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The Poole Harbour Commissioners, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 83 of the Harbours, Docks, and Piers Clauses Act 1847¹, as incorporated by section 2 of the Poole Harbour Act 1914², hereby make the following Byelaws:—

1. Title and commencement

These Byelaws may be cited as the Poole Harbour (Harbour Traffic Signals) (Poole Bridges) Byelaws 2011 and come into force on the expiration of 28 days from the date on which they are confirmed by the Secretary of State.

2. Interpretation

In these Byelaws:—

“the downstream bridge” means the opening bridge crossing the Back Water Channel and known as Poole Bridge;

“the harbour” means the harbour as defined in sections 3 and 4 of the Poole Harbour Act 1914³;

“master”, when used in relation to any vessel, means any person having the command, charge or management of the vessel for the time being;

“the signals” means the harbour traffic signals attached to the downstream bridge and the upstream bridge, or either of them, as the case may be;

“the upstream bridge” means the bridge described in Schedule 1 to the Borough of Poole (Poole Harbour Opening Bridges) Order 2006⁴;

“vessel” includes any ship, boat, lighter, and craft of every kind.

3. Vessels to comply with signals

(1) The master of a vessel moving in the vicinity of the downstream bridge or the upstream bridge must comply at all times with an indication given by the signals.

(2) The significance of the signals is as described in the Schedule to these byelaws.

¹ 1847 c. 27

² 1914 c. clv

³ Section 4 of the Poole Harbour Act 1914 was amended by section 84(3) of the Poole Harbour Act 1961 (1961 c. xl)

⁴ S.I. 2006/2310

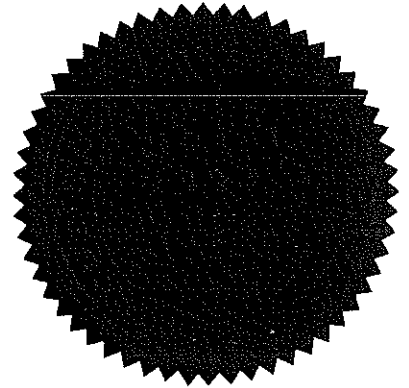
4. Penalties

The master of a vessel who contravenes or otherwise fails to comply with Byelaw 3 of these Byelaws is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Given under the common seal of **THE POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS** this

29th day of September 2011 in the presence of:-

Chairman *R Pacey*
Clerk *J. S. Stewart*



THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby confirms the foregoing Byelaws.

Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport

This 25th day of November 2011

Deputy Director
Maritime Commerce & Infrastructure
Division
Department for Transport

SCHEDULE

SIGNIFICANCE OF SIGNALS

- (1) A red signal conveys the prohibition that vessels must not proceed beyond the signal.
- (2) A flashing red signal indicates a serious emergency and conveys the prohibition that vessels must not proceed beyond the signal.
- (3) A green signal indicates that vessels may proceed beyond the signal.
- (4) A red-with-yellow signal indicates that vessels may proceed with caution beyond the signal.