



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS

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SAFE NAVIGATION

1. Mariners are hereby reminded of the importance of navigating their vessels with utmost care and caution within all areas of Weymouth Harbour. This reminder is in accordance with General Direction 11 of the Weymouth Harbour General Directions 2024, which emphasizes the necessity for all vessels to navigate in a safe manner.
2. Mariners should adhere to General Direction 11 by:
 - Navigating at a safe speed, adjusting to suit the conditions, visibility, traffic density, proximity of hazards, and speed restricted areas.
 - Maintaining a proper lookout and using all available means, for example radar or AIS, to ensure safe navigation.
 - Adhering to all navigational aids and signals as per the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs).
3. Special attention is drawn to the Inner Harbour Approaches Plan, where vessels should exercise extra caution:
 - A higher density of vessels can be expected at the harbour entrance and in the approaches.
 - Navigating in a restricted channel, or in narrow and confined waterway areas requires precise manoeuvring. Upon preparing to enter the harbour, all vessels should slow down well in advance and not make sudden and unexpected changes to their course.
 - There is an increased chance of encountering smaller vessels around the harbour entrance, including Gigs and sailing dinghies, and excessive wash can easily capsize small craft.
4. All mariners should ensure that their navigation does not compromise the safety of others or the integrity of harbour infrastructure. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in enforcement action.
5. Mariners are urged to consult the latest harbour charts and notices for the most current navigational information.
6. Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs, Recreational Sailing Organisations and Water Sports Associations should ensure that the contents of this notice are made known to the Masters, or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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