

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 05 of 2022

Arundel Channel Width Reduction

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that through ongoing monitoring by the Environment Agency it is now determined that a 20-metre stretch of river wall of brick construction at Tarrant Wharf (half-way between the two bridges at Arundel) is fragile. As a precaution, an exclusion zone has been put in place for all river users.

A **40m x 6m exclusion zone on the West Bank (north side of the channel) is marked by two yellow special marker buoys** (flashing yellow at 5s intervals) at the locations in the aerial photograph below. All river users must stay to the East Bank side (south-side of the channel) of these buoys. The navigable channel width is reduced by approximately one third (to approx. 14m at low water).

Due to swift tidal flows at Arundel and slightly reduced channel width, Littlehampton Harbour General Direction B5 applies: *“the Master of a vessel shall at all times ensure that when navigating against the tide, his vessel shall give way to vessels navigating with the tide”*.



Survey vessels will be working nearby at certain times so mariners should continue to keep a good look out and keep well clear of vessels flying displaying Restricted Ability to Manoeuvre (RAM) shapes.

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.

This notice will remain in force until replaced.

Harry Gregory
Harbour Master
28th March 2022