



**POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS**  
**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS**  
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**NAVIGATION LIGHTS**

It was disappointing to see just how many vessels were under way after dark in the harbour last year without showing any navigation lights, especially on the evenings of special events.

This notice is intended as a reminder to all on the water of your obligation.

To quote the International Rules for the Prevention of Collisions At Sea, Part C, lights and Shapes:

(b) The Rules concerning lights shall be complied with from sunset to sunrise, and during such times no other lights shall be exhibited, except such lights which cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in these Rules or do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper look-out.

(c) The lights prescribed by these rules shall, if carried, also be exhibited from sunrise to sunset in restricted visibility and may be exhibited in all other circumstances when it is deemed necessary.

It is therefore a legal requirement to show navigation lights during the hours of darkness, and at all other times during reduced visibility.

It is important to see and be seen to ensure your safety and the safety of others.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Murphy', is written over a faint, light blue grid pattern.

**BRIAN MURPHY**  
**HARBOUR MASTER**

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