

NOTICE TO MARINERS No.3 of 2014

RECREATIONAL USERS

YANTLET SECONDARY CHANNELS

Background

Port of London Authority port-wide Notice to Mariners No. 25 of 2013, published on the 26 November 2013, describes the establishment of the Yantlet Secondary Channels, following the dredging of the main Yantlet Channel to accommodate large vessels transiting to and from London Gateway Port and the wider Port of London.

Use of the Yantlet Secondary Channels

Recreational users are reminded that commercial vessels not constrained by their draught will be using these Secondary Channels both inward and outward bound. Recreational users should therefore, in compliance with Rule 9 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, keep as far to the starboard side of the river which lies on their starboard side as is safe and practical. Recreational users are also reminded of the obligation within Rule 9 placed on vessels of less than 20m in length, sailing vessels or fishing vessels not to impede the passage of vessels which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway.

Recreational users navigating in the vicinity of the Secondary Channels should also, in compliance with Rule 5 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, maintain a proper look out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate, to ensure that a full situational awareness is maintained of commercial vessels that may be utilising the Secondary Channels.

Recreational users are advised to maintain a listening watch on the appropriate London VTS sector VHF channel - VHF Ch 68 or Ch 69 (as appropriate).

Small Vessel Crossing Points

The position and use of the Small Vessel (Craft) Crossing Points established between Sea Reach Nos. 4 and 5 Buoys, and Sea Reach Nos. 6 and 7 Buoys are not affected or changed by the introduction of the Yantlet Secondary Channels and should be used as normal.

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