

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 09 of 2022

Navigation Restrictions during Iron Man Swim and Armed Forces Day events on Saturday 25th June

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that two events are taking place on Saturday 25th June which involve three temporary navigation restrictions across the day. All harbour users are asked to plan their passages around the temporary restrictions and listen on VHF channel 71 for any further instructions. Littlehampton Harbour patrol vessels will be afloat throughout the day and listening on VHF Ch 71+16. For further information please contact the Harbour Office.

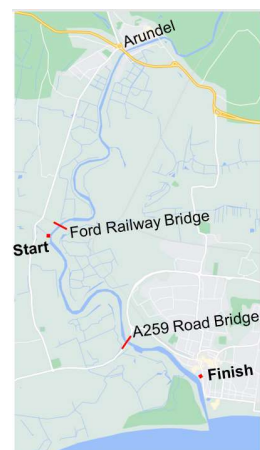
Iron Man Swim Race from Ford to Littlehampton

The annual Iron Man swimming race (managed by Raw Energy Pursuits) will involve approximately 400 swimmers entering the water at the Ship and Anchor Marina at Ford at approximately 1000. And racing to the Littlehampton Public Slipway (Lifeboat Station) with finishers arriving between 1100 and 1150. Swimmers will be escorted by safety boats, kayaks and shoreside spotters/medics throughout.

The river will be closed to other traffic between Ford Railway Bridge and the A259 Road Bridge for the duration of the race (vessels will not be permitted to pass swimmers whilst they are up-river of the A259 road bridge).

Vessels movements between the A259 Road Bridge and the Public Slipway (Lifeboat Station) may continue but, between 1040 and 1150, vessels should keep to Western side of the river and proceed at the minimum speed required to maintain steerage.

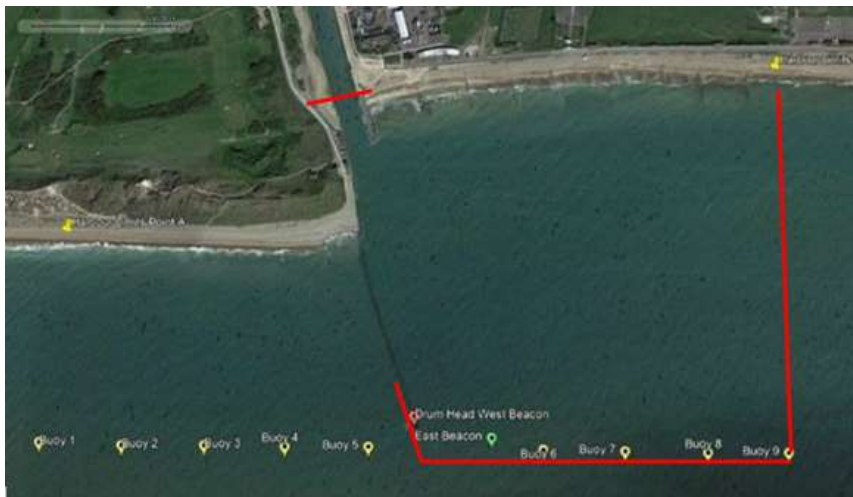
All vessels are instructed to maintain a good look out, to keep well clear of swimmers and follow any instructions issued by the harbour patrol launch or other escorts.



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Armed Forces Day Closure to Narrows and East Beach

As part of the Littlehampton Armed Forces Day event managed by Littlehampton Town Council, two aerial displays will take place within view of East Beach **between 1130 – 1145 hours (Starlings Display) and 1530 – 1545 hours (Battle of Britain Memorial Flight)**. The display aircraft will fly at low heights and carry out aerobatics for display purposes.



Due to the proximity of the display a maritime safety area has been established which includes the entrance to Littlehampton Harbour and the first 500 yards of East Beach. **Littlehampton Harbour Entrance and the Narrows will be closed to all craft for the duration of the Starlings display from 1125 until completion of the display (expected to be around 1145) and again at 1525 for the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight until completion of the display (expected to be around 1545)**. Harbour users wishing to view the displays should plan to transit the Narrows in advance of the closures of this area.

During the closures harbour users and the public are to keep outside of the red boundaries as pictured below: north of Littlehampton Lighthouse and south of the line of existing buoys when at sea.

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 Local Notice to Mariners is self-cancelling on completion of both events.

Harry Gregory
Harbour Master
20th June 2022