

Controlled Vessel Movements

Mariners are advised that certain movements of vessels subject to compulsory pilotage are further designated as a Controlled Vessel Movement due to the vessel's larger size, limited manoeuvrability and/or sensitive cargo. The Harbour Control has the authority to designate any vessel movement as a Controlled Vessel Movement due to variable factors such as weather, tide, defects with the vessel etc.

A navigation warning will be promulgated on VHF Channel 14 by the Harbour Control shortly beforehand giving the vessels name along with the nature and timings of the Controlled Vessel Movement.

To mitigate the higher likelihood and/or increased severity of an incident during these times, the following control measures will apply a Controlled Vessel Movement is between Bar Buoy and its berth in either direction:

- **All vessels must not enter a moving exclusion zone around the Controlled Vessel Movement of 500 metres ahead, 50 metres either side and 50 metres astern** to ensure that the controlled vessel's clear channel is not impeded. An escort vessel with blue flashing light will generally be used but it should be noted that evolving circumstances involving other vessels may require the escort to come off station from the forward extent of the exclusion zone.
- Other vessels which are subject to compulsory pilotage must not be underway in the opposite direction and overtaking is not permitted except those that can safely navigate outside the main channels.
- The Chain Ferry will be held, clear of the channel, at South Haven slipway whilst the entrance is transited by Controlled Vessels except where agreement is in place in writing. The chain ferry will, wherever possible, be given advanced notice of these movements.

Mariners are reminded that Radar, AIS, CCTV, Telephone and VHF Channels are recorded 24/7.

Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Water Sport Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.

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