

PORT OF SUNDERLAND

NOTICE TO MARINERS

ENGLAND NORTH EAST COAST

NEW WEAR CROSSING - BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Ref. No. 19 of 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on the current situation regarding construction operations at the New River Wear Crossing [Bridge] 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).

At present, operations involving construction barges and divers have ceased.

Two navigation channels are present beneath the bridge, namely the channel to the north of the central bridge pylon (approx 45-metres wide) and the channel to the south of the central bridge pylon (approximately 35-metres wide).

Both channels have a maximum 12 metres clearance beneath the bridge deck at high water.

Please refer to the following schematic diagram for the latest information on positions of the navigational exclusion zone and navigation channels, together with positions of obstructions, including:

- Black pontoon
- Central bridge pylon
- Steel piles
- Low level works access bridge from south bank
- Access pontoons from south riverbank
- Navigational and marker buoys / lights

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

All vessels and craft must pass through the Exclusion Zone using the navigation channels shaded green in accordance with the provisions of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972.

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.

Farrans Construction operatives will be on station while operations are in progress (generally 0700 - 1900) and will monitor Marine VHF Channel 14.

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

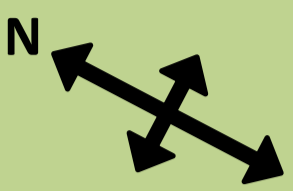
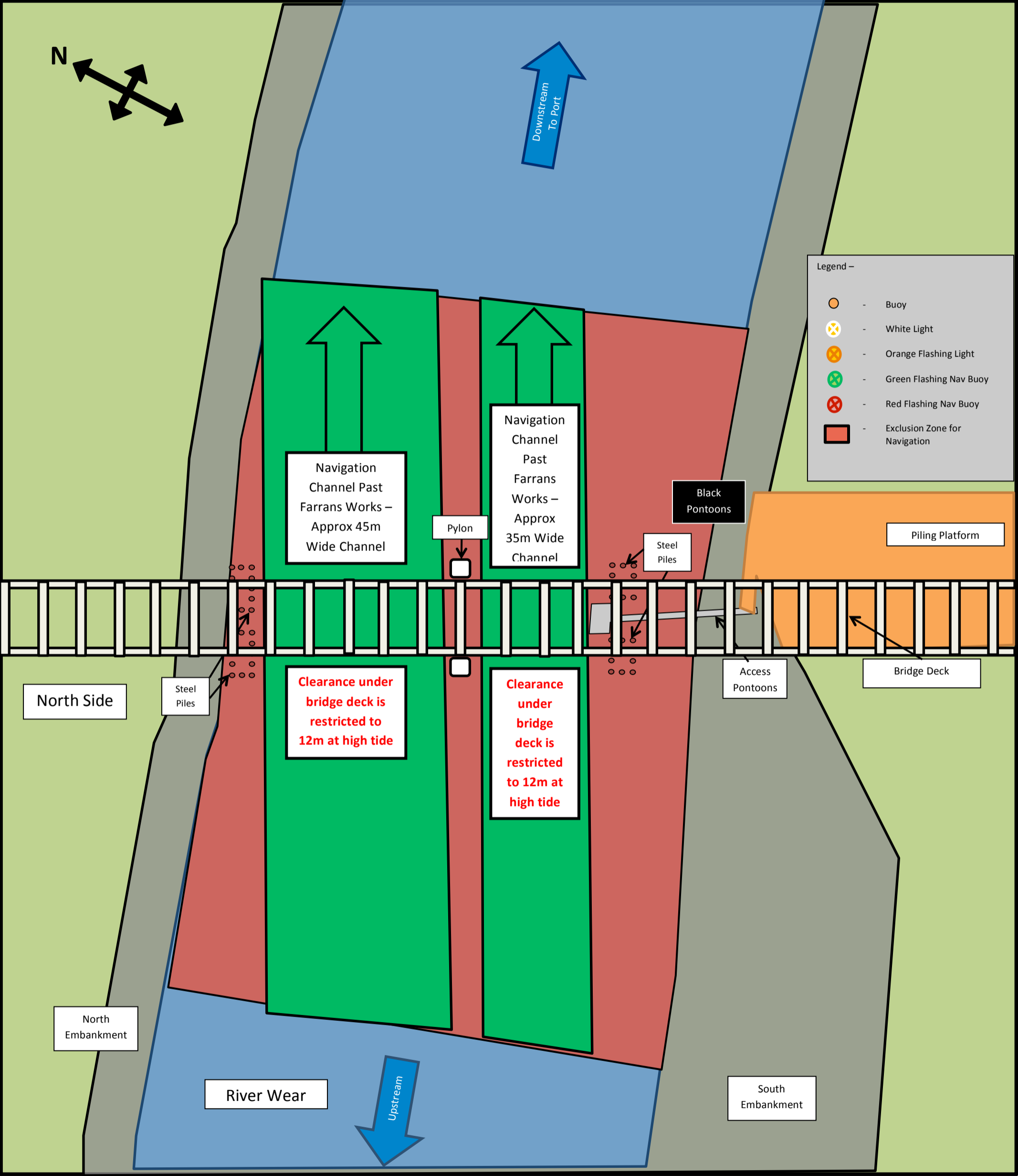
Additional information can be obtained from Local Port Services, Port Control, Sunderland, on 0191 514 2752 or Marine VHF Channel 14.

This notice cancels Notices to Mariners 12/2017, issued on 27/06/2017 and 15/2017, issued on 27/07/2017.



CAPTAIN A. K. ULLAH (Harbour Master)

Port of Sunderland, Capstan House, Greenwells Quay, South Docks, Barrack Street, Sunderland, SR1 2BU.

Dated the 3rd day of October, 2017.



Legend -

-  - Buoy
-  - White Light
-  - Orange Flashing Light
-  - Green Flashing Nav Buoy
-  - Red Flashing Nav Buoy
-  - Exclusion Zone for Navigation

Navigation Channel Past Farrans Works - Approx 45m Wide Channel

Navigation Channel Past Farrans Works - Approx 35m Wide Channel

Clearance under bridge deck is restricted to 12m at high tide

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North Side

North Embankment

River Wear

South Embankment

Pylon

Black Pontoons

Steel Piles

Piling Platform

Access Pontoons

Bridge Deck