

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 12 of 2022

Thundercat Racing off East Beach Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th August

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that powerboat racing will be taking place off Littlehampton's East Beach on Saturday 13th to Sunday 14th August 2022. The event is Rounds 5 and 6 of the United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association (UKOPRA) Thundercat Racing International Championship. The racing will be between eight Thundercats which are 4m long, 2m wide twin hulled outboard racing boats with a crew of two.

The race area will be inshore and immediately to the east of the seasonal "no-powered craft" zone detailed in [LNtM 08 of 2022](#). The course will be marked by 6x temporary buoys to be deployed each day and patrolled by safety boats. The race area falls between the distinctive beach venues of "East Beach Café" and "The Beach" which respectively lie 0.3NM (approx. 600m) and 0.6NM (approx. 1,100m) to the east of the Harbour Entrance.

Mariners on passage to the east of the harbour are advised to keep a keen look out for high speed craft and stay at least 150m to seaward of the seaward extent of the buoyed racecourse and follow advice issued by Safety Boats. The safety boats and race control will be monitoring VHF Channel 37 (M1) using callsign "Safety Control".



Approximate timings are as follows.

- **Saturday 13th Aug:** The fleet will launch at Littlehampton Marina before departing the harbour at 10.30 accompanied by the lead safety boat. Race practice will commence at 11.00 with races taking place from 11.30 to 15.00. The fleet will return to the harbour on completion of racing.
- **Sunday 14th Aug:** The fleet will launch at Littlehampton Marina before departing the Harbour at 10.15 accompanied by the Harbour Patrol Rib. Race practice will start at 10.45 with racing from 11.00 to 14.45 with the fleet returning to the harbour at approximately 15.00 to provide a scheduled display as part of the [Littlehampton Waterfront Festival](#).
- Individual vessels will individually return to the harbour's Pier Road pontoon to swap out fuel tanks.

Questions about the event should be directed to the Thundercats Race Officer, Fiona Pascoe, via 07795 618701 or fionapascoe6@gmail.com.

Cancel this LNtM on completion of racing at sea on 14th August 2022 at 1600.

Harry Gregory
Harbour Master
8th August 2022