

NOTICE TO MARINERS No 66 (T) of 2024

EXCLUSION ZONE FOR WARSHIP HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH 30th July 2024.

Notice is hereby given for the proper protection of His Majesty's vessel and property, namely, the protection and security of warship HMS Queen Elizabeth underway within the Port of Southampton by the imposition of an exclusion zone of up to 250m radius around the warship.

1. The exclusion zone will be activated by direction from Southampton VTS over VHF Channel 12. HMS Queen Elizabeth for whom the zone is being activated will display two diamond shapes vertically disposed where best seen by day and show two flashing red lights at the masthead horizontally disposed by night. All escorting vessels will show a blue flashing light by day and by night. The exclusion zone shall be based on a distance of 250m radius from the extremities of the vessel, or to the limits of navigable water, whichever is closer. Escort personnel will be armed.
2. When the zone is activated, all vessels underway, except those involved in the escort or specifically authorised by the escort commander, are to remain clear of the exclusion zone.
3. Any unauthorised vessels which enter the exclusion zone will be issued a Special Direction to move out of the exclusion zone, this will be made pursuant to the power contained within Section 52 of the Harbours, Dock and Piers Clause Act 1847. After being warned by at least two of the following methods; radio, flashing light, and voice, said vessel will be deemed to have the intention of committing a hostile act against the warship being escorted.
4. The exclusion zone will cease either on the escorted vessel leaving the boundary of the Port of Southampton or when broadcast by Southampton VTS on VHF Channel 12. When the exclusion zone is no longer in force the signals in paragraph 1 will no longer be displayed.

29th July 2024

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

**Steven Masters
Harbour Master**

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.