

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 16 of 2014

Quayside Repairs at The Waterside and Britannia Quay

MARINERS ARE ADVISED that the 26m spud legged multi-category vessel 'AVON' and the 35m spud legged barge 'JML35' will be operating in the river as part of the Environment Agency East Bank Flood Defence scheme.

Operations will take place between 0730 and 1830 and will concentrate at the Britannia Quay and The Waterside flats and houses south of the Red Bridge and at the Railway Wharf north of the Red Bridge. Operations will be continuous throughout this period and mariners should expect to pass the 'AVON' at any time throughout the harbour area south of the A259.

The 'AVON' will periodically be restricted in its ability to manoeuvre during operations and will display lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea. ALL OTHER CRAFT should give 'AVON' a wide berth, and monitor VHF Channel 71 for any instructions. Mariners are requested to reduce speed as safe navigation permits when passing any vessel carrying craning or piling operations and keep well clear of slung loads.

The 'AVON' will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 16 and 71 throughout operations, and mariners may also request movement information and bridge opening times from the Harbour Office during working hours. The barge 'JML35' will not be manned.

Completion is scheduled for January 2015. Mariners should also note that these timings are subject to amendment as required by weather and tidal conditions as well as other operational factors and are reminded to keep a good look out all times.

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.

Billy Johnson Harbour Master

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