as advertised.

**In preparation for these works, mariners are further advised that five main shipping channel buoys are being repositioned approximately 30 meters outward from the dredged channels during the suitable tide/weather late morning on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

From Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 until further notice, mariners are advised to navigate with extreme caution in the turning basin and also when between Aunt Betty and the Harbour Entrance. Deeper drafted vessels must not rely on these five buoys as part of passage planning and shallower drafted vessels should maintain a good look out for their new temporary positions when navigating outside the main shipping channels.

The five buoys to be moved are listed and circled below:

- Port Lateral Mark '16' at Brownsea Roads will be moved towards the Island
- Cardinal Mark 'Aunt Betty' will be moved into the Small Boat Channel
- Port Lateral Marks '32', '34 Warner' and '36' will be moved south out of the Turning Basin.



From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger FREEWAY (92 metres LOA) will be operating on a 24-hour basis, will display appropriate light and shape signals and maintain a listening watch on VHF CH14. Mariners are requested to give this vessel a wide berth while dredging. There is not expected to be a need to relocate any vessels from their normal berths

The specific areas to be dredged at various times during the period include:

- East side of the Swash Channel between starboard lateral marks 'Bar Buoy 1' and '3'
- West side at Brownsea Roads around port lateral mark '16'
- Inside of the bend around cardinal mark 'Aunt Betty'
- North side of Middle Ship Channel between cardinal marks 'Stakes' and 'Diver'
- East side of Little Channel from 'Stakes' to the starboard beacon opposite New Quay
- South and west edges of the Turning Basin

All spoil will be deposited at the Swanage spoil ground so mariners should expect to encounter FREEWAY underway at any time in any area of the shipping channels or approaches so should maintain a constant watch on VHF CH14 as usual.



**Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, telephone and VHF channels are recorded 24-7.**

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

A cancellation will be issued when the dredging complete and the buoys have been moved back to charted positions. This is planned for approximately one week after commencement of dredging but works remain subject to extension based on progress.

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**HARBOUR MASTER**

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