



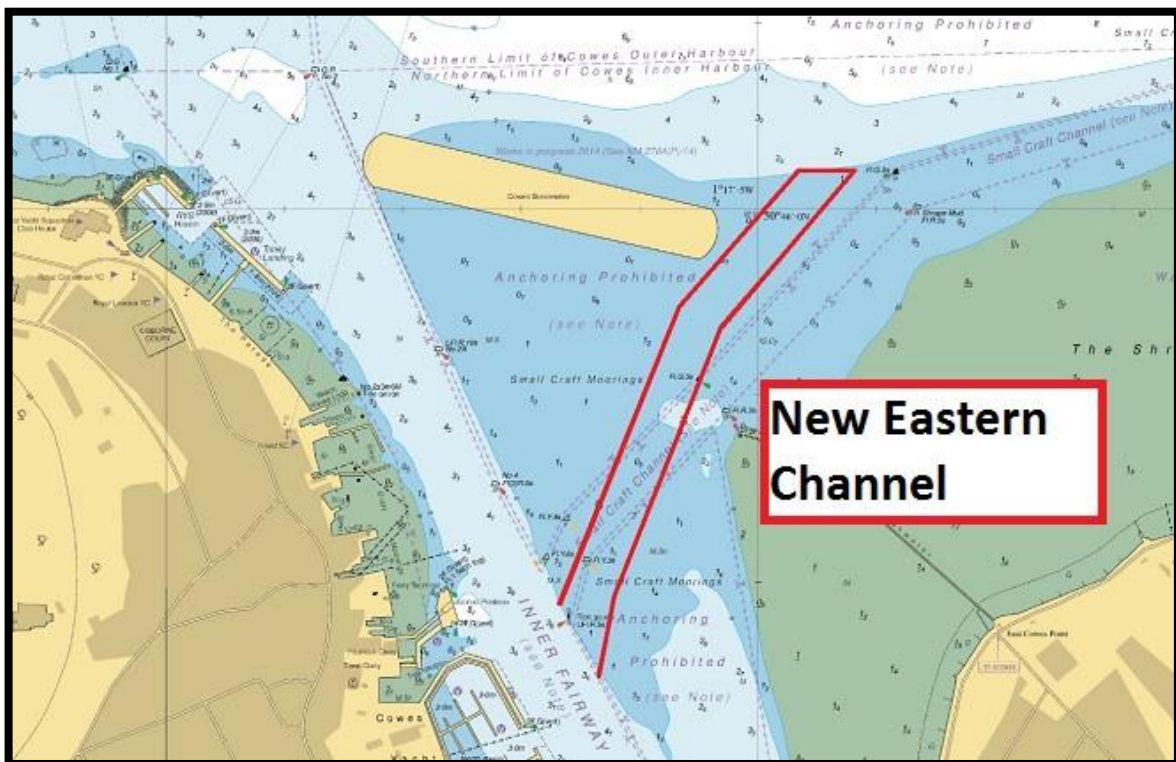
## COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

### LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 33(T) of 2018

#### Dredging Operations – Eastern Channel

**Notice is hereby given** that dredge licences have been issued for dredging to commence of the new Eastern Channel from the 02<sup>nd</sup> January 2019. It is expected that the main Eastern Channel dredge will be completed within 8 weeks. Once the Eastern Channel has been completed there will be additional dredging operations at various locations within Cowes Harbour. These additional areas and operations will be promulgated by Local Notices to Mariners in early 2019.

The dredging operations will be carried out the dredge barge *Doreen Dorward*, with the spoil being deposited into two split hopper barges *Nab* and *Needles*. The *Nab* and *Needles* may regularly transit the fairway (inbound and outbound). Vessels navigating in the vicinity shall do so with particular caution and maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 69 for broadcasts communicating their movements.



**Figure 1 – New Eastern Channel outline**

The existing Small Craft Channel will remain open for use for the majority of this project, but there will be occasions when temporary exclusion zones may be in force around the dredging operations and vessels may be required to use the Main Channel. There may also be temporary changes to the position of the navigational marks within the Small Craft Channel and sections of the main fairway. These exclusion zones and temporary changes to navigation marks will be defined and promulgated through additional Local Notices to Mariners, as and when required.

All vessels using the Small Craft Channel shall proceed with caution when dredging operations are underway and give a wide berth, where possible and it is safe to do so. All mariners are reminded of the contents of [LNTM 45 of 2016](#) and to be aware of their draft in relation to the depth of navigable water.

**All mariners are advised:**

- To keep well clear of the dredging area, where practicable, and in all cases navigate with caution when passing this area.
- To comply with the Cowes Harbour General Direction 3.2 – Speed Limit 6kts and No Wash
- To maintain a listening watch on VHF Ch. 69 when underway within Cowes area of Jurisdiction.

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