

Backwater Channel Flood Defence Scheme – Preliminary Works

Mariners are advised that the “Poole Bridge to Hunger Hill Flood Defence Scheme” managed by BCP Council will soon be commencing and running until Summer 2026. More information is available on the project here: <https://twobays.net/project/flood-defences-poole-bridge-to-hunger-hill>. This complex project will bring various temporary navigation restrictions within Backwater Channel, particularly from Poole Bridge until the RNL College. A series of Local Notices to Mariners will be published as plans are confirmed. This first notice covers the preliminary works starting in imminently.



Ground Investigation: Teignmouth Maritime Services and Jenkins Marine will be mobilising on the 17th March 2025 for approximately 10 days of works on the eastern edge of the Bridges Basin and the small area without pontoons between Sunseeker and the RNL college. 18 metre x 6 metre spud legged barge “JML 60” will be used, supported by workboat Beaver, carrying vibrating pile equipment to probe the bed for possible sub surface obstructions. Mariners should reduce their speed to the minimum for safe steerage and minimise their wash when passing the barge. Works vessels will be monitoring VHF channels 12 and 14. The barge will be left in situ overnight against the eastern bank and will be appropriately lit.

Slipway on Slip Way: From Late April until Early June 2025, Knights Brown will be raising the height of the existing slipway and surrounding walls. Their works will include removal of existing surfacing and the tender racks before reinstatement. There will be no access to this slipway during the construction period, but tender access will be available at Whittles Way during these works.

Future works: Temporary restrictions on navigation and relocation of vessels from nearby pontoon moorings during sheet piling works (involving several large construction barges and supporting vessels) are not expected to commence until approximately October. Works at the Whittles Way Slipway will also start in October. Further Local Notices to Mariners will follow as plans are confirmed.

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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