King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 055/25

PLNTM 055_25 FIREWORKS CHAMPIONSHIPS - Direction

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 055/25

PLYMOUTH SOUND AND CATTEWATER - DIRECTION

FIREWORKS CHAMPIONSHIPS 13 & 14 AUGUST 2025

1. This notice is a direction by the King's Harbour Master Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020. It is issued jointly with The Cattewater Harbour Commissioners.

2. The 2025 British Fireworks Championships will take place from Mount Batten Breakwater on Wed 13 and Thu 14 Aug 25 starting at 2130 each evening.

3. During the displays, fireworks will be projected from Mount Batten Breakwater towards the north. Additionally, spent fireworks may fall in the vicinity during the display. To minimise risk to waterborne spectators an exclusion zone is established 200 metres to the North, South and West of Mount Batten Breakwater on each day between the hours of 2100 and 2240, or as determined by competition timings. The zone is indicated on the chartlet at Annex A. Should weather conditions dictate, it may be necessary to tailor or extend the exclusion zone to safeguard craft and spectators. In any case the exclusion zone will remain in force for 20 minutes on completion of the final display until checks confirm that any remaining fireworks are safe.

4. During the period 2100 - 2240 or as directed by Plymouth VTS, all craft, whether carrying spectators or in transit are to keep clear of the exclusion zone. Official marshal craft will patrol the area boundaries and invite spectators or other craft to remain clear of the exclusion zone. Marshal craft will display an illuminated blue flag and an amber flashing light to aid identification. A static marshal craft may be moored to delineate the northern limit of the zone. Policing craft will direct vessels that ignore the marshals' invitation to remain clear of the exclusion zone. Mariners are reminded that failure to comply with official direction by the Officers of the King's Harbour Master, which includes MOD Police Officers, Devon and Cornwall Police, UK Border Force, Cattewater Harbour Master, and Sutton Harbour Lock keepers, may result in prosecution.

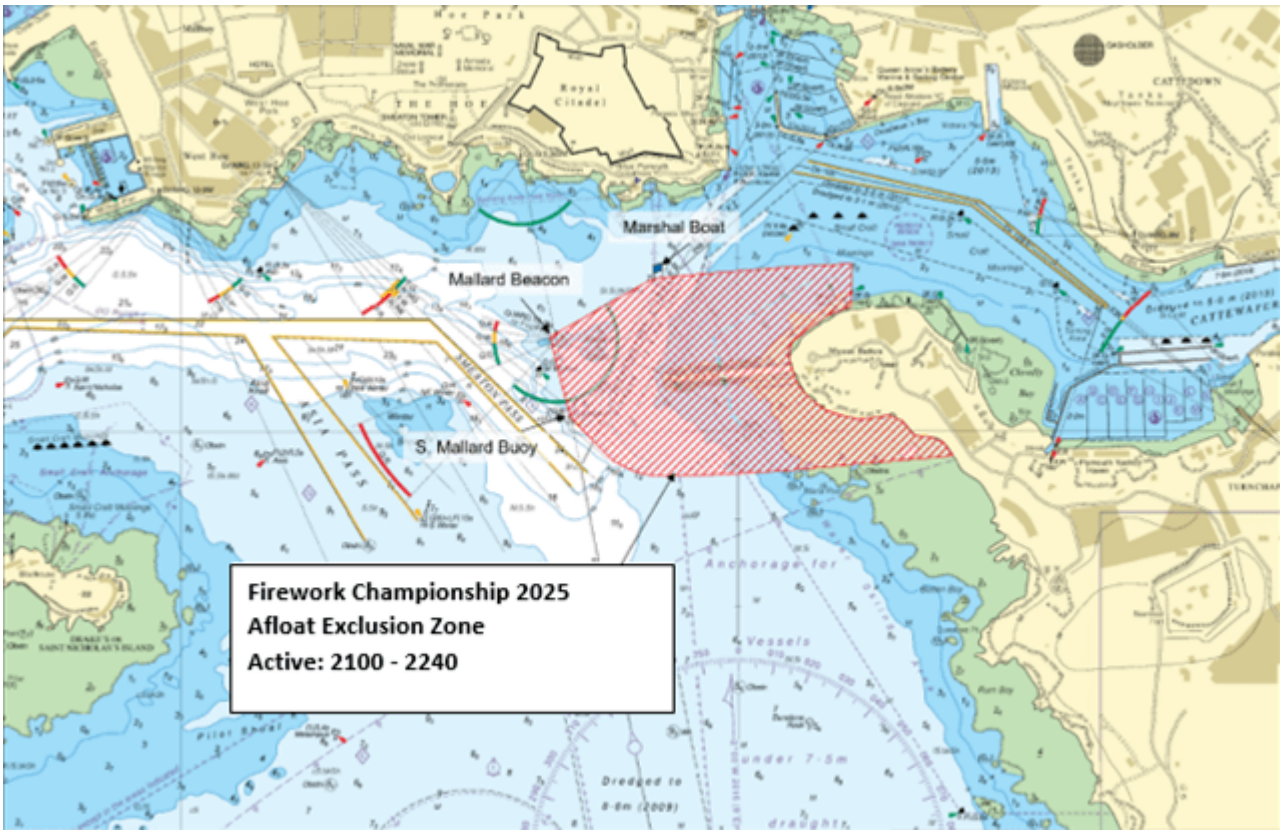
5. Masters and skippers of craft are reminded to be particularly vigilant during the actual displays when there is a high risk of being distracted from the demands of navigational safety.

6. Access to or from the Cattewater for large commercial vessels will not be permitted immediately preceding, during, and after the displays. For information, Brittany Ferries ship (Armorique) is scheduled to depart Millbay docks to sea via Asia Pass at 2200 on 14 Aug 25. Mariners are to navigate with particular caution and give the vessel a wide berth where possible during this event.

7. Mariners and water users are reminded that the Dockyard Port of Plymouth (2020) Schedule 1 Part 1 Point 8, which regulates the Port of Plymouth, states: "*The master of a vessel or any other person must not navigate within the dockyard port when under the influence of intoxicating drink, drugs and other substances."* Harbour Authorities and MOD Police are the enforcing authorities and have the authority to prosecute under the above legislation and will be actively enforcing the legislation to ensure the safety and enjoyment of other water users. Penalties: A person guilty of an offence is liable on summary conviction in England and Wales to fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (up to £1000) plus costs.

8. Cancel this Notice on 14 Aug 25.

Annex A



Monday 11 Aug 2025

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Dockyard Port of Plymouth