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**Controlled Vessel Movement**

This notice applies to all vessels within Poole Harbour Commissioners area of jurisdiction when a Controlled Vessel Movement is in transit.

Only certain vessels subject to compulsory pilotage will normally be designated as a Controlled Vessel Movement however, the Harbour Control Officer has the authority to designate any vessel as a Controlled Vessel Movement. This may be due to such factors including the vessels size, manoeuvrability, cargo being carried and weather and tidal conditions.

To mitigate the risk of an incident the following control measures will apply:

- When a Controlled Vessel Movement passes the Bar Buoy or leaves its berth, there shall be no vessel subject to compulsory pilotage under way in the opposite direction and no vessel subject to compulsory pilotage should overtake or be overtaken by a Controlled Vessel Movement except those that can safely navigate outside of the channel.

- Before a Controlled Vessel Movement transits the Harbour Entrance the Sandbanks Chain Ferry will normally be held, clear of the channel, at South Haven slipway until the Controlled Vessel Movement is clear. In exceptional circumstances, and by mutual agreement between the Controlled Vessel, Chain Ferry and Harbour Control, the Chain Ferry may be held on the Northern slipway.

- There shall be a moving exclusion zone around the Controlled Vessel Movement of 500m ahead, 50 metres either side and 50m astern.

- When an escort vessel is being used, Mariners must not pass between the escort vessel and the controlled vessel. The distance between the escort vessel and the controlled vessel becomes the exclusion zone ahead which may be less than 500m. The escort vessel will have blue flashing lights.

- A navigation warning will be promulgated on VHF Channel 14 by the Harbour Control Officer.

**LNTM 37/2013 is cancelled**

Mariners are advised to maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 when in Poole Harbour.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, telephone and VHF channels are recorded. Recordings may be used in evidence to prosecute offenders.

*Captain B P Murphy*

*Harbour Master*

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