



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
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This Local Notice to Mariners Supersedes LNM 09/2017

OPERATION OF TWO BRIDGE SYSTEM

Supplementary Instruction to commence on Friday 14/04/17

1. Background

During the period of the works on Poole Bridge the leaves have been in the raised position for most of the time and the IALA signals set to proceed with caution for vessels travelling upstream and downstream. This “free flow” has worked well during a period when the number of vessel movements has been relatively low. However this situation will change and from Easter on maritime activity on Back Water Channel will increase significantly.

2. Concern to be Addressed

On a busy lift thirty or more vessels could be released into the basin when Twin Sails is lifted and these vessels will travel downstream through Poole Bridge as a continuous stream. If a vessel is trying to travel upstream through Poole Bridge at the same time it is likely that safety will be compromised to an unacceptable level. This situation is only likely to occur during busier periods when the revised procedure will be followed.

3. Revised Procedure

The Bridge Operator must operate the Poole Bridge IALA signals from 14/04/17, during periods when one or both leaves are in the raised position, as follows:

- Arrangement to be followed 7 days/ week
- Applicable from 09:30 to 18:30
- When each lift sequence is commenced on Twin Sails the Poole Bridge IALA signals are to be set to “Stop” (3 red lamps) for vessels travelling upstream towards Hols Bay.
- When Twin Sails has been lowered and the vessels travelling downstream have cleared Poole Bridge the Poole Bridge IALA signals will be reset to “Proceed with Caution” in both directions.
- At all other times the Poole Bridge signals will continue to show “Proceed with Caution” in both directions.

PTO for Bridge Lift Schedule.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, telephone and VHF channels are recorded.

Captain B P Murphy
Harbour Master

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Bridge Lift Schedule to Completion of Works

18/04/2017 to Completion of Works				
Monday to Friday		Weekends and Bank Holidays		
Twin Sails (Scheduled Lift Time)	Poole Bridge	Scheduled Lift Time will be Lift 1		
Time		Time	Lift 1	Poole Bridge both leaves in raised position
05:30	Poole Bridge - both leaves raised	05:30	Twin Sails	
06:30		06:30	Twin Sails	
07:30		07:30	Twin Sails	
	Single leaf working (Mon to Fri 07:45 to 18:15)	08:30	Twin Sails	
09:30		09:30	Twin Sails	
10:30		10:30	Twin Sails	
		11:30	Twin Sails	
12:30		12:30	Twin Sails	
		13:30	Twin Sails	
14:30		14:30	Twin Sails	
		15:30	Twin Sails	
16:30		16:30	Twin Sails	
		17:30	Twin Sails	
18:30	Poole Bridge - Both leaves raised	18:30	Twin Sails	
		19:30	Twin Sails	
20:30		20:30	Twin Sails	
		21:30	Twin Sails	
22:30		22:30	Twin Sails	
23:30		23:30	Twin Sails	