

NOTICE TO MARINERS

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**Port of Southampton - Empress Dock and
Southampton Water – ‘Ocean Business 2021’
11th to 14th October 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that between Monday 11th October and Thursday 14th October 2021 the ‘Ocean Business 2021’ 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.
- Smaller autonomous surface vessels will be operating within Empress Dock close to Berths 26 & 27, these are less than 2 meters long.
- 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 ‘RV Callista’, Solent Guardian, will be maneuvering around temporarily deployed trials equipment and the scientific buoy on a regular basis.
- Under supervision of a support RIB a ASV will be making passage each way daily between Empress Dock and Public Slipway under Itchen Bridge,

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

This notice will be self-cancelling on Friday 15th October 2021.

Vessel Traffic Services Centre
Ocean Gate
Atlantic Way
Southampton

Steven Masters
Harbour Master

28th September 2021

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.

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