



## **LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS**

### **No.13 of 2026**

#### **iQFoil World Championships**

1. The Musto iQFoil World Championships, organised by the Royal Yachting Association, are being held in Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of September. Most of the competitive racing is being hosted by and conducted from the Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy in Portland Harbour. For the Finals racing taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, competitors will head to a race village in Weymouth Harbour once racing is concluded.
2. Mariners should expect to encounter large fleets of vessels racing or transiting Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour. Masters and operators of vessels are advised to keep a sharp look-out, navigate with caution, and give the racing fleets and support craft a wide berth.
3. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, a Race Village and Fan Zone will be hosted in Weymouth at the Pavilion Theatre, Pavilion Forecourt car park, Weymouth Quay, and along the ALPHA visitor pontoon and fuel pontoon. Harbour Authority fuel services will not be available on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. Following competitor registration, racing will take place throughout the week, to the following schedule:
  - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Practice Session from 1330 BST
  - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Qualification Series races from 1200 BST
  - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Finals Races from 1200 BST

Racing will take place within the areas indicated below, with one of the Weymouth Bay areas being chosen, dependent on the prevailing conditions:



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5. To assist in the transfer of passengers, and the storage of equipment, a 20m x 5m temporary pontoon will be secured to the east end of the ALPHA pontoon during the event. The pontoon will be launched from the Cosens Quay slipway on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and towed through the harbour in sections, avoiding Town Bridge lift times, to be assembled on location.
6. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 'Taster Sessions' for dinghy sailing and windsurfing will be taking place in the areas shown below. Windsurfing sessions will take place from the beach. Dinghies being used for the Taster Sessions will be secured to moorings adjacent to the Stone Pier Café when not in use, with people being ferried by RHIB from the ALPHA pontoon.

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7. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, demonstrations of eFoiling will take place within the Inner Harbour, alongside the ALPHA pontoon, fuel pontoon, and Fish Landing Quay, within the area shown below.





8. eFoiling demonstrations will not take place during the movement of fishing vessels to and from the Fish Landing Quay, or during lifts of the Town Bridge. Each demonstration will have two Safety Vessels in attendance, and demonstrations will be stopped should another navigational risk, such as a Lifeboat launch, be observed.
9. Each Safety Vessel will fly a red flag while a demonstration is taking place.
10. During each demonstration, two yellow marker buoys will be deployed to mark the turn points. The markers will be recovered after each demonstration.
11. Mariners transiting past the demonstration area throughout the day should keep a sharp look-out and navigate with caution.
12. Commercial or leisure vessels can contact the Committee Boat on VHF 02 if they require information when exiting Weymouth Harbour into Weymouth Bay.
13. Event organisers will be monitoring VHF 12, and VHF 16, and can be contacted directly. Communications may be requested to move to an alternative channel.
14. 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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