

**PORT OF SUNDERLAND**

**NOTICE TO MARINERS**

**ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST**

**DOWNRIVER TRANSIT OF BARGE AND REMOVAL OF SMALL CRAFT**

**Ref. No. 07 of 2017**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that approximately 1600 on Monday, 20th March, 2017, the barge Louis, will return under tow from New Wear Crossing, Pallion / Castletown to Greenwells Quay in the lower reaches of the harbour.

Port of Sunderland safety vessels will be in attendance during the transit to implement river control and safety measures.

In accordance with powers granted under Section 83 of the Sunderland Corporation Act, 1972, the Harbour Master hereby directs that all vessels berthed or moored in the River Wear between the west end of Corporation Quay and the New Wear Crossing site shall be removed prior to 1800, Sunday, 19th March, 2017, with the following exceptions:

- Vessels moored alongside the quay wall at Sunderland Fish Quay
- Vessels moored inside the old Austin's dry dock at Panns Bank

Any vessel not removed as directed by the appointed time and date will become liable to removal by the Harbour Master's staff, with a charge being made where appropriate.

To minimise risk of damage or inconvenience, it is recommended that mooring buoys are removed and lines dropped to the river bed. This is especially the case at Deptford and off the Fish Quay.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate displaced boats at the West Wall situated between the east end of Corporation Quay and South Dock entrance and (if necessary) at designated berths within South Docks. Boats must be berthed securely in accordance with any instructions issued by the Harbour Master's staff.

Special passes issued for admission to the docks during the barge's upriver passage on 19/01/2017 will remain valid for readmission

Boat owners / crew-members must only proceed directly to / from their boats and are strictly prohibited from going to any other parts of the docks. They must comply with any instructions issued by port staff or security officers, including those relating to the parking of vehicles.

Only essential crew-members required to remove a vessel from the port estate will be allowed on port premises. Such persons must be accompanied by the relevant boat owner.

All boats must vacate South Docks estate (including West Wall) without delay once the barge has reached Greenwells Quay.

Additional instructions regarding closure of the river during the barge's passage and action required by boat owners will be notified in due course.

Further information can be obtained from Local Port Services, Port Control, as follows:

Telephone: 0191 514 2752  
Marine VHF radio: Channel 14 (Sunderland Harbour Radio)  
Email: [portmarineoperations@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:portmarineoperations@sunderland.gov.uk)

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*Dated the 9th day of March, 2017*