



POOLE HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS
LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
POOLE HARBOUR

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Fog Routine

Fog Routine will be in force when the visibility is reduced (normally 500 metres or less) such that an extra risk is imposed on the commercial ships navigating in the main shipping channels.

“Fog Routine in force” will be broadcast on channel 14. Whilst in force the following precautions are to be observed:

1. Vessels of 25 metres or more in length should seek permission from the Harbour Control Officer (HCO) on VHF channel 14 before moving in the harbour. The HCO will inform vessels of other movements, which may effect their navigation.
2. Small boat and yacht traffic are advised that they must proceed with great caution, keeping clear of the main shipping channels to avoid the possibility of hampering larger vessels navigating with the use of radar. Vessels should monitor VHF channel 14 if fitted.
3. HCO will usually give priority to vessels moving with the tidal stream over those moving against it.
4. Vessels entering or leaving the harbour are to maintain a distance of one nautical mile between each other when travelling in the same direction.
5. Vessels are not to overtake in the channels
6. Vessels are not to pass in the channels except with the agreement of both masters, who should both be in radio contact (Channel 14) with HCO.
7. Vessels are not to exit the Little Channel until any other vessel using the Middle Ship Channel or Turning Basin is clear.
8. Harbour Control to advise the chain ferry when an outbound vessel with Pilot or PEC holder is approaching North Haven.

Mariners are reminded of the requirements of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea: to proceed at a safe speed (Rule 6 and 19), to display Navigation lights (Rule 26) and to make sound signals (Rule 35)

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

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