

PORT OF SUNDERLAND

NOTICE TO MARINERS

ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST

DREDGING OPERATIONS - RIVER WEAR

Ref. No. 16 of 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that commencing Friday, 1st September, 2017, maintenance dredging and surveying operations will be carried out in the River Wear between Sunderland Harbour entrance and the east end of Strand Quay (54° 54.7' N 01° 22.4'W).

Dredging operations (including river bed ploughing) will be completed within a two-week period, with hydrographic surveys being undertaken from Wednesday, 30th September, 2017.

The following vessels will be involved:

- Trailing suction dredger, UKD Marlin (IMO 9064176);
- Multicat ploughing vessel, UKD Seahorse (IMO 9066655); and
- Survey launch, UKD Resolution

All vessels will display appropriate lights and day marks in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea and maintain a listening watch on Marine VHF Channel 14.

Masters and others in charge of ships and small craft are warned to navigate with caution in the vicinity of dredging operations, keep well clear of dredging / survey vessels and pay strict attention to information issued by Sunderland Harbour Radio.

Priority should be given to the movement of dredging craft at all times.

Shore anglers are warned to keep fishing lines clear of dredging and survey craft.

Owners of fishing and pleasure boats moored in the vicinity of the Fish Quay must ensure that they are kept well clear of the southern extremity of the navigation channel as liability will not be accepted in respect of any damage caused through dredging operations.

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).

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Dated the 29th day of August, 2017.