

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 06 of 2020

Traffic Restrictions During Flood Defence Piling Works at Arundel

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that the Environment Agency's ongoing essential flood defence works at Arundel have suffered delays. These works include sheet piling operations in the river and involve the use of an 18m beam jack-up barge, a 12m beam pontoon as well as associated small workboats. Construction works are being carried out by Mackley Civil Engineering, part of Team Van Oord.

Flood defence works in the river planned to conclude in early 2020 are now expected to continue until August. Transit between the A27 road bridge and the Queen Street (old town) bridge in Arundel will be restricted during site working hours (0730-1800 weekdays and 0730-1300 Saturday) and at other times.



The area will be periodically closed to all craft during critical operations such as jack-up barge repositioning, pontoon repositioning, loading of piles and plant as well as the deconstruction of the jack-up barge at the end of the project. These critical operations may occur at short notice but will occur only within site working hours and will be kept as short as possible. Weekly forecasts of planned activity can be subscribed to by emailing the EA's Arundel Scheme Project Team on FloodRiskSussex@environment-agency.gov.uk

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- **Vessels under 6m length:**
 - During site working hours: Masters planning to transit through the area during site working hours (0730-1800 weekdays and 0730-1300 Saturday) should confirm timings of critical operations before departing their moorings. Updates on timings can be requested direct from the contractor (07966 068 359 or Lawrence.Rogers@mackley.co.uk) or the Harbour Office. Masters wishing to transit the area when critical operations are not underway may proceed, keeping to the east of all structures. An orange Mackley safety boat will be available to advise, direct or assist traffic as necessary - listening VHF Channel 71.
 - Outside of site working hours: Masters wishing to transit the area may do so with utmost caution proceeding at the minimum speed required to maintain steerage and with due regard to the effect of their wash.
- **Vessels over 6m length:** Masters wishing to transit the area at any time must contact the Harbour Office to discuss passage planning requirements. Safe passage may be possible on certain days at certain times when the current position of the jack up as well as height, direction and rate of tide are appropriate.

Navigating beneath the jack up barge, anchoring, berthing or tying off to plant, machinery and equipment in the area at any time is strictly prohibited.

The town quay pontoon at Arundel remains available first come first served for vessels waiting to the north or stopping in Arundel.

All vessels are advised to keep well clear of these operations. Mariners should keep a good look out for tugs and barges operating in the vicinity during this project which are likely to be Restricted in their Ability to Manoeuvre (RAM). Any plant will be marked with flashing orange lights (Fl. Or.) during hours of darkness. Workboats and tugs will be listening on VHF Channel 71.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the Masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

Restrictions are likely to be in place until August 2020 and will be cancelled by a further Local Notice to Mariners. This notice supersedes Local Notice 12 of 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Billy Johnson".

Billy Johnson
Harbour Master
27th April 2020