King's Harbour Master Portsmouth

LNTM No 52/26

UNCREWED UNDERWATER VEHICLE TRIALS STOKES BAY 20 - 30 APRIL 2026

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the King's Harbour Master Portsmouth that Uncrewed Underwater Vehicle (UUV) activity will take place in the Dockyard Port of Portsmouth (DyPP) from 20 to 30 April 2026.

2. A UUV will be operated from a Royal Navy **Vahana** workboat within Stokes Bay. The workboat will act as the host platform and provide safety oversight for the deployed vehicle.

3. Activity will take place during daylight hours and over several days, which may not be consecutive. The workboat may adopt restricted in ability to manoeuvre signals during the launch, recovery, and operation of the vehicle. Mariners are requested to keep clear and pass slowly if in the vicinity of the workboat, particularly when it is launching or recovering the vehicle.

4. The host platform will be listening on VHF Ch 11 and 12. Vessels in the vicinity may be contacted to make them aware of a surfacing vehicle. Portsmouth VTS (VHF Ch 11) may be contacted by mariners for further information.

5. All vessels will obey the International Rules for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) at all times.

6. Cancel this LNTM on 1 May 2026.

Friday 17 Apr 2026

G W BISHOP
King's Harbour Master

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.