

## **NOTICE TO MARINERS**

### **No 32 (T) of 2021**

#### **Port of Southampton – Seasonal Maintenance Dredging Spring 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the trailing suction hopper dredger 'UKD Bluefin' will be engaged in dredging in the main channels, swinging grounds and berths in the Rivers Itchen and Test, Port of Southampton, also in Southampton Water and the Thorn Channel, for a period of approximately 4 weeks, commencing on or around the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021.



Bed levelling will also be carried out by the bed levelling tender 'UKD Sealion' in berths and channels as necessary, in conjunction with the dredging programme. This work will commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April for a period of 3 days, then returning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April for around 8 weeks.



The dredgers and tender will display lights and shapes as required by the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea and mariners are requested to reduce speed as safe navigation permits when passing them whilst engaged in underwater activities.

Weather allowing, dredging and bed levelling operations will be continuous throughout the periods shown above and mariners should expect to pass the 'UKD Bluefin' at any time between the upper reaches of Southampton Water and the Nab disposal area.

The dredgers will maintain a listening watch on VHF Channel 12 throughout dredging operations and mariners may also request movement information from Southampton VTS on VHF Channel 12.

\*This notice will be self-cancelling on completion of the dredging programme.

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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.**