



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 053/26

PLNTM 053_26 HMNB DREDGING WORKS INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 053/26 - INFORMATION

MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT HMNB DEVONPORT

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. Maintenance dredging operations will take place in HMNB Devonport (approximate position 50°23.34'N 004° 11.10'W), to commence on 12 August 2026 for approximately 4 Weeks.

HMNB Devonport Maintenance Dredge Area

50°21.9241'N 004°10.2918'W

50°24.8139'N 004°11.7102'W

50°24.6446'N 004°12.4954'W

50°21.7259'N 004°11.1391'W

3. The works will be by Suction Dredger (SD).
4. The following vessels will be utilised to complete the works:
Pheonix – Suction Dredger
Sea Eagle – Survey Vessel
5. Appropriate shapes will be displayed as required by International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Mariners are requested to pass at a safe distance and minimise wash when passing vessels engaged in dredging and surveying operations.
6. Cancel this PLNTM 06 September 2026.

Thursday 06 Aug 2026

R Giles

King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 044/26

PLNTM 044_26 MOUNT BATTEN BEACH CLOSED INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 044/26

MOUNT BATTEN BEACH CLOSED - INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth and issued on behalf of Plymouth City Council.
2. Mount Batten beach will be closed from Friday 10 July to ensure the safety of beach users after tests showed high levels of asbestos fibres in the sand.
3. More information can be found at www.plymouth.gov.uk/beach-safety
4. The public are advised to remain well clear of the area and not to enter areas that have been closed, water users are not to land on the beach.
5. This notice remains in force until further notice.

R Giles

King's Harbour Master

Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 039/26

PLNTM 039_26 CATTEWATER DREDGING OPERATIONS INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 039/26

CATTEWATER DREDGING OPERATIONS- INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and is issued on behalf of the Cattewater Harbour Commissioners.
2. Dredging operations are taking place within the Cattewater Harbour limits for approximately 3 months, to commence on 16 June 2026.
3. The works will be completed by vessel 'Doreen Dorward' which will be accompanied by two self-propelled hopper barges 'Nab' and 'Needles'.
4. The dredger will complete the works with disposal of material at Plymouth Deep (PL035) licensed disposal site:

Plymouth Deep (PL035) 50°16.7644'N 004°17.4226'W 50°16.2250'N
004°17.4080'W 50°16.2389'N 004°16.1454'W 50°16.7783'N 004°16.1597'W
5. Appropriate shapes will be displayed as required by International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. Mariners are requested to pass at a safe distance and minimise wash when passing vessels engaged in dredging operations. All vessels will maintain a listening watch on VHF channel 14.
6. For further information contact the Cattewater Harbour Office on 01752 665934 if you require specific daily information regarding operations.
7. Cancel this PLNTM 25 September 2026.

Friday 12 Jun 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 037/26

PLNTM 037_26 HMNB DEVONPORT MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT 3 BASIN ENTRANCE - INFO

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 037/26 - INFORMATION

HMNB DEVONPORT MAINTENANCE DREDGING AT 3 BASIN ENTRANCE

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master Plymouth.
2. Maintenance dredging operations in the vicinity of 3 Basin Entrance (HMNB Devonport – North Yard) will commence on 18 June 2026 until further notice. HMNB Devonport Maintenance Dredge Area 50°23.4600'N 004°13.8000'W 50°20.0400'N 004°10.2600'W 50°20.1000'N 004°07.6200'W 50°21.7800'N 004°17.9800'W 50°24.7800'N 004°12.1200'W 50°23.4600'N 004°13.8000'W
3. The work will be carried out using a submersible pump fixed to the quay wall. No disposal of material at sea will occur during this campaign.
4. Mariners are requested to pass at a safe distance and minimise wash when passing the entrance to 3 Basin (50°22.48'N, 004°11.07'W).

Thursday 11 Jun 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 034/26

PLNTM 034_26 HMNB DEVONPORT EXCLUSION ZONE DIRECTION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 034/26
HMNB DEVONPORT EXCLUSION ZONE - DIRECTION

1. This notice is for direction by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. An exclusion zone is in force within the Hamoaze, IVO South Yard (from Rubble Jetty, south towards the entrance to 4 Slip). The exclusion zone will extend up to 50m from the quay wall.
3. The exclusion zone will remain in force until 31 January 2027, timings will vary daily but the latest information is available via Flag Port Control.
4. Support craft will maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch.14.
5. All vessels are directed to navigate with caution and pass at a safe distance. Vessels required to navigate within the exclusion zone are directed to contact Flag Port Control and the support craft, prior to entering.

Tuesday 12 May 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 028/26

PLNTM 028_26 COBBLER CHANNEL LEADING LIGHTS CHANGE TO CHARTED CHARACTERISTICS INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 028/26

COBBLER CHANNEL LEADING LIGHTS CHANGE TO CHARTED CHARACTERISTICS- INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and is issued on behalf of the Cattewater Harbour Commissioners.
2. Cobbler Channel leading lights on Fisher's Nose (front) and National Marine Aquarium (rear) have undergone a permanent configuration change; from a fixed blue light to a fixed red light.

Positions:

50° 21.80'N, 004° 08.01'W, and

50° 22.00'N, 004° 07.86'W

3. Admiralty charts will be updated in due course
4. Mariners are advised accordingly

Monday 16 Mar 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 015/26

PLNTM 015_26 CATTEWATER DEPLOYMENT OF UNDERWATER RIGGING SYSTEM DIRECTION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 015/26

CATTEWATER DEPLOYMENT OF UNDERWATER RIGGING SYSTEM - DIRECTION

1. This notice is for Direction by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and is issued on behalf of the Cattewater Harbour Commissioners.
2. An underwater rigging system has been deployed between four moorings at the entrance to Cattewater Harbour, between the following positions:
 1. 50° 21.655'N 004° 08.008'W
 2. 50° 21.670'N 004° 08.005'W
 3. 50° 21.683'N 004° 07.844'W
 4. 50° 21.701'N 004° 07.841'W
3. The area is marked by lit buoys (Flashing White (2s)) in the above positions and by additional unlit buoys within the area bounded by the lit buoys.
4. Mariners are directed to remain well clear of the area.
5. This notice remains in force until further notice.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 014/26

PLNTM 014_26 RIVER PLYM BRIDGE WORKS INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 014/26

RIVER PLYM BRIDGE WORKS - INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020.
2. Works are underway in the vicinity of the River Plym Train bridge (approximate position 50° 23.359'N 004° 5.091'W). Works will last for a period of approximately 9 months.
3. The works will include installation of a portable dam system, the use of floating pontoons as a work platform and the use of support vessels
4. Safety boat *H2O Safety 1* during working periods will maintain listening watch on VHF Channel 14.
5. Mariners are requested to navigate with caution and pass at a safe distance and minimise wash when passing vessels engaged in operations.
6. Appropriate shapes will be displayed as required by International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
7. Cancel this PLNTM 31 August 2026.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 013/26

PLNTM 013_26 DEPLOYMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 013/26

DEPLOYMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT

INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information from the King's Harbour Master, Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020.
2. Two scientific buoys each with associated secondary surface trawl float have been deployed south of Plymouth Breakwater in the positions below, the buoys are yellow in colour and lit with an orange flashing light during hours of darkness: 50°19.717'N 004°09.470'W 50°19.595'N 004°08.841'W
3. Mariners are advised to keep clear.
4. This PLNTM remains in force until further notice.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 012/26

PLNTM 012_26 MILLBAY DOCK FENDER DAMAGE INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 012/26

MILLBAY DOCK FENDER DAMAGE - INFORMATION

1. This notice is for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and is issued on behalf of ABP Millbay.
2. Damage has been sustained to the fender system at the entrance to Millbay (approximate position 50° 21.75'N 004° 09.18'W).
3. Mariners are requested to pass at a safe distance and maintain at least 4m clearance from the pier head when entering Millbay.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 011/26

PLNTM 011_26 JUPITER POINT DIRECTION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 011/26

JUPITER POINT - DIRECTION

1. This notice is a direction by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020.
2. Due to issues with the pontoon mooring arrangements at Jupiter Point (50°23.400'N 004°13.750'W).
3. Mariners are directed to keep a safe distance and reduce speed as to keep wash to a minimum when transiting between Sandacre Buoy (50°23.549'N 004°13.423'W) and Antony Buoy (50°23.564'N 004°13.933'W).

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 010/26

PLNTM 010_26 SUTTON HARBOUR LOCK AND TIDAL DEFENCE BARRIER INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 010/26

SUTTON HARBOUR LOCK AND TIDAL DEFENCE BARRIER – INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth on behalf of the Sutton Harbour, Harbour Master.
2. The Sutton Harbour lock and tidal defence barrier, and the emergency stop log gate situated immediately to the west of the lock, have a maximum width of 12 metres. Entry and exit is controlled by a system of traffic light signals displayed both by day and night from masts at the north and south ends of the lock. These lights are in a vertical line and have the following meanings: *3 fixed red lights:* Do not proceed. *3 fixed green lights:* Proceed with caution at slow speed.
3. Transit through the lock is controlled by the Lock Master. Vessels requiring transit should contact Sutton Harbour Control on VHF channel 12 or by telephone 01752 204732.
4. Mariners entering and departing Sutton Harbour are to proceed with caution, at slow speed and avoid creating excessive wash and interference with other craft.
5. In the interests of flood prevention Sutton Lock is closed when the flood tide reaches a height of 5.7 metres above chart datum and remains closed until the tidal height recedes to 5.6 metres above chart datum. During this closed period all movements to and from Sutton Harbour are suspended.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 009/26

PLNTM 009_26 JENNYCLIFF BAY VOLUNTARY NO ANCHOR ZONE INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 009/26

JENNYCLIFF BAY VOLUNTARY NO ANCHOR ZONE (VNAZ) - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. A project to grow seagrass is underway in the vicinity of Jennycliff Bay, Plymouth Sound (50° 20.760'N 004° 07.560'W). Additional information can be found at www.oceanconservationtrust.org/project/remedies-project/
3. To protect the beds whilst they are establishing, mariners are requested not to anchor, lay marks or pots in the southern part of Jennycliff Bay within the area outlined by the orange polygon on the chart extract at Annex A and bounded by surface marker buoys in the following positions:

50° 20.894'N	004° 07.421'W
50° 20.878'N	004° 07.535'W
50° 20.830'N	004° 07.564'W
50° 20.768'N	004° 07.638'W
50° 20.717'N	004° 07.726'W
50° 20.632'N	004° 07.756'W

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles

King's Harbour Master

Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 008/26

**PLNTM 008_26 FLOATING DEBRIS IN RIVER TAMAR HAMOAZE CATTEWATER AND PLYMOUTH
SOUND INFORMATION**

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 008/26

FLOATING DEBRIS IN RIVER TAMAR, HAMOAZE, CATTEWATER AND PLYMOUTH SOUND - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. Reports are regularly received of the presence of floating debris, mainly trees, in the upper reaches of the River Tamar and in the Cattewater. Due to the tidal flow, the debris may not only be confined to the upper reaches, but may be encountered elsewhere downstream.
3. All mariners, but particularly those in small craft, are cautioned to be vigilant and navigate with particular caution, alert to the presence of the debris, some of which may be difficult to detect. Having taken avoiding action, craft should report any such debris to either of the Port Control Stations:

Via VHF Channel 14 or Telephone:

Longroom 01752 663225

Flag 01752 552416

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 007/26

PLNTM 007_26 RECREATIONAL WATER EVENTS INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 007/26

RECREATIONAL WATER EVENTS - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth
2. There are ever increasing demands on the water space within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth both from the recreational users and also the Naval and commercial traffic. There is a need therefore to reconcile activities so that the water space can be safely used and enjoyed by all.
3. In addition to The Water Events Diary and the Daily Movements signal available on KHM's website (www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/plymouth), a Water Event Information Document (WEID) is available for recreational events on the waters of the Dockyard Port, particularly in those areas where there is the potential for interaction with other water space users. Further information can be found here: www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/plymouth/using-the-port-for-recreation/organising-events
4. A "Water Event" is initially defined as, but is not limited to, an organised recreational activity on or in the water. Examples are, yacht racing, regattas, rallies or swimming events. If there is any doubt consult KHM via Plymouth VTS on 01752 663225 or via email at NAVYNBCD-KHMEVENTS@mod.gov.uk where guidance can be sought and your query directed accordingly.
5. The WEID is to be completed at least 4 weeks prior to the event by organisers (or race officers) of recreational events to seaward of the Saltash and Laira Bridges, and inshore of these locations when they plan to pass to seaward of those bridges. The WEID is designed as a working tool for both the organisers of events afloat and watch keepers manning the Port Control Stations. It aims to resolve ambiguity in communication, thus promoting safety and helping reconcile the differing uses of the water space.
6. KHM requires information on proposed recreational activities, how to contact organisers, and that organisers appreciate other constraints that there may be to their event, in order to discharge port responsibilities. Organisers of recreational "water events" are reminded that they may be directed to arrange their event, race course, or plans so as to minimise the impact on shipping in the main or deep-water channels. There is no intention to frustrate or inhibit any legitimate use of the waters of the Dockyard Port.

7. Where an event presents an increase in risk to port safety – for example, above normal background levels, organisers will be invited to present their risk assessment to KHM before approval for the event is granted. Risk assessments should encompass how the risks are to be mitigated and give details of the safety management system to be employed. The Deputy King's Harbour Master should be consulted early for details if required.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 006/26

PLNTM 006_26 DIVING IN PLYMOUTH SOUND INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 006/26

DIVING IN PLYMOUTH SOUND - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth
2. The Dockyard Port Order 2020 contains Regulations (Schedule 1, Part 1, Reg 11) which preclude diving within the main shipping channels and in areas where anchorage is prohibited as shown on Admiralty Charts, without the permission of the King's Harbour Master.
3. Following previous near miss incidents involving recreational divers adjacent to the main channel, in conflict with large vessel movements, clearance will not routinely be granted for any diving within these reserved areas.
4. Specifically, approval to dive will not be granted in Plymouth Sound north of a line joining Fort Picklecombe and Mount Batten Tower, including Smeaton Pass, Drake Channel and the Narrows together with Cobbler Channel and the Cattewater. The prohibited area shall not include bathing areas shown on current Admiralty charts.
5. Diving organisations/clubs who wish to dive in the above area may request to be included on a list of approved users having supplied details of vessels, procedures and assurance of safety arrangements. Further detail of the requirements can be obtained from Plymouth VTS (Longroom) on 01752 663225 or email: plymouth@khm.mod.uk who will direct your query accordingly.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 005/26

PLNTM 005_26 PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 005/26

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION – INFORMATION

1. This Notice is issued for information pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 and promulgated by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth on behalf of the Port of Plymouth Harbour Authorities Liaison Committee (HALC).
2. Following an increase in use of Personal Watercraft (PWC) a registration scheme is in place for all PWC operating within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth. The registration is free, and the application can be made via this link: **[Port of Plymouth Personal Watercraft Registration](#)**
3. Operators of PWCs will be required to confirm they hold suitable insurance cover for their vessel and are encouraged to have them data tagged. On completion a registration sticker will be issued; this is to be displayed on the PWC.
4. Before venturing afloat PWC users should ensure that they are fully aware of Rules and Regulations that are in place for the safety of all water users. Particular attention is drawn to the speed limit of 10 knots throughout the Port (except when in a designated high-speed area, or further than 400m from the shore) reducing to 8 knots within the Cattewater and 4 knots in Sutton Channel and designated Swimming/Bathing Areas. PWC should avoid the designated swimming/bathing areas for safety reasons. The PWC Code of Conduct provides advice and useful information: **[Personal Watercraft Code of Conduct](#)**
5. There are several designated High-Speed Areas (See Code of Conduct); within which speed is unrestricted, but PWC users should note the requirements of Rules 5 and 6 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS / ColRegs), namely, to keep a good lookout and proceed at a safe speed. PWC do not have exclusive use of these areas. PWC operators remain responsible for their own safety and that of other water users and they are to ensure they remain a safe distance from other craft and people in the water at all times.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 004/26

PLNTM 004_26 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 004/26

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. This Notice to Mariners constitutes a public notice in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018.
3. KHM Plymouth gives notice that various parts of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, in particular Plymouth Sound, Hamoaze and River Plym, are subject to video surveillance by closed circuit television (CCTV) systems which terminate in at Plymouth VTS (Port Control Stations at Flag and Longroom). The nature of the areas under surveillance precludes the siting of warning signs. This notice serves in lieu of such signs.
4. CCTV images are processed in order to enable KHM to carry out their statutory functions and for the purposes of promoting maritime and public safety, as well as crime prevention. They may also be used in pursuing prosecutions against offenders.
5. For further information contact Plymouth VTS on 01752 663225.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 003/26

PLNTM 003_26 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE MARINE UNIT INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 003/26

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE - MARINE UNIT - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM), Plymouth.
2. The water users in the Dockyard Port of Plymouth benefit from a significant marine police presence provided by the Ministry of Defence Police - Devonport Marine Unit.
3. The Devonport Marine Unit's primary purpose is to enhance the security of MoD property and to police the implementation of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020. Whilst ready to provide assistance when possible and practicable, members of the marine public should not assume that a unit will be available or attend. If the Marine Police were not available, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), RNLI lifeboat or a marina workboat would be needed to provide the necessary service. Many incidents to which the Devonport Marine Unit are called are preventable by owners or mariners possessing a minimum level of competence and taking reasonable care of their craft and their own safety. Mariners should ensure the serviceability and seaworthiness of their craft including engines, lines, rigging and safety equipment.
4. Additionally third party liability insurance cover should be held by boat owners to cover unexpected incidents, injury and damage to other people and their property, and to cover the expenses of other parties involved in rendering assistance, including the removal of wrecked or damaged vessels obstructing fairways and anchorages and other locations.
5. The Devonport Marine Unit operate the local Boat Watch scheme, KHM encourages all local boat owners to join the scheme. For further information telephone 01752 552686 and ask for the Boat Watch Co-ordinators or email: MDP-DEVONPORT-BOATWATCH-GMB@mod.gov.uk
6. Although this PLNTM encourages mariners to take reasonable precautions and responsibility for their own safety, they should be also reassured that the Devonport Marine Unit will render assistance to those in genuine emergency situations.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master

Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 002/26

PLNTM 002_26 PORTS AND MARINE FACILITIES SAFETY CODE INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 002/26

PORTS & MARINE FACILITIES SAFETY CODE - INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth.
2. The Ports & Marine Facilities Safety Code (PMSC) provides a specified national standard for every aspect of port marine safety with the aim of improving safety for those who use or work in ports, their ships, passengers and cargoes, and the environment. It applies the principles of risk assessment and safety management systems to harbour authorities in the discharge of their legal duties and statutory powers. Whilst the Code is designed for non military Ports, from 2018 the Ministry of Defence has directed that all Dockyard Ports should comply with the principles, so far as practicable, of the PMSC.
3. The documentation and procedures that KHM Plymouth has in place to monitor the management of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth, and subsequent audits, show KHM to be an efficient, economic and effective (and thus as safe as possible), environmentally aware Statutory Harbour Authority, this is further confirmed via independent first line of defence assurance.
4. **General Management Policy**
 - a. KHM Plymouth are the overarching harbour authority for the waters of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth (approximately 2NM south of Plymouth Breakwater so far as the tide flows north of this limit up all rivers).
 - b. KHM Plymouth will use statutory powers to protect the port, superintend and regulate the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
 - c. KHM Plymouth will maintain Defence interest and aims to achieve real time water space management reconciling all activities on the water within harbour limits.
 - d. KHM Plymouth will support naval, commercial and private (including recreational) activities in the Dockyard Port of Plymouth through the provision of the appropriate management services to aid the safe navigation of all vessels within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth with primacy of Ministry of Defence operations being the overriding, but not exclusive, consideration.

- e. KHM Plymouth will also support these activities through the efficient regulation of all users within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth in accordance with the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020.
- f. KHM Plymouth expects all other Harbour Authorities, Marine Facilities and Commercial Operators within the Dockyard Port to comply, where applicable, with the principles of the PMSC.

5. Safety and Environmental Protection Policy

a KHM Plymouth will discharge general and specific statutory duties in accordance with the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020 in respect of:

- i) The regulation of traffic and safety of navigation within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
- ii) The conservancy of the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
- iii) The protection of the environment within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

b. And, for these purposes will:

- i) Provide VTS services for the safe movement of naval, commercial and private vessels over 20 metres in length into, out of, and within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
- ii) Carry out the functions of the KHM Plymouth with regard to their possible impact on the environment.
- iii) Create, promote interest and awareness and general statutory regulation of activities through the Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum (TECF) and the Port of Plymouth Marine Liaison Committee (PPMLC), with respect to safety and the protection of the environment within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
- iv) Take a full part as the chair of the TECF and PPMLC in the implementation of the Tamar Estuaries Management Plan within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.
- v) Manage the water space within the Dockyard Port of Plymouth to facilitate and de-conflict recreational and competitive waterborne events from other port activities and each other, subject to appropriate risk assessment and event management information being provided by the organisers and accepted by the KHM Plymouth.

6. Business Objectives

a) The business objectives of the KHM Plymouth are to;

- i) Meet the needs of the Ministry of Defence with respect to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

ii) Protect the Dockyard Port of Plymouth.

iii) Meet and support, where practicable, the legitimate needs and aspirations of other port and water users, commercial and recreational.

7. Further information regarding the code may be sought by writing to The King's Harbour Master Plymouth, or by contacting Plymouth VTS (Longroom Port Control) on 01752 663225 who will direct your query accordingly.

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth



King's Harbour Master Plymouth

LNTM No 001/26

PLNTM 001_26 DPOP NOTICES GENERAL DIRECTIONS AND NAVWARNS REISSUE INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS 001/26

DPOP NOTICES, GENERAL DIRECTIONS AND NAVWARNS REISSUE INFORMATION

1. This notice is issued for information by the King's Harbour Master (KHM) Plymouth. Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners (PLNTMs) are issued by the KHM pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020, Schedule 1 Regulation 2, Regulation 15 and Regulation 33 and Schedule 2 Rule 6. These Notices are numbered consecutively starting at the beginning of each calendar year. They contain Information and Notices (as indicated below) fundamental to the safety of mariners.
2. All Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners are reissued as Notices 002/26 to 015/26. They are, in the main, reordered and renumbered reprints of extant notices, although a number of minor changes may have been incorporated. **Standing Notices for Information:**002/26 PORTS & MARINE FACILITIES SAFETY CODE003/26 MINISTRY OF DEFENCE POLICE - MARINE UNIT004/26 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE005/26 PERSONAL WATER CRAFT REGISTRATION006/26 DIVING IN PLYMOUTH SOUND007/26 RECREATIONAL WATER EVENTS008/26 FLOATING DEBRIS IN RIVER TAMAR, HAMOAZE, CATTEWATER AND PLYMOUTH SOUND009/26 JENNYCLIFF BAY – VOLUNTARY NO ANCHOR ZONE (VNAZ)010/26 SUTTON HARBOUR LOCK AND TIDAL DEFENCE BARRIER**Reissue of 2025 PLNTM for temporary Information/Direction:**011/26 JUPITER POINT – Direction012/26 MILLBAY DOCK FENDER DAMAGE – Information013/26 DEPLOYMENT OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT014/26 RIVER PLYM BRIDGE WORKS015/26 CATTEWATER UNDERWATER RIGGING SYSTEM – InformationPertinent PLNTMs issued in 2025 have been reissued, as such this PLNTM cancels all 2025 PLNTM
3. Copies of these Plymouth Local Notices to Mariners may be obtained, free of charge via email, by registering with the mailing list on KHM Plymouth's website at www.royalnavy.mod.uk/khm/plymouth/local-notices**DOCKYARD PORT OF PLYMOUTH GENERAL DIRECTIONS**
4. General directions are issued by KHM pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020, Schedule 1 Regulation 2 and can be found in the relevant section of the KHM website. These General Directions are issued to:Protect HM Vessels, Property and the wider Dockyard PortTo meet any requirement of HM Naval Service**PLYMOUTH NAVIGATIONAL WARNINGS (PLYMNAVWARNS)**

5. These generally contain information concerning defective navigational aids, dangers, or other important details. They are numbered consecutively starting at the beginning of the calendar year and a list of those remaining in force is included on the daily movements signal. PLYMNAVWARNS are sent by signal to all local Ministry of Defence vessels and shore authorities and by email to local commercial operators and marinas. A copy of Plymouth Navigational Warnings may also be obtained from KHM's web site at the following link: www.KHM.mod.uk/plymouth/port/navwarn
6. A verbal update of PLYMNAVWARNS in force can be gained from Plymouth VTS (Longroom Port Control Station), telephone 01752 663225. KHM WEB SITE
7. The KHM web site – www.KHM.mod.uk/plymouth contains information relevant to mariners, including the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 2020, Water Events Diary, General Directions, PLNTMs, PLYMNAVWARNs, the Daily Movements Programme and information on using the Port for Recreation. **THE DAILY MOVEMENTS PROGRAMME**
8. The daily Movements signal is a signal message issued at 1100 GMT daily that gives details of known shipping movements in and out of the port for the following day. Movement messages for Saturday, Sunday and Monday are issued on Friday. The message primarily covers Naval and Ferry shipping movements. It does not cover merchant traffic in and out of the Cattewater where commercial practices apply. The message gives tidal information, times of sunrise and sunset and the status of PLNTM and PLYMNAVWARNs. It is primarily for Naval authorities but other mariners may find it of use. Organisers of sail racing events in the Sound or Hamoaze are encouraged to use this facility. Notwithstanding programmed movements, mariners are reminded that plans may change, and may thus not represent what is truly happening. It should be consulted after 1200 daily for the following day's shipping movements. Leisure users are to be aware there is a sanitised copy of movements which is posted on the web at the following site: www.KHM.mod.uk/plymouth/movements

Thursday 01 Jan 2026

R Giles
King's Harbour Master
Dockyard Port of Plymouth