



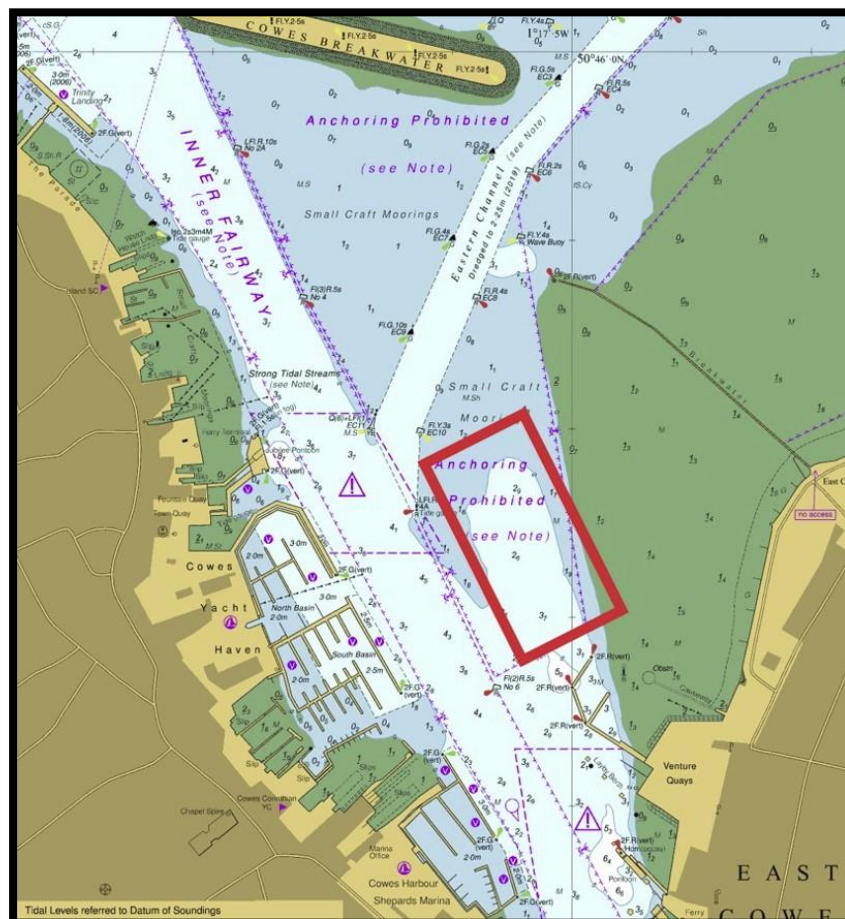
COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 59(T) of 2025

Dredging Operations – Cowes Harbour

Notice is hereby given that dredging operations will be commencing within Cowes Harbour. The dredging will take place in area off East Cowes Esplanade. The dredging operations will commence on Friday 10 October and the programme is expected to take approx. 16 weeks.

The dredge area is to the East of the Main Fairway and to the South of Eastern Channel, as depicted below.



Dredge Area

The dredger 'Witton' will be stationed on spud-legs within the dredge area and barges (Split 2 and Split 3) will run between the dredge area and the spoil ground through the Eastern entrance, as traffic, tide and weather allow. At other times, they may use the main entrance, subject to traffic.

The dredger and barges will be working **24hrs** per day on a tidal basis. Noise and light disturbance will be minimised during night hours.

All craft associated with this project will display the lights and shapes, as prescribed by the COLREGs. The craft will be monitoring VHF 69 whilst working and make 'all ships' calls before entering and departing the harbour.

All mariners are advised to:

- **Keep well clear** of the dredging operations and in all cases **navigate with caution when passing the area where dredging operations are in progress.**
- Comply with the Cowes Harbour General Direction 3.2 – **Speed Limit 6 knots and No Wash.**
- Maintain a **listening watch on VHF Ch. 69** when underway within Cowes area of Jurisdiction.

This local notice to mariners will remain in force until further notice.

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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.