

KING'S HARBOUR MASTER PLYMOUTH

LNTM No 05/16

The Cattewater - Traffic Rules and Regulations - Direction

1. This notice is a direction by the Queens Harbour Master Plymouth and is issued pursuant to the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 and is promulgated by the Queen's Harbour Master Plymouth on behalf of the Cattewater Harbour Commissioners.

2. Definitions.

Main Channel: The dredged areas of the Cobbler Channel, Cattewater and Oreston Channel to the seaward of Laira Bridge, as depicted on Admiralty charts.

Sutton Channel: That part of the Cattewater north of Fisher's Nose leading to the entrance to Sutton Harbour and bounded to the east by Queen Anne's Battery Marina.

Queen Anne's Battery Marina: The wave screen, pontoons and landward works situated on and off Queen Anne's Battery, as depicted on Admiralty charts.

3. Modifications to and Amplifications of Certain Rules in the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999.

a. Narrow Channels (Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, Schedule 2 Rule 2): The whole of the Cattewater comprises a "Narrow Channel" for the purposes of Rule 9 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972. Within the Cattewater, Rule 9(b) is interpreted to mean that all vessels under 20 metres in length or any sailing vessel shall not impede vessels over 20 metres in length. Large vessels requiring a clear channel are to sound one long and two short blasts on passing Batten End inbound, or on shaping up for the channel when leaving their berth. On hearing such a signal all small craft are to clear the main channel immediately. Large vessels requiring Sutton Channel to be cleared are to sound two groups of one long and two short blasts. On hearing such a signal small craft are to clear the western part of the main channel are also to clear the channel.

b. Speed Limits (Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999, Schedule 2 Rule 10): The speed limit of 8 knots to the east of the line joining Fisher's Nose and the western end of Mount Batten Breakwater is reduced to 4 knots to the north of the line joining Fisher's Nose and the southern most point of Queen Anne's Battery Marina (ie. in Sutton Channel). Wash is to be kept to a minimum.

c. Board sailing may not take place in the merchant ship turning area to the east of a line joining the western end of Sparrows Quay

(50 21.73N 004 07.38W) and the leading lights off the hoist at Plymouth Yacht Haven Marina (50 21.47N 004 07.43W) or any area further to the east within the Cattewater

4. This Notice shall not in any way restrict the powers of the Cattewater Harbour Commissioners in the exercise of powers, duties or discretions exercisable by them in respect of areas falling under their jurisdiction.

Queen's Harbour Master Plymouth