

NOTICE TO MARINERS

No 09(T) of 2017

**Port of Southampton - Empress Dock and
Southampton Water – ‘Ocean Business 2017’
3rd to 6th April 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that between Monday 3rd April and Thursday 6th April 2017 the ‘Ocean Business 2017’ Exhibition will be taking place in the National Oceanographic Centre on 26 and 27 Berths Empress Dock and, additionally, on-water demonstrations will take place in Empress Dock and the northern part of Southampton Water.

Pontoons will be installed at 26 Berth (East) for exhibiting craft.

Mariners are requested to exercise caution when navigating in Empress Dock in the vicinity of 26 and 27 Berths as craft will be manoeuvring to demonstrate in water equipment.

Exhibition activities in the area will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A small, yellow autonomous surface vessel (ASV C-Worker) will be operated at times within Empress Dock, close to and parallel to 24 and 25 Berths. The ASV is 5.5 metres long and 1.5 metres wide. It is radio operated, on the surface at all times, and will be maintained within sight of the operator.
- Four smaller autonomous surface vessels will be operating within Empress Dock close to Berths 26 & 27 these are less than 2 meters long.
- Seismic equipment will be deployed astern of the ‘RV Callista’ for trials purposes in the vicinity of the Hovercraft Testing Area. This will extend up to 100 meters astern of the vessel, which will be proceeding at approximately 4 knots north or south in the area.
- Mariners are requested to exercise caution when navigating in the vicinity of Netley Shoal and the scientific buoy in that area, during this period. A number of Exhibition vessels, including ‘Bill Conway’ and ‘RV Callista’, will be manoeuvring around temporarily deployed trials equipment and the scientific buoy on a regular basis.

All vessels will keep a VHF listening watch on Channel 12.

This notice will be self-cancelling on Friday 7th April 2017.

**Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate
Atlantic Way
Southampton**

**Captain M Phipps
Harbour Master**

16th March 2017

**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.**