



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
POOLE HARBOUR

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EXERCISE "BLOCKED GATE"
POOLE HARBOUR ENTRANCE
28th FEBRUARY 2010

A joint exercise involving the Sandbanks chain ferry, Poole Harbour Commissioners and all emergency services is planned to take place on the 28th February 2010.

The exercise will involve simulating a fire and breakdown on the chain ferry resulting in total disablement and halting the ferry in mid-channel.

For exercise purposes the "disablement" will commence at 09:30 on the 28th February and will result in the ferry chains lying at unknown depths ahead and astern of the ferry.

The ferry will be escorted to the Sandbanks slipway by Poole Harbour Commissioners' tug "Herbert Ballam" arriving at approximately 10:00. Police, Dorset Fire and Rescue and South West Ambulance Service Trust vehicles and crews will be in attendance at the Sandbanks slipway.

The channel will be closed to commercial shipping during this period and recreational mariners are advised to avoid attempting to pass the ferry chains until the ferry is secure on the Sandbanks slipway.

The exercise is scheduled to end at 11.00, when normal service will be resumed by the chain ferry.

Mariners seeking further information can contact Poole Harbour Control on VHF Channel 14.

All Local Notices are available on the PHC website - www.phc.co.uk.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, telephone and VHF Channels are recorded.

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