

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 11 of 2023

Completion of Jack Up Barge Operations within Harbour Entrance

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that traffic restrictions have now been lifted due to the completion of the harbour entrance riverbed investigation works. Local Notice to Mariners 10 of 2023 (dated 4th May) is hereby cancelled and replaced by this notice.

The 18-metre-long and 14-metre-wide Jack Up Barge has now been returned to the northern most Tarmac Quay known locally as UMA Wharf, where it will remain until its demobilisation by Red 7 Marine. Due to its proximity to the quayside, there is 35-40m of clear water between it and the West Bank resulting in no further traffic restrictions. Mariners are advised to continue to give the barge a wide berth and under no circumstances should any vessel transit beneath the elevated working platform. Whilst being stored at UMA Wharf the barge will be marked with short range flashing orange lights and masthead RAM lights.



This Local Notice to Mariners will be replaced by a final notice giving timelines for the barge's demobilisation via 'Railway Wharf'. Within this timeline details of the final piloted Jack Up Barge move will be given. This will again consist of a composite tow arrangement with harbour vessels ERICA and WINDSONG (total length overall 32 metres and beam 14.5 metres). The tow will be Restricted in its Ability to Manoeuvre (RAM) and displays the appropriate lights and shapes. Sécurité broadcasts will be made on channels 16 and 71 at the time of this move informing all mariners of expected port closures.

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.

Any questions can be directed to the Harbour Office via VHF Ch71, 01903 721 215 or harbour@littlehampton.org.uk.

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10th May 2023