

## **PORT OF SUNDERLAND**

### **NOTICE TO MARINERS ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST**

#### **NEW WEAR CROSSING - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**Ref. No. 12 of 2017**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** updating the current situation in relation to construction operations at the New River Wear Crossing site between Castletown and Pallion, Sunderland in approximate position Lat. 54° 55.015' N Long. 01° 25.431' W (OS Grid Ref NZ 370 581).

Mariners should note that the navigation channel (approximately 20 metres wide) now runs to the south of the central pylon between the cofferdam and access pontoons. This channel will be maintained at all times until further notice.

The construction barge Claude Monique is athwart the north side of the river with winch ropes passing across the navigation channel to the south having been slackened and lying along the riverbed. Anchors in use are marked with orange buoys.

**Please refer to the attached diagram for the latest positions of the navigational exclusion zones and navigational channel, together with positions of attendant construction vessels and obstructions, including:**

- Construction barge Claude Monique
- Black pontoons
- Cofferdam for central bridge pylon
- Steel piles
- Access pontoons from south riverbank
- Navigational and marker buoys / lights
- Bridge deck

**Masters and users of all vessels and river craft are warned to keep well clear of the Exclusion Zone, which is shaded red on the attached diagram.**

**All vessels and craft must pass through the Exclusion Zone using the navigation channel shaded green.**

**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT GREAT CARE AND CAUTION IS EXERCISED BY RIVER USERS, PARTICULARLY REGARDING VESSEL DRAUGHT AND PREVAILING TIDAL CONDITIONS, TOGETHER WITH HEIGHT CLEARANCE BENEATH THE BRIDGE.**

**The clearance beneath the bridge deck is restricted to 12 metres at High Water.**

Farrans Construction operatives will be on station while operations are in progress (generally 0700 - 1800).

Contact can be made with construction staff by Marine VHF Channel 14 during the above times, as follows:

Construction barge Claude Monique:	Call-sign "Claude Monique"
Safety boat Hesperus:	Call-sign "Hesperus"

Instructions issued by the Harbour Master, his deputies and assistants, together with those of the safety boat / barge must be strictly adhered to.

Additional information can be obtained from Local Port Services, Port Control, Sunderland, on 0191 514 2752 or Marine VHF Channel 14 (call-sign "Sunderland Harbour Radio."

This notice supersedes Notice to Mariners 09/2017, issued on 20/05/2017.

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Dated the 27th day of June, 2017.

