



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 32(T) OF 2019

Cowes Week Regatta - Typhoon and Fireworks Display: Friday 16th August 2019

Notice is hereby given that the annual Cowes Week Regatta - Typhoon and Fireworks Display will be held on Friday 16th August 2019.

Typhoon Display

The aerial display will commence at 1930 BST. A rectangular shaped Exclusion Zone exists as follows (see Figure 1: Typhoon Display Exclusion Zone):

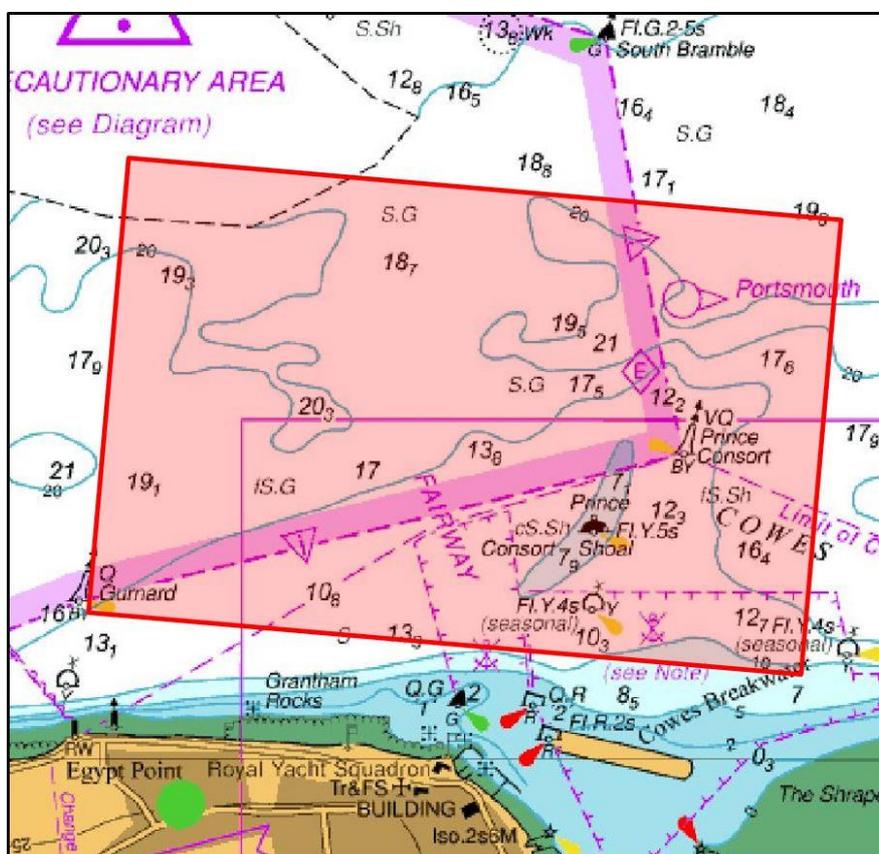


Figure 1: Typhoon Display Exclusion Zone

Order of Events

From 1900hrs onwards, patrol vessels will be directing small craft to moorings and anchorages, as appropriate. The **main Fairway will be closed to all traffic from 1920 BST to 1940 BST for the duration of the Typhoon display**. The Exclusion Zone (Figure 1) will be strictly enforced and applicable to all craft before the Typhoon display begins at 1930 BST and the display will be ceased if required. Once the display is complete the main Fairway will be re-opened.

From 2100hrs onwards, CHC patrol vessels will be directing small craft to moorings and anchorages, as appropriate. The **main Fairway will be closed to all traffic from 2120 BST to 2150 BST** for the duration of the fireworks display.

Prior to the display the fireworks barge will hold station in the vicinity of the Trinity Mooring buoy and transfer to the holding position above using a tug at approximately 2110 BST. The Exclusion Zone (Figure 2) will be strictly enforced and applicable to all craft before the fireworks display begins at 2130 BST.

Safety of Navigation

Notice is also given that during the time period preceding, during and immediately following the fireworks display, particular attention must be given to safety of navigation within the Harbour approaches and main navigable Fairway.

No vessel may anchor where it will obstruct the main Fairway and its approaches. All vessels are reminded that the seabed around all mooring buoys is fouled with chain and ground tackle; such ground tackle extends a significant distance from the mooring buoys.

Mariners are reminded of the importance of displaying the correct navigation lights, maintaining a good lookout by all available means, at all times and in all directions, and proceeding at a speed consistent with safe navigation, particularly at the conclusion of the display as spectator craft get underway and return to their home ports (see below Safe Speed).

Safe Speed (CHC 6kts speed limit)

Mariners are reminded that a speed limit of 6 knots through the water is in force for every vessel navigating in the Inner Harbour or within 100 metres of the Mean High Water Mark (CHC General Directions 2018, available at [CHC General Directions, Chapter 3](#)). All vessels navigating in Cowes Harbour should expect to encounter very dense concentrations of traffic and poorly lit moored craft on departure of the fireworks display area, and should therefore anticipate the need to proceed at a speed slower than the Harbour speed limit (see above) so as to comply with Rule 6 (safe speed) of The MS (Distress and Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996 as amended.

ABP Southampton – QHM Temporary Speed Limit

A temporary speed limit of 15 knots will be imposed by ABP Southampton and the QHM Portsmouth for all vessels navigating throughout Southampton Water, from **2130 BST to 2300 BST**, to promote the safe and orderly departure of vessels from the display area (see [ABP Local Notice to Mariners](#) for more information). The only craft exempted from this speed restriction will be Red Funnel and Red Jet high-

speed vessels. Red Jets on the Cowes to Southampton route will indicate their presence by illuminating their quick flashing yellow identification lights during the above period.

Mariners are advised that this measure has been introduced to reduce the risk of collision between the many hundreds of small craft that gather to view the firework display. In previous years collisions have occurred, particularly after the event, which have resulted in serious personal injury to passengers and crews of small craft.

This notice will be self-cancelling on Saturday 17th August 2019.

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