

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No 26(T) of 2015

BREAKWATER EXCLUSION ZONE BUOYAGE AND BREAKWATER WORKS

(This notice supersedes Local Notice to Mariners No 05(T) of 2015 which is hereby cancelled)

Notice is hereby given that works on the new detached breakwater will commence on Thursday, 23rd July 2015, these works will require a modified Exclusion Zone from 17:00 on Thursday, 23rd July, see Figure 1. The main change to the Exclusion Zone will be the extension north to No. 2 buoy, which will mark the northwest corner of the Exclusion Zone.

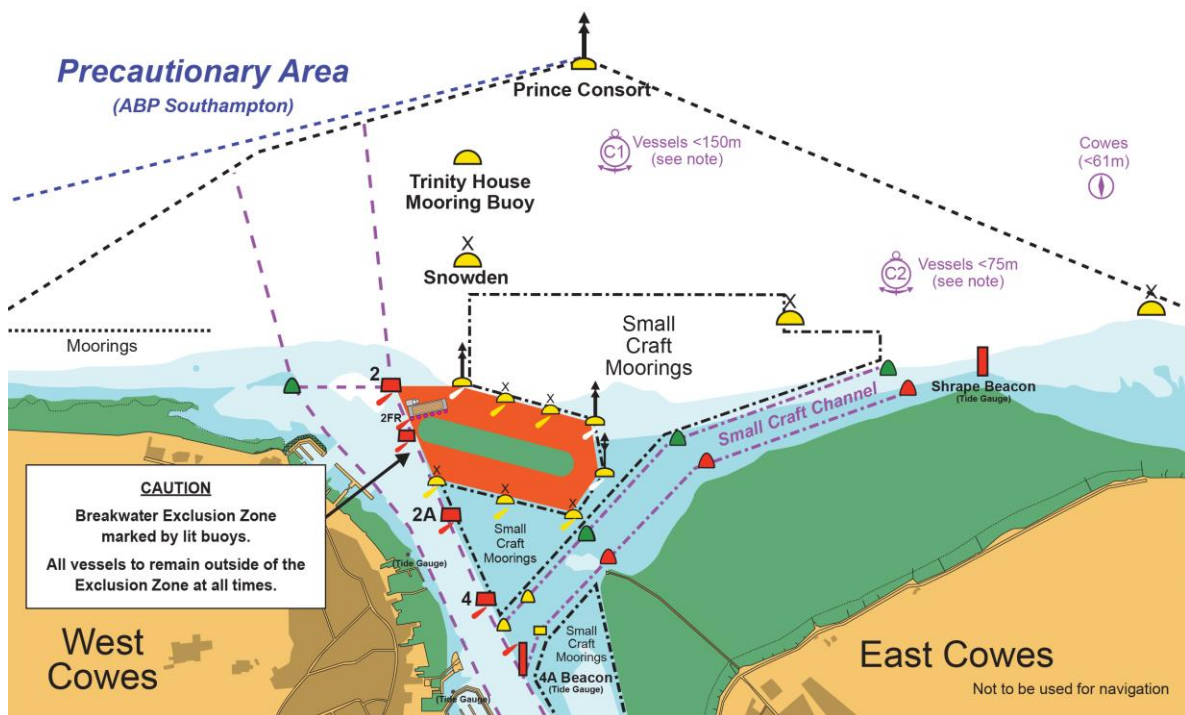


Fig 1: Stage 8 Exclusion Zone summer 2015

The works will initially involve a temporary dock being constructed on the northwest corner of the breakwater. The dock will consist of 6 steel piles being driven at 10m centres, the westernmost pile will be marked with two fixed red lights, and the dock will facilitate the mooring of the rock barges.

The reshaping of the breakwater gravel core will commence around Wednesday, 29th July. This will require the removal of the 5 yellow special mark beacons on the breakwater; permanent navigation marks will be installed on completion of the works in October 2015.

The first rock barge is expected in Cowes around Saturday, 1st August when the placement of rock armour will commence. We expect the barge to be on station for around 18 hours at a time before departing the Exclusion Zone; approximately two barges are expected per week. The barge will be accompanied by the tug ‘*Smit Beluga*’ which will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 69 as well as making an ‘All Ships’ broadcast on arrival at the Cowes Harbour limits and again prior to departure from the Exclusion Zone; a Cowes pilot will also be embarked.

The Exclusion Zone is marked with the following lit buoys:

Latitude (N)	Longitude (W)	Buoy	Light
50 46.076	01 17.748	N. Cardinal	VQ
50 46.060	01 17.700	Yellow Special Mark	Fl.Y.4s
50 46.048	01 17.612	Yellow Special Mark	Fl.Y.4s
50 46.035	01 17.520	N. Cardinal	VQ
50 45.978	01 17.500	E. Cardinal	Fl.VQ.3
50 45.940	01 17.540	Yellow Special Mark	Fl.Y.4s
50 45.960	01 17.683	Yellow Special Mark	Fl.Y.4s
50 45 974	01 17.800	Yellow Special Mark	Fl.Y.4s
50 46.025	01 17.836	Breakwater West Red lateral	Fl.R.2s
50 46.076	01 17.874	No 2 Buoy Red Lateral	Q.R

Table 1: Exclusion Zone Navigation Marks, Positions and Characteristics

All vessels are reminded that they must stay outside of the Exclusion Zone at all times; contravening the Exclusion Zone is a breach of the [Cowes Harbour General Direction 10.1](#).

Harbour users are also recommended to familiarise themselves with the contents of [Local Notice to Mariners: Changes to Tidal Flows within Cowes Harbour](#).

A new Notice to Mariners will be issued prior to any further changes in the Exclusion Zone or associated works.

This Local Notice to Mariners remains in force until further notice.

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