

NOTICES TO MARINERS



No 03/17 SAFE SPEED

Mariners are advised to exercise caution at all times and proceed at a safe speed in order to avoid risk of damage caused by wash or displacement. Recommended safe speed limits with Clydeport areas are:

Cumbrae Elbow Light to Cloch Point	19 kts
Cloch Point to Erskine Bridge, including Holy Loch	12kts
Erskine Bridge to Albert Bridge	8 kts

Particular vigilance should be exercised when passing harbours, piers, moorings, beaches, recreational activities and any other areas involving property or persons.

Owners and operators of high speed RIB's and PWC should be particularly vigilant regarding their craft's characteristics/speed and the wash that can be created. Such craft should be operated in a courteous manner with consideration being given to other port users.

This notice applies to all vessels navigating within the jurisdiction of Clydeport Operations Ltd.

No 04/17 RECOMMENDED CHANNELS

The attention of Skippers, Masters and Owners of all vessels is drawn to Rule 9 of the International Regulations for The Prevention of Collisions at Sea 1972, as amended, which relates to Narrow Channels and Rule 8 (f) which relates to vessels which have duty not to impede other vessels.

The Recommended Channels within the River and Firth of Clyde are:-

Firth of Clyde Channel	Kilcreggan
Hunterston Channel	Ardmore Channel
Skelmorlie Channel	River Channel
Loch Long	Kyles of Bute

Admiralty Charts Nos: 1906, 1907, 1994, and 2007 refer.

Vessels navigating within these channels should be considered to be in Narrow Channels within the meaning of the aforementioned regulations.

No 05/17 LEISURE CRAFT ON THE CLYDE

Please note that this notice contains comprehensive information, the volume of which is considered too great for replication in the Yearbook. Full details can be found at this website address below:

<https://www.peelports.com/media/1908/ntm-05-17-pleasure-craft.doc>

No 06/17 SURFACED SUBMARINES - TOWED ARRAYS (TA)

Mariners are advised that Surfaced Submarines transiting the Clydeport Operations area of jurisdiction may have Towed Arrays. All Submarines moving within the area will report to Estuary Radio as being 'Positive' or 'Negative' with respect to the deployment of TA equipment. Mariners are advised to avoid passing within 1000 metres directly astern of Submarines which are 'Positive'.

07/17 AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Mariners are advised that it is an offence to intentionally or recklessly damage any buoy or beacon. It is also an offence if any person, without reasonable excuse,

- (a) rides by,
- (b) makes fast to, or
- (c) runs foul of, any buoy or beacon.

CCTV coverage has been installed, and the skippers of any vessels that are identified as committing an offence will be prosecuted.

Mariners are reminded that these are aids to the safety of navigation and the co-operation of all port users in reducing the incidence of damage is requested.

Reports of damage to AToN or their lights being extinguished should be reported to Estuary Radio on VHF CH12.

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